

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor K Ritchie in the Chair

Councillors C Gruen, J Heselwood,
J Illingworth, J McKenna, A Smart,
F Venner and L Yeadon

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Councillor Ritchie welcomed everyone to the Inner West Community Committee meeting and introduced the workshop topic for discussion on domestic violence.

Cllr Yeadon, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Children and Families addressed the Committee explaining that the Council had made the issue of domestic violence and abuse one of its Breakthrough Projects in the Best Council Plan for 2015-20.

The Committee watched a short film based on real experiences of the people in the city.

Presentations were given by:

- Michelle De Souza – LCC Domestic Violence Team who introduced the topic and the council's new approach
- Jane Thoy – Behind Closed Doors, Domestic Violence Charity who explained the victim's perspective and outlined the services available
- Julia Pope – Targeted Services Lead, Bramley Cluster informed the Committee of the pilot work in the Inner West area

After the speakers' contributions there was an opportunity for those attending to ask questions prior to the start of the workshop.

The workshop discussed:

- How services are delivered locally
- Themes that should be prioritised
- Raising awareness and support for victims to come forward

IN CONCLUSION – The information is to be collated and will inform a report to be brought to a future Community Committee

15 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 9th December, 2015

16 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

17 Late Items

There were no late items.

18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lowe and the co-optees Sam Meadley and Kim Frangos.

20 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion there were no speakers at the open forum.

21 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2015 be approved as a correct record.

22 Wellbeing Fund Update

The report of the Area Leader West North West updated Members on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund budgets. The report also asked Members to approve the application process for bids to the 2016/17 Wellbeing budget.

Members were asked to note the remaining Wellbeing balances for each Ward:

- Armley - £8,838.49
- Bramley & Stanningley - £11,488.43
- Kirkstall - £19,223.81

Members were asked to let Area Support know of any projects that they wished to be progressed as soon as possible.

Members requested that an application from Burley RUFC for £2,497 towards the cost of building a security fence be deferred until December.

Members were updated on the Youth Activities Fund budget and the projects that had been funded since April these were listed at Appendix 2 of the submitted report.

Members were asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2016/17.

Following discussions at the General Purposes Sub Group, Members recommended following the same process this year with applications invited between October 2015 and the beginning of January 2016 for approval at the March 2016 Committee.

Members had agreed that setting priorities for the funding would be beneficial and the Community Committee were asked to consider the following proposed priorities:

- Addressing health inequalities
- Community development and engagement
- Children and young people
- Achieving the priority neighbourhood actions plans
- Improving greenspaces and the local environment
- Supporting town and district centres, jobs and economic enterprise
- Supporting Community Committee workshop themes

Members briefly discussed the priorities Members were of the view that the priorities should also be linked to the breakthrough projects within the Best Council Plan 2015-20.

Members also requested that the list of priorities should also include older people and ethnic minorities.

Members briefly discussed the international refugee crisis saying that they had received a number of emails and letters in support of assisting refugees. Members were asked to indicate if they wished to continue to split their Wellbeing allocation equally between the wards as had been the preferred option for the last few years.

RESOLVED – That the Inner West Community Committee:

- a) Noted the balance of the Wellbeing and Youth Activity Fund budgets for 2015/16
- b) Approved the application process for the 2016/17 financial year
- c) Agreed the Wellbeing funds priorities for 2016/17 with the addition of older people and ethnic minorities
- d) Ward Members to discuss whether to split the Wellbeing allocation fund equally between wards

23 Community Committee Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader (Citizens and Communities) updated the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: General Purposes, Children and Young People and Environment.

Members were informed that the December meeting of the Community Committee will be a business meeting.

At the General Purposes meeting Cllr. Ritchie had proposed that the theme for the March Community Committee meeting should focus on social isolation across the Inner West. The meeting had agreed that this would be a useful and interesting theme.

A brief discussion took place about how best to look at the theme of social isolation with proposals for small working groups, engagement with the elderly during the daytime and the theme to include street drinkers.

The General Purposes sub group had received a report which outlined the partnership work to support new migrants from Eastern Europe access services and prevent exploitation. Members were informed that the focus had been to engage with families and working with the Roma community to increase attendance at school with a focus on the Armley area.

The Community Committee were informed that young people for the youth activity fund projects had undertaken a mystery shopping exercise for the summer holiday programme of events. The outcomes of the mystery shopping to be discuss at the next meeting of the Children and Young People sub group to be held on Monday 14th September.

Cllr. Smart the Chair of the Environment sub group gave a verbal update to the Committee informing Members that the service agreement with Parks and Countryside had been discussed. Discussions had also taken place in relation to graffiti, location of bottle banks and large planters for main arterial routes.

The community committee was informed that each ward had held a forum over the summer. A brief summary was provided on the focus of each of the forums within the submitted report.

The Community Committee had supported a range of community events and activities for children and young people during the summer holidays including Breeze on Tour, Mini Breeze at Bramley Park, Minecraft, Playbox at Charlie Cake Park and the Broadlea Bonanza.

An update was included within the submitted report on the second meeting of the Hawksworth Wood Neighbourhood Improvement Board.

Members were updated on the ongoing work for the Kirkstall Town and District Centre round 2 scheme which is being undertaken by central regeneration team. The Members were informed that landscaping is planned for outside of the leisure centre to include planting, seating and art work. Members were also told of work undertaken by the Communities Team West North West with children from St Stephens Primary and Beecroft Street Primary. The children had produced art work to be made into banners which will be displayed along the main routes in Kirkstall.

Members were impressed with the standard of the work that the children had produced and asked that a letter of thanks be sent on behalf of the Community Committee.

Members were informed of the significant amount of funding available through Community Led Local Development (CLLD). Once there is more detail available on the Members will be informed.

The Committee briefly discuss the role of Community Committee Champions and how they would deliver successful outcomes.

The Chair passed on a number of congratulations from the Inner West Community Committee for recent successes for the city including congratulations to Yorkshire County Cricket Club and Leeds Rhinos Rugby League.

Councillor Venner left the meeting at 8:20pm

The meeting closed at 8:30pm