

NORTH WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor G Latty in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, J Bale, A Barker,
C Campbell, J L Carter, B Cleasby,
R Downes, C Fox and G Kirkland

83 Deputy Chair's Opening Remarks

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the North West (Outer) Area Committee held at Cookridge Methodist Church, Otley Old Road, Leeds 16.

84 Late Items

The Deputy Chair agreed to accept a copy of a document entitled 'Outer North West Area Committee – Area Delivery Plan 2008/11' as supplementary information (Agenda Item 9) (Minute 90 refers). The document in question was not available at the time of the agenda despatch.

85 Declaration of Interests

a) The following personal interests were declared:-

- Councillor C Campbell in his capacity as a Member on the Leeds Bradford Airport's Joint Consultative Committee (Agenda Item 6) (Minute 87 refers) and in view of his daughters attendance at Prince Henry's Grammar School (Agenda Item 10) (Minute 91 refers)
- Councillor B Cleasby in view of his daughter's ownership of an allotment site in Rawdon (Agenda Item 6) (Minute 87 refers)
- Councillor G Latty in his capacity as an Area Panel Member on West North West Homes Leeds (Agenda Items 8 and 12) (Minutes 89 and 93 refer)
- Councillor C Fox in his capacity as a Director of West North West Homes Leeds (Agenda Items 8 and 12) (Minutes 89 and 93 refer)
- Councillor R Downes in his capacity as Chair of the West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority (Agenda Item 9) (Minute 90 refers)

b) The following personal and prejudicial interests were declared:-

- Councillor G Kirkland in his capacity as a Foundation Governor at Prince Henry's Grammar School (Agenda Item 10) (Minute 91 refers)
- Councillor R Downes in his capacity as a School Governor at Prince Henry's Grammar School (Agenda Item 10) (Minute 91 refers)

86 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors S Andrew and C Townsley.

87 Open Forum

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

a) Leeds Bradford Airport – Noise Action Plan

Clive Woods, Aireborough Civic Society reported his continuing concerns about the problems of light aircraft noise at weekends (Sunday's in particular).

He informed the meeting that Leeds Bradford Airport had commented on this issue and acknowledged some commitment to resolve the problem. However, to date, he had not received a reply from the airport.

He also made reference to Leeds Bradford Airport's 'Draft Noise Action Plan' which had been out for consultation since December and ended on 24th April 2010. He informed the meeting that the plan failed to address the problem of light aircraft noise.

He therefore urged the Area Committee to respond to the consultation on the following lines:-

- the Action Plan should refer to and comment on the issue of noise caused by light aircraft's;
- the Action Plan should aim to reduce and mitigate the problem, together with measuring the extent of the problem i.e. limitation on number per day or in one hour or hours when permitted; none on Sunday as at Doncaster and silencers on light aircraft

Detailed discussion ensued and in summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the progress made to date on this issue at the Airport's Joint Consultative Committee
- the concerns expressed that the airport have not advertised the 'Draft Noise Action Plan' widely within the consultation process
- the need for an advertisement to be prepared for the Yorkshire Evening Post and local press, on behalf of the Area Committee, encouraging people to respond to the consultation
- the need for the Area Committee to write to the airport and Multi-flight seeking an extension to the consultation deadline
- the need for a better consultation process between the airport and those local communities affected by the airport's day to day activities and to have in place an established consultative body for the communities around issues such as airport noise, car parking and private flying etc
- the need for airport representatives to attend the next meeting to talk about the consultation process

Arising from the above discussions, the Area Committee requested the Acting West North West Area Manager to undertake the following courses of action :-

- a) To place an advertisement in the Yorkshire Evening Post and local press encouraging people to respond to the 'Draft Noise Action Plan' consultation as a matter of urgency.
- b) To write a letter, on behalf of the Area Committee, to the airport and Multi-flight seeking a postponement of the current consultation deadline of 24th April 2010 until 30th June 2010.
- c) To invite airport representatives and Multi-flight to the next Area Committee meeting in June 2010 to discuss the consultation process in more detail and on the continuing problem of light aircraft noise at weekends.

(Councillor J Bale joined the meeting at 2.12pm during discussions of the above item)

b) Allotment Shortage in North West Outer Area

Phillip Gommersal reported his concerns about the current shortage of allotments in North West Outer area, in particular within the Guiseley area.

He also referred to the Council's current consultation process on allotments and sought the Area Committee's views on the possible waiver of such consultation at a number of identified private sites in Guiseley.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- a commitment of the Area Committee to address the Moor Lane/Coach Road issues and to look into the wider issue of the shortage of allotments within NW Outer area
- clarification if there was scope to cultivate large gardens into temporary allotments
- reference to a recent audit undertaken in Horsforth which freed up half plots
- the need for a dialogue with Parks and Countryside

Arising from the above discussions, the Acting West North West Manager agreed to have a meeting with Parks and Countryside with the aim of identifying those sites already in place and to discuss temporary allotment provision, including a dialogue with the ALMOs, with a report back at the next meeting in June 2010.

88 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th February 2010 be approved as a correct record.

89 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report informing Members of the progress on a number of projects in Outer North Leeds West Leeds as determined by the Area Delivery Plan 2009-11 and the Leeds Strategic Plan.

Jason Singh, Acting West North West Area Manager presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- clarification of the ward breakdown in relation to the recruitment of the West North West Citizens Panel
(The Acting West North West Area Manager responded and agreed to investigate this matter further with a report back at the next meeting)
- clarification of the consultation process, the identity of the people chosen and formation arrangements in relation to the West North West Citizens Panel
(The Acting West North West Area Manager responded and informed the meeting that this was work in progress, and that West North West Area Management would engage with Ward Members on these issues)
- the continuing problems associated with bin collections in relation to 1st floor properties within the Holt Park area and the need to address this issue
- the concerns expressed about litter on the High Street in Yeadon and the need for Ward Councillors to take action in this regard
- clarification of the arrangements proposed for the hosting of an Area Committee volunteer celebration event in September to recognise the contribution of volunteers to improving their local area
(Jane Pattison, West North West Area Management outlined the arrangements and it was noted that volunteers would receive a written invitation)

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- b) That approval be given to the Letting and Pricing Policy for Community Centres which was circulated at the previous Area Committee on 8th February 2010.

90 Outer North West Area Delivery Plan

Referring to Minute 79 of the meeting held on 8th February 2010, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report presenting the meeting with an updated Outer North West Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2010-11 for approval, and to inform Members of the proposed content and format of the Area Delivery Plan with detail of how it would link with the Leeds Strategic Plan.

A copy of a document entitled ' Outer North West Area Committee – Area Delivery Plan 2009/11' (Appendix 1 refers) was circulated for the information/comment of the meeting.

Jane Pattison, West North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Specific discussion ensued on the Transport theme, with reference to the Local Improvement Priorities column (D6 refers) and on the Committee's reluctance in supporting the 2010/11 actions outlined in the document.

Following a brief discussion, the Committee requested the Acting West North West Area Manager to delete the above actions column from the document.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That, subject to the revision proposed in relation to the Transport theme (Local Improvement Priorities D6 refers), approval be given to the draft Area Delivery Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

91 Well-Being Report

Referring to Minute 74 of the meeting held on 8th February 2010, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report providing Members with a current position statement on the Well-being budget, details of proposed projects and small grant applications received to date.

Jane Pattison, West North West Area Management, presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- b) That this Committee notes the current position of the Well-being budget as detailed in Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of the report.
- c) That the following projects outlined in Section 4.0 of the report be dealt with as follows:-

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Name of Delivery Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Site-based Gardener	Parks and Countryside	Agreed £13,055 (revenue)
Wharfemeadows Park and Yeadon Tarnfield	Parks and Countryside	Agreed £5,340 (revenue)
Access Ramp Horsforth Hall Park	Parks and Countryside	Agreed £6,900 (revenue)

Breary Marsh Bridleway Improvement Scheme	Parks and Countryside	Deferred for further information
Anti Dog Fouling Enforcement	Environmental Action Team	Agreed £4,184 (revenue)
Outdoor activities for young people and their families- Leeds Sailing and Activity Centre Yeadon Tarn	Sport and Recreation Service – City Development	Deferred for further information in relation to the central funding criteria
Accessible Transport for Older People’s Community Activities	Aireborough Voluntary Services to the Elderly with Disabilities	Agreed £10,000 (capital) £4,800 (G&R) £5,200 (O&Y)
Leodiensians Junior Rugby Club Kitchen Refurbishment	Leodiensians Junior Rugby Club	Deferred for further information
Environmental Improvement for Entrance Area	Prince Henry’s Grammar School/Otley in Bloom	Agreed £2,500 (capital)
Refurbishment of Small Lounge	Yarnbury Horsforth Rugby Football Club	Agreed £5,000 (revenue)
Refurbishment of Scout & Guide Headquarters	13 th Horsforth (St Margarets) Brownie Unit	Agreed £3,000

d) That in relation to the Youth Mobile 2010/11 project as referred to in Section 4.9 of the report, consideration of this application be deferred until the next meeting of the Area Committee and that, in the interim period, the Acting West North West Area Manager be requested to undertake the following actions:-

- invite a representative from the Youth Service to the next meeting to answer Members’ queries and to provide the meeting with specific information in relation to the future and responsive deployment of the vehicle
- refer the service and usage issues of this project to the Scrutiny Board (Children’s Services) for consideration

- e) That the small grants as detailed in Section 6.2 of the report be noted, and that the Acting West North West Area Manager be requested to re-circulate the funding documentation to Members of the Committee in relation to the Community Safety Crime Reduction Equipment application.

(Councillors G Kirkland and R Downes having previously declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Environmental Improvement for Entrance Area project, left the room during this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

(Councillor A Barker left the meeting at 3.30pm during discussions of the above item)

92 Key Messages from Area Committee Sub Groups and Forums

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report providing Members with an update and summary on progress made at the Area Committee sub groups and ward forums that have taken place since the last Area Committee.

Jane Pattison, West North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED- That the contents of the report be noted.

93 West North West homes Leeds Update on current problems on the Weston Estate Otley

Referring to Minute 71(c) of the meeting held on 8th February 2010, the Acting Area Performance Manager Outer North West (WNMhL) submitted a report providing the Area Committee with progress in relation to the the current problems on the Weston Estate in Otley.

Richard Wyn Davies, Neighbourhood Manager, West North West Homes Leeds presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- the concerns expressed about the inappropriate letting of flats on Broadwalk in Otley
- the need for the lettings policy to be extended throughout the NW (Outer) area and to focus on Fairfax flats in this regard
(The Neighbourhood Manager responded and confirmed that he would be prepared to look at other lettings, providing that they met the agreed criteria)
- clarification of where a person leaving prison, for example, would be placed in the Otley area
(The Neighbourhood Manager responded and confirmed that there was no specific criteria and that each case would be placed on a general waiting list)

- the concerns expressed about the length of time it took for people to be removed from the affected properties and the need for a protocol to be introduced to ensure that the situation would not be repeated
- the need for the Area Committee to be aware of a forthcoming major review that would be taken on Anti-Social Behaviour and of the fact that a report in this regard would be submitted to the Executive Board in June 2010

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report be noted.

94 Dates, Times and Venues of Area Committee Meetings 2010/11

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report requesting Members to give consideration to agreeing the dates, times and venues of their meetings for the 2010/11 municipal year.

RESOLVED-

- a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- b) That approval be given to the dates, times and venues for the North West (Outer) Area Committee for 2010/11 in accordance with the report now submitted.

95 Deputy Chair's Closing Remarks - Councillor John Bale

The Deputy Chair informed the meeting that this was Councillor John Bale's last Area Committee meeting as he was not standing at the local elections in May.

Members of the Area Committee paid tribute to his past services as an Elected Member for the Guiseley and Rawdon ward and for his commitment to the North West (Outer) Area Committee.

(The meeting concluded at 4.25pm)