

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor J Pryor in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, J Bentley, S Bentley,
G Harper, C Towler and N Walshaw

28 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Chapman and J Walker.

29 Minutes - 10 September and 17 December 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 September and 17 December 2015 be confirmed as correct records.

30 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. The following issues were discussed:

A representative of the Opal Neighbourhood Network informed members of the consultation for the Welcome In Community Café Project.

Members were informed of problems with noise nuisance occurring in the Midland Road area.

With regard to the Maple Grove Development and the decision of the developer to go to appeal regarding the refusal for planning for student accommodation, concern was expressed regarding the amount of time and work that would be involved in the subsequent public enquiry.

Potential use of Rose Court as a new school site.

Hyde Park Unity Date – Members were asked for their support in seeking a time extension for the 2016 event, until 8pm.

Springbank Villa – a search at West Yorkshire Archives had shown the site to be in the ownership of Park Lane Properties which was in conflict as to what was previously understood. It was suggested that a further search be carried out through Planning Services to ascertain the ownership.

Thanks were expressed for the staff who worked on Woodhouse Moor and contributed to the maintenance of flower beds and carrying out patrols.

Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Plan – there was to be a further meeting on 15th March. City and Hunslet Members had been consulted and had agreed to keep involved regarding issues around their wards and ward boundaries.

Hyde Park Road – demolition of student block for more student flats. This was one of the original park buildings and there had been difficulty finding information on the planning website.

Royal Park Site – Hyde Park Source had held a consultation meeting and were looking to work up a scheme for the site. The caretaker's cottage would not be demolished and it was hoped to get a mixed use for the cottage, possibly as a base for PCSOs and other council organisations.

The Community Committee was asked to contact West Yorkshire Police to allocate further resources for the 'King for a Day' BMX event that was due to take place at Woodhouse Moor.

31 Inner North West Children's Engagement Event

The report of the West North West Area updated Members on the engagement event that took place with children and young people in January 2016. The report also informed Members how the children and young people would like to see Youth Activities Funds being spent in the area.

It was reported that 57 children from 13 schools attended the event and that there had been mainly positive comments from the young people that had attended. This was the first time the event had been held in Inner North West and would be repeated across the City. The consultation event would be used to commission services, bids would continue to be invited too.

Members congratulated those involved in organising the event and further discussion focussed on the provision of a multi sports event which had been highlighted as a preferred activity.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the feedback from the event be used to help shape priorities for Youth Activities Fund spending in the 2016/17 financial year.

32 Inner North West Children's Profile

The report of Performance Management & Improvement Children's Services provided the Community Committee with children's profile information within the Inner North West area.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Reducing the number of looked after children
- Work in relation to domestic violence
- School places – evidence of an increased demand
- Attendance levels

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- There had been a slight increase in the number of looked after children in the area.
- There had been a reduction on school attendance.
- Reading ability – The importance of early years development was stressed.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

33 Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund Allocation Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader advised the Inner North West Community Committee of the following:

- The current position of the Wellbeing budget and Youth Activities Fund budget.
- The Wellbeing budget available for 2016/17.
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- Those projects for consideration and approval from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2016/17.
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Members were informed that there had been a reduction to Wellbeing Revenue budgets for the 2016/17. Applications recommended from the commissioning rounds for revenue and capital funding were highlighted in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That projects approved since the last Community Committee meeting on 17 December 2015 be approved.
- (2) That the available Wellbeing Budget and Youth Activities Fund allocations for 2016/17 be noted.
- (3) That projects listed in Table 5 of the report, a total of £87,861 from the Wellbeing Budget allocation for 2016/17 be approved.
- (4) That projects listed in Table 6, a total of £10,700 from the Wellbeing Capital Budget be approved.

34 Area Update Report

Minutes approved at the meeting of the
Inner North West Community Committee held on 18 May 2016

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with a summary of recent sub group business as well as a general update on other project activity. A copy of the latest Inner North West Community Committee update newsletter was appended to the report.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Projects approved via delegated decision for Youth Activities in the half term and Easter holidays.
- Details of Community Centre free lettings.
- Update from the inner North West Housing Advisory Panel.
- Funding to commemorate the Battle of the Somme – it was reported that there would be £1,000 available for each Community Committee and it was proposed to fund a bugler in every Community Committee area of the City. Any remaining funds could be used to support locality events. Members discussed possible events including the involvement of local schools and the Royal Armouries.
- A request was made for public involvement with the Student Changeover Committee as there had not been any public representation during the past two years.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That key messages from sub groups be noted and actioned as appropriate.
- (2) That community centre free lets approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (3) That the update from the Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel be noted.
- (4) That the Inner North West Community Committee update letter be noted.
- (5) That the £1,000 budget for the inner North West Community Committee for events to commemorate the First World War, Battle of the Somme be noted.

35 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2016/2017

The report of the City Solicitor asked Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2016/17 municipal year and to also consider whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

The following dates had been proposed for the 2016/17 municipal year:

- Thursday, 16 June 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
- Thursday, 22 September 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
- Thursday, 15 December 2016 at 7.00 p.m.
- Thursday, 23 March 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

RESOLVED – That the proposed meeting schedule for the 2016/17 municipal year be agreed.