

SOUTH (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor T Grayshon in the Chair

Councillors C Beverley, J Dunn,
R Finnigan, B Gettings, S Golton,
T Leadley, L Mulherin, K Renshaw and
D Wilson

61 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the February meeting of the South (Outer) Area Committee.

62 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair admitted to the agenda, the following late item:

Agenda item 12 – Consultation on a proposal to relocate the West SILC (Victoria Park) building from Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School. (Minute No. 68 refers)

The report and appendix was unavailable at the time of agenda despatch.

63 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Finnigan declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Consultation on Expansion of Blackgates Primary School, and agenda item 12, Consultation on a proposal to relocate the West SILC (Victoria Park) building from Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School, in his capacity as Governor at Morley Victoria Primary School and Bruntcliffe High School. (Minute Nos. 67 and 68 refer)

Councillor Renshaw declared a personal interest in agenda item 8, Consultation on Expansion of Blackgates Primary School, and agenda item 12, Consultation on a proposal to relocate the West SILC (Victoria Park) building from Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School, in her capacity as Governor at Rodillian High School, Seven Hills Primary School and East Ardsley Primary School, and as a Member of Rothwell Extended Services Cluster. (Minute Nos. 67 and 68 refer)

Councillor Gettings declared a personal interest in agenda item 12, Consultation on a proposal to relocate the West SILC (Victoria Park) building from Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School, in his capacity as Governor at Bruntcliffe High School. (Minute No. 68 refers)

Minutes confirmed as a correct record at the meeting held on Monday, 15th March, 2010

A further declaration of interest was made at a later point in the meeting.
(Minute No. 67 refers)

64 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Elliott and Smith.

65 Minutes - 30th November 2009

The following amendments were agreed in relation to Minute No. 58, Outer South Area Committee Well-being Budget Report:

- Under 'the following issues were discussed' (3rd bullet point) – To read 'The possibility of the virement of funds from the capital to revenue budget.'
- Under 'the following revenue projects be agreed' (2nd bullet point) – To read 'Garden Maintenance Service (Morley Elderly Action) – £33,000 – Approved.'

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th November 2009, as amended, be confirmed as a correct record.

66 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chairman allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

On this occasion, there were no matters raised under this item by members of the public.

67 Consultation on expansion of Blackgates Primary School

The Chief Executive, Education Leeds, submitted a report, which presented the Area Committee with the consultation document on proposals for the expansion of Blackgates Primary School.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Viv Buckland, Education Leeds, to present the report and respond to Members' questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were:

- Concern about the effect of birth rates on school places.
- Concerns about transport and issues relating to road safety.
- Acknowledgement that a 2 mile radius was applied to the allocation of school places.

- Confirmation that demographic changes were a factor in the drive for expansion in some parts of the city.
- Confirmation that the head-teacher and governing body of Blackgates Primary School welcomed the proposals.
- Clarification about the areas (specifically postcodes) that had been consulted. (It was agreed to provide the Area Committee with this information.)

RESOLVED – That the report and consultation document be noted.

(Councillor Golton arrived at 4.06 pm during the consideration of this item.)

(Councillor Leadley declared a personal interest in this item as Governor at Westerton Primary School.)

68 Consultation on a proposal to relocate the West SILC (Victoria Park) building from Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School

The Chief Executive, Education Leeds, submitted a report which presented the Area Committee with the consultation document on proposals for the relocation of the West SILC (Victoria Park) modular building at Farnley Park Maths and Computing College to Bruntcliffe High School.

The Chair welcomed to the meeting the following officers from Education Leeds;

- Carol Jordan, Director of Integrated Children's Services; and
- Stuart Gosney, Head of BSF and Academies.

In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:

- Concern that the proposals were an unwelcome distraction to Bruntcliffe High School, particularly taking into account the difficulties previously experienced by the school.
- Clarification about the increase in transport costs. (estimated at £45k for the year)
- Recognition of provision for young people with special educational needs.

RESOLVED – That the report and consultation document be noted.

69 Outer South Area Committee Well-being Budget Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which updated Members on both the capital and revenue elements of the Committee's Well-being budget, advised the Committee of the small grants approved since the last meeting and invited Members to determine the capital and revenue proposals, as detailed within the report.

The Area Committee noted an amendment to recommendation in 9.1 (e) of the report to defer consideration of funding being allocated from revenue to the capital fund for Ardsley and Robin Hood.

In brief summary, the main highlighted points were:

- Members welcomed the breakdown of well-being funding aligned to ADP themes and priorities in 2009/10.
- Members supported the well-being application for the removal of Walton Drive Steps, particularly as removal of the steps would help reduce anti-social behaviour and make the area more accessible to Wakefield Road.

RESOLVED –

(a) That the report and information appended to the report, which includes the available balance of the Area Committee's revenue and capital well-being budgets, be noted;

(b) That a decision on funding (outlined in 3.2.7 of the report) being allocated from revenue to the capital fund for Ardsley and Robin Hood, be deferred for further discussions between Area Management and Ward Members for Ardsley and Robin Hood;

(c) That continued development of the Site Based Gardeners Project be approved and further information be submitted to the March Area Committee;

(d) That the following decisions be made in relation to well-being funding proposals which had been submitted for determination at the meeting:

- Highways, Transport Strategy – Removal of Walton Drive Steps – **£2,767.50 (2009/10 Capital Budget) – Approved**
- Conservation Team – Woodlesford Conservation Audit – **£5,000 (2009/10 Revenue Budget) – Approved**
- Rothwell Competitive Music Festival – **£2,100 (2009/10 Capital Budget) – Approved.**

70 Acting Area Manager's Report

The Area Committee considered a report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods which updated Members on the work of the Area Management Team since the last meeting.

The following information was appended to the report for Members' information:

- Minutes of South Leeds Community Safety Partnership – Core Group held on 4th December 2009
- Operation Champion Schedule 2010
- Minutes of South East Leeds Health and Well-being Partnership held on 17th November 2009
- Minutes of South Leeds Enterprise, Education and Training Group (SLEET) held on 9th December 2009

Minutes confirmed as a correct record at the meeting held on Monday, 15th March, 2010

- Minutes of Children Leeds South Leadership Team held on 24th September 2009
- Wood Lane 'You Choose' Participatory Budgeting Initiative – Evaluation Report
- Oakwell and Fairfax Neighbourhood Improvement Plan – Evaluation Report
- Empty Shop Fund Criteria.

The Acting Area Manager, Keith Lander, presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

In brief summary, the main areas of discussion were:

- Concern that parts of Ardsley and Robin Hood were not overlooked for Empty Shop Funding.
- Recognition of the positive work undertaken by the Morley Bottoms Project Team, particularly Joanne Gomersal, Project Manager in City Development, Town Councillors, Planning Enforcement and the local community.
- Confirmation that a new Director of Morley Literature Festival had been appointed, subject to contracts being signed.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report and information appended to the report be noted;
- (b) That the Empty Shop Fund Criteria for Morley Bottoms, outlined under appendix 8, be identified as an appropriate way to spend the Local Shops Initiative Fund; and
- (c) That Councillors Finnigan and Gettings be appointed to serve as the Council's representatives on the Morley Literature Festival.

71 Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting

Monday 15th March, 2010 at 4.00 pm
 (Rothwell One Stop Centre, Civic Chamber, Main Street, Rothwell, LS26 0AD)

(The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm.)