

OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor K Bruce in the Chair

Councillors N Dawson, J Dunn, R Finnigan,
B Gettings, T Leadley, L Mulherin, D Nagle
and S Varley

22 Late Items

The Chair allowed the following late item:

- Community Safety Update Report.

23 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Elliott, S Golton and K Renshaw.

25 Minutes - 19 September 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

26 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 Community Committee. The following was discussed:

- It was reported that three cherry trees at Oulton War Memorial needed to be removed due to disease. As there was no funding available to replace the trees, the Community Committee was asked if a contribution could be made. It was agreed that the matter would be looked into.
- Removal of memorial plaques from Rothwell Town Hall – it was reported that Blackburn Hall had been suggested for their relocation and reference was also made to a plaque at Woodlesford Primary School.

27 Outer South Community Committee Delegated Budget Report

The report of the South East Area Leader provided Members with the following:

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on Monday, 27th February, 2017

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position
- Details of Revenue Wellbeing projects agreed to date
- Details of Wellbeing project proposals for consideration and approval
- Approved Delegated Decision projects
- Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position
- Details of the YAF projects agreed to date
- Details of the Small Grants Budget and approve the increase of the small grant funding by £1,000 to £6,000
- Details of Capital Budget Allocation by ward.
- Details of the Community Skips position

Sally Wimsett, Policy & Performance Manager presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the following projects for consideration and approval:

- Rothwell Music Festival 2017
- Tingley Methodist Church Oven Renewal

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That the details of Revenue Wellbeing Budget projects agreed to date be noted.
- (3) That the following Wellbeing project proposals be approved
 - Rothwell Musical Festival 2017 - £2,000
 - Tingley Methodist Church Oven Renewal - £1,000
- (4) That the approved Delegated Decision projects be noted.
- (5) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position be noted.
- (6) That the details of the YAF projects agreed to date be noted.
- (7) That the details of the Smalls Grant Budget are noted and the increase of the small grant funding by £1,000 to £6,000 be approved.
- (8) That the details of the Capital Budget Allocation by Ward be noted.
- (9) That the details of the Community Skips position be noted.

28 Outer South Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Outer South Area Leader brought Members' attention to an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on the Agenda. It also provided opportunity for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Sally Wimsett, Policy and Performance Manager presented the report.

The following issues were highlighted:

- Children's & Families Sub Group – The group had last met on 11 October 2016 which included the annual consultation and analysis of youth activities. There had been inductions to and the first meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board. The Chair had also had a meeting with Glen O'Malley of the Youth Service and been given an update on activities in Outer South. There had been a meeting of Children's Champions; there was no link officer in place at the moment and this had been raised at the Community Chairs' Forum.
- Environment Sub Group – It was reported that the next meeting would be held on 17 January 2017 and there was a suggestion to arrange a visit to the Recycling and Energy Recovery Facility. It was also proposed to incorporate highways issues into the Environment Sub Group.
- Members requested that Parks & Countryside attend the next Children & Families and Environment sub groups to present findings and a draft action plan following the summer parks consultation event with young people.
- Employment, Skills and Welfare – Members were made aware of sessions that had been held at The Point which included a Sector Based Work Academy, a Get into Construction session and support for BHS staff. Reference was also made to the recent Jobs Fair and the Women into Engineering workshop.
- Community Safety – Reference was made to Operation Flame which was a Community Committee funded scheme which took place in the run up to bonfire night and the weekend after,
- Health and Wellbeing – Health Inequalities Fund work undertaken in the area, falls prevention training and distribution of remaining winter warmth packs was discussed.
- Adult Social Care – The last meeting of the Older Person's Sub Group had been held in October and Members were made aware of events that had taken place in Rothwell and Morley for the International Day for Older People.
- Further issues discussed included relocation of users of Gildersome Youth Club and provision of storage for user's equipment; free lets at Community Centres and an update from the Housing Advisory Panel.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

29 Community Safety Update Report

The report of the Director of Environment and Housing provided Members with information on reported crime figures and anti-social behaviour over the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Zahid Butt, Community Safety Officer presented the report.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- Changes to how crime figures were recorded and the impact this has had on figures.

- Implementation of a new policing operating model in the area.
- Child Sexual Exploitation and Cyber Crime – reference was made to work carried out in schools.
- Work of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team

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

- Safeguarding of vulnerable individuals.
- Increase in Domestic Violence, particularly in Morley South – this was partly due to changes in how this was recorded and more confidence and awareness around reporting following a number of local and national campaigns.
- The drop in alcohol related crime and prevention of sale of alcohol to young people.
- The Committee received an update from Chief Inspector Matthews – this included the securing of a second Police sergeant for Outer South, training on cybercrime and the inclusion of schools.
- Members welcomed the report and thanked all involved for their work in the Outer South Area.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

30 Closing remarks

It was reported that a pupil from Drighlington Primary had been elected as the next Children's Mayor for Leeds. It was agreed to send a letter of congratulation on behalf of the Community Committee.

31 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 27th February 2017 at 4.00 p.m.