

OUTER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Campbell,
J L Carter, B Cleasby, D Collins, B Flynn,
G Latty, P Latty, S Lay and P Wadsworth

47 Chair's Opening Remarks

On behalf of the Community Committee, the Chair expressed thanks to Councillor Carter who was retiring as a Councillor at the end of the municipal year. Members thanked him for his work and wished him a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations were also passed to Shaid Mahmood on his recent appointment as Chief Officer (Communities).

48 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items as such. A supplementary application for funding for a Site Based Gardener (Guiseley & Rawdon) was considered during Agenda Item 9, Wellbeing Fund Update Report.

49 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS'

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

50 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Townsley and R Downes.

51 Minutes - 26th January 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

52 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 on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

On this occasion no members of public were present.

53 Reconfiguration of advice services

The report of the Chief Officer (Welfare & Benefits) provided the context for the recent reconfiguration of advice services undertaken by Leeds Citizens

Advice Bureau. The reconfiguration had seen the development of telephone based services and the 'drop in' facilities provided at Bureaux in Crossgates, Otley, Pudsey and Morley replaced by appointment based outreach services.

Steve Carey, Chief Officer (Welfare and Benefits) and Diane Lyons, Leeds CAB were in attendance for this item.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- The reconfiguration of services would enable the services to provide advice to a higher number of people.
- The reconfigured services would predominantly be telephone based with some outreach services.
- There had been an increase in the number of people seeking advice following welfare reforms.
- There would still be drop in facilities in the city centre.
- Discussions had been held with Otley Town Council regarding funding to keep services in Otley and funding for supervision of the volunteer service.

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

- The CAB currently provided advice for approximately eighteen thousand people per year. It was hoped to be able to do thirty five thousand per year at the end of the contract.
- It was planned to provide two to three days a week of appointment sessions in Otley. These would cover debt and pension advice alongside general advice services such as debt, housing and employment. Additional funding would be required to pay for supervision.
- Concern regarding transport to appointments. Some people would not want to travel in to the City Centre for drop in services and there were access difficulties to and from other locations.
- The commissioning process regarding the provision of advice services.
- It was suggested that the Employment, Learning and Local Economy Sub Group look at the issue further and report back to a future meeting of the Community Committee.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the Community Committee receive further reports that provide updates on the development and performance of advice services in the Outer North West Area,
- (3) The Chief Officer (Welfare & Benefits) to clarify the figures for the number of people accessing the service.
- (4) The Employment, Learning & Local Economy sub group to review advice and welfare provision across the outer north west.

54 Wellbeing Fund Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2014/15. The report also showed the position of the Small Grants and Skips pots and provided an update on the Youth Activity Fund and project monitoring information for the Wellbeing fund.

Gerry Burnham, Area Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to details of new projects for consideration outlined in the report. It was reported that the application from Older People's Action in the Locality (OPAL) had been withdrawn. Members also discussed funding arrangements for the Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme. Members were given a ward by ward breakdown

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 be noted.
- (2) That the current project monitoring information for the Wellbeing fund for 2014/15 be noted.
- (3) That the following projects be approved:
 - Otley Children's Centre Year of Play - £2,500
 - Adel and Ireland Wood Community Centre Refurbishment - £1,500
 - Counselling Service for Parents - £8,382 Aireborough Supported Activities Scheme - £8,100 (A&W £1,700, G&R £2,000, H £500, O&Y £3,900 . Member visit to the project to be arranged and also project co-ordinator to be invited to meet with Outer North West Members.
 - Site Based Gardener (Otley & Yeadon) - £5,242.
 - Yeadon Festive Lights 2015 - £5,639
 - Site Based Gardener (Guiseley & Rawdon) - £6,881
- (4) That the small grants and skips that had been approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (5) That the current position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 be noted.

55 Outer North West Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

The report of the Director of Housing and Environment provided Members with an overview of the performance of the Outer North West Community Safety Partnership. The report focussed on the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. It also updated Members on the development of partnership ward tasking arrangements, the West Yorkshire Police Programme of Change and performance issues including crime statistics, public confidence and user satisfaction.

Gill Hunter, Area Community Safety Co-ordinator and Inspector Richard Coldwell were in attendance for this item.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Safer Leeds priorities
- Crime figures had reduced overall across the Outer North West Area. There had been a significant drop in Horsforth but a slight increase in Adel and Wharfedale.

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

- Work carried out regarding child sexual exploitation and safeguarding.
- End of the CASAC scheme. Looking at alternatives for this.
- Speeding and motoring offences – looking at priorities led by the Leeds District Community Safety Partnership.
- Scrap metal and metal theft.
- The possibility of starting up community speedwatch schemes.

RESOLVED – That the Community Safety Partnership and Safer Leeds priorities including tackling Burglary Dwelling during 2015 through partnership work in Outer North West at neighbourhood level continue to be supported.

56 Outer North West CCTV Report

The report of LeedsWatch outlined the effectiveness of the 14 cameras which served the Outer North West Community Committee Area and provided the following:

- An analysis of crime and anti-social behaviour by Ward.
- The different types of incidents and arrest captured by CCTV operators in real time.
- Information on current costs for all CCTV cameras in the Outer North West area.

Jayne Russell and Brent Brady of LeedsWatch were in attendance for this item.

Issues discussed included the following:

- Funding and running costs.
- Future changes and the move to a digital system.
- Traffic incidents – the CCTV code of practice for Leeds was to prevent Crime and Disorder and not minor traffic misdemeanours.
- The current contract for CCTV ended in 2018.

- It was felt that when any new system is implemented the costs should be spread evenly on a District basis and not vary as they did under the present scheme.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The Community Champion for Environment and Community Safety to write to the Head of Community Safety Partnerships on behalf of the community committee with regards to the disproportionate costs of BT line rental in Otley and Yeadon

57 Community Committee Sub Group's Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with updates on the work of the Community Committee sub groups.

Members' attention was brought to the following:

- Children's Services and Family Health – reference was made to a forthcoming meeting regarding commissioning and it was hoped to involve the Youth Panel. It was suggested that there could be a joint meeting with the Community Safety sub-group regarding Child Sexual Exploitation.
- Adult Social Care, Health and Well-being – Members were informed that there had been discussion with the Executive Board Member regarding the blue badge guidelines resulting in Neighbourhood Network Schemes being able to renew blue badges upon expiry.
- Highways and Transportation – concerns were raised regarding delays in the publication of the Leeds Bradford Airport Masterplan. It was suggested that links to the airport be considered as a future community committee topic.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

58 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2015/2016

The report of the City Solicitor requested that Members give consideration to agreeing a Community Committee schedule for the 2015/16 municipal year and to also give consideration as to whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

The following dates and times had been proposed in the report:

15 June 2015
7 September 2015
30 November 2015
25 January 2016
21 March 2016

Meetings to be held on a Monday with a 1.30 p.m. start time.

Members discussed options to move times and dates of the meetings and the possibility of holding meetings during the evening. .. There will be an additional meeting for the appointment of the Chair of the Community Committee prior to the 2015/16 Annual Council meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the following dates agreed:

Monday, 7 September 2015

Monday, 30 November 2015

Monday, 25 January 2016

Monday, 21 March 2016 Meetings to commence at 1.30 p.m.

That the June meeting be held between 7.00pm and 9.00pm, and that the Area Support Team check the availability of venues in outer north west Leeds for an evening meeting in June