

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor K Ritchie in the Chair

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

THEMED WORKSHOP - SOCIAL ISOLATION

Councillor Ritchie welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the theme of Social Isolation for the Community Committee workshop.

Councillor Lowe gave an introduction to the topic providing a real life account of someone who had attended her ward surgery and was socially isolated due to a number of factors. She explained that social isolation could affect anyone it was not an age related issue.

Councillor Lowe explained that she wanted to explore the issues that cause social isolation and the effect it has and ways that social isolation can be addressed and prevented. She said that to address the issue of social isolation we needed to listen and be proactive.

A presentation on the causes and effects of social isolation was given by Mick Ward, Chief Officer, Commissioning, Liz Messenger, Principal Health Improvement Officer, Public Health and Emily Axel, Age Friendly Campaign Officer, Leeds Older People's Forum.

At the end of the presentation there were questions from the audience.

The workshop broke into ward based sessions to discuss what assets were available in each ward. They also discussed who was isolated and how individuals could be identified.

The second part of the workshop looked at what actions can be taken to link people who are isolated to locally based groups and activities. It also looked at how connections could be made and the barriers.

All the information from the workshop will be collated and presented in a report at a future meeting.

39 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

40 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

- There were no exempt items.
- 41 Late Items**

A late item had been submitted with the Chairs permission for a report on the update on the Boxing Day floods Minute 49 refers

- 42 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest were made.

- 43 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. J McKenna, and Co-optees Marvina Newton and Erica Mitchell.

- 44 Open Forum / Community Forums**

No members of the public wished to speak on this occasion

- 45 Minutes**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Inner West Community Committee held on 9th December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

- 46 Matters arising**

Minute 32 - Early Years Outcomes Update 2015

Cllr. Illingworth requested information on how the inequality gap was assessed

Minute 37 – Community Committee Update Report

Cllr. Illingworth informed the Committee that £10,000 had been secured from the DCLG to be match funded through the Wellbeing fund for the Pocket Park at Kirkstall on land to the rear of St Ann's Mill next to the river.

The work will be carried out by Groundwork Leeds and The Conservation Volunteers at Hollybush and managed by the Kirkstall Valley Park Board.

Cllr. Lowe informed the Committee that funding had also been granted for a similar Pocket Park scheme in the Armley Ward.

- 47 Wellbeing Fund update and Monitoring Report**

The Wellbeing Fund Update and Monitoring report provided a summary of the Wellbeing and Youth Activities Fund budgets.

Point 2 of the submitted report provided the remaining balance for each ward.

The report informed Members of the 2016/17 Inner West Wellbeing revenue budget which was approved at Executive Board on 10th February 2016. The Community Committee had opted to split the budget by ward. The ward totals including the estimated underspend from 2015/16 were highlighted to Members at point 15 of the submitted report.

Between 30th October and 15th January, the Community Committee accepted applications for projects to be funded in the 2016/17 financial year. A total of 46 applications valued at more than £235,000 were submitted. Ward Members have reviewed the applications and the following projects are recommended for approval:

Recommended for approval:

	Project	Organisation	Armley	Bramley	Kirkstall
	Budget		£55,557	£53,244	£52,291
1	Broadlea Grove CCTV monitoring	Housing Leeds		£1,650	
2	Broadlea Hill CCTV Monitoring	Leedswatch		£1,784	
3	Small Grants & Skips	Communities WNW	£2,667	£2,667	£2,666
4	Festive Lights Hire	Leeds Lights	£2,000	£2,600	£2,400
5	Communications budget	Communities WNW	£330	£330	£330
6	Tasking Budget	Community Safety	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
7	Fairfield Community Centre Development Project	Fairfield Community Centre		£5,000	
8	New Wortley Community Association	New Wortley Community Association	£10,000		
9	Armley Festive Light Switch On event	Communities WNW	£4,320		
10	Shine a Light on Bramley Christmas Lights Switch on 2016	Bramley Lights Project		£3,380	
11	Kirkstall Festival	Kirkstall Festival Committee			£5,000
12	Hanging Basket & Easter Egg Hunt	Armley Common Right Trust	£1,000		
12	Kirkstall Community Mosaic Project	Seagulls			£4,137.50
13	Kirkstall Art Trail 2016	KVCA (Kirkstall Art Trail)			£1,500

14	Music in the Attic	Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club			£2,080
14	Care and Repair	Care and Repair Leeds		£1,000	
15	Second Chance (Furniture) Project	St George's Crypt	£2,000	£2,000	
16	Armley Alcohol Harm Reduction Breakfast Club	BARCA Leeds	£4,000		
17	Hollybush for Enduring Wellbeing	The Conservation Volunteers	£1,757	£1,757	£1,757
18	Young Person's Community Cohesion Project	Leeds Youth Service in partnership with Armley Cluster TSL	£800		
19	Breeze Saturday Night Project (BSNP) at Armley Leisure Centre	LCC's Breeze Team in partnership with West Yorkshire Police	£6,000		
20	Children's Champion: Hawksworth Wood	St. Marys Church: Hawksworth Wood			£2,500
21	National Pool Lifeguard Qualification	Bramley Baths and Community Ltd		£2,841	
22	Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme 2016	Aireborough Supported Activities Association			£811
23	Egyptian Mummy Learning Experience	Manor Park Surgery		£3,000	
24	Bramley Community Shop	UpBeat		£4,000	
	Total		£35,874	£33,009	£24,181.50
	Balance Remaining		£19,683	£20,235	£28,109.50

Members were asked to note that the projects listed at point 17 of the submitted report had been deferred pending further consideration. Members requested that once all information had been received that they be contacted by email to consider the projects.

Members were informed of an amendment to the Bramley Community Shop the figure listed in the submitted report should read £5,000. This figure would be reviewed after 6 months.

Members were informed that projects listed at 18 of the submitted report would not be proceeding this 2016/17 financial year. However, Members awarded a £500 small grant to Leeds Irish Arts Foundation for music workshops and also the Russian Speakers Group for Children had a £500 small grant approved for their 'Want to be Healthy' project.

Members were informed that applications for the Youth Activities summer projects were being gathered with a deadline of 4th April 2016.

At point 5 of the submitted report it was noted that there was a flexible budget allocated by Ward Members to support the community recovery from the Boxing Day floods. Kirkstall Ward Members also requested that it be minuted that funds to be released to hold an event to thank all those who helped and supported the clean up after the flooding in Kirkstall.

An amendment to the report was noted at point 9 which incorrectly sited the Pocket Park at Kirkstall behind the Burley Rugby Club. The Pocket Park is to be sited on land to the rear of St Ann's Mill.

Members were also informed that there would be a 10.3% cut in the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17. The Chair requested that a small amount be kept back to fund proposals related to outcomes from the themed workshops over the coming year.

The Chair thanked Officers for their hard work in getting all the applications ready for consideration.

RESOLVED – The Committee:

- Noted the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2015/16
- Noted the projects approved by delegated decision listed at paragraphs 4-9 of the submitted report
- Approved the new 2016/17 projects listed at paragraph 16 of the submitted report.
- Considered the deferred projects listed at paragraph 17 of the submitted report
- Noted the balance of the Capital Fund
- Noted the balance of the Youth Activities Fund

48 Community Committee Update Report

This report provided an update by the Community Champions on the work that had been undertaken since the last meeting and how it was progressing.

The report also provided updates from the Armley, Bramley and Stanningley and Kirkstall Forums.

Members were informed of the progress for the Kirkstall Town and District Centre Scheme and noted that the plans for the landscaping works for the area around Kirkstall Leisure Centre had now been finalised. Planting works are due to be completed in spring with the hard landscaping work to be carried out in autumn 2016.

The first meeting of the working group is due to take place in April to progress the design and installation of a piece of artwork as part of the scheme.

Point 11 of the submitted report informed the Committee of the WW1 Commemorations to commemorate the first day of the Battle of the Somme. The proposal to mark the contribution made by the Leeds Pals Battalions by employing buglers to play an appropriate piece to mark the point in time at which the men went into battle at 7:30am on 1st July. It was also noted that there was available funding up to £1,000 to support any additional events.

Members discussed at length the location of the bugler for the Inner West area and also other suitable events that could take place to commemorate this important date.

The Chair as Community Committee Community Safety Champion provided the committee members with an update on the new model for PCSO's in the Inner West area.

Members discussed the new model for PCSO's and the crime figures for the Inner West area.

A briefing sessions on the new model for PCSO's had been provided, information from the session is to be sought and circulated to all Members.

Members were informed that an Apprenticeship Fair was being organised for May / June and would take place at the Armley Leisure Centre. It was hoped this this would become an annual event.

RESOLVED - The Committee noted the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.

The Committee decided that the location of the bugler for the WW1 Commemorations would be the Bramley War Memorial, in Bramley Park.

Cllr. Venner left the meeting after this item.

49 Report on the Boxing Day floods

The report of the West North West Area Leader on the update of the Storm Eva flooding was presented at the meeting as a late item with the permission of the Chair. Minute 41 refers

The report provided the Community Committee with context on the work undertaken within the Inner West area, as part of the city's response to the Storm Eva Flooding.

The report also provided an introduction to the more detailed report that had been presented at the Executive Board on the 9th March 2016, which gave an overview of the recovery activity that the city had undertaken since the recent floods.

Members were informed that the flooding in the Inner West area affected some residential properties but the vast majority of flooded properties were businesses along the Kirkstall Valley. The Committee was informed that some businesses still remained closed.

The Committee was informed that in response to the Kirkstall flooding a new community led group had been formed. This group had coordinated hundreds of volunteers, received and allocated donations and continued to support and offer assistance.

Cllr. Yeadon thanked all those people who had turned out to help. She informed the Committee that Kirkstall Flood Clean Up planned to hold an event to thank all those volunteers who had given their spare time to help with the clean-up effort.

Cllr. Yeadon informed the Committee that plans are being developed for longer term regeneration projects in the Kirkstall area to address flood prevention.

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

The purpose of the report from the City Solicitor was to request Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee schedule for the 2016/17 municipal year.

Members considered the proposed dates, it was noted that three of the date's fall when the Labour Party Branch meet and Members requested that new dates be sought.

RESOLVED- That the Committee agreed the first meeting of the Inner West Community Committee for municipal year 2016/17 will be on 22 June 2016 at 6pm the venue will be confirmed nearer the date.

New dates to be sought for Members consideration.