

Report of: the South East Area Leader

Report to: Outer East Community Committee (Cross Gates & Whinmoor, Garforth & Swillington, Kippax & Methley, Temple Newsam)

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For decision

Subject: Outer East Community Committee – A Summary of Key Work

Purpose of report

- 1** To bring to Members' attention a summary of key work which the Communities Team is engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provides opportunities for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Background information

- 2** The Community Committee has a Community Plan that is updated throughout the year where actions are detailed against the Community Committee priorities. This report provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings including project work, community engagement, partnership work, functions delegated to Community Committee, Community Champions roles and actions, integrated working and locality working.

Main issues

3 Area Chairs' Rebranding to Communities Team

- 3.1 The title Communities Team – SE has replaced the former title Area Support – SE. It is felt that the former better links with Community Committees, Community Champions and the community agenda. All relevant paperwork and online branding is being changed to the new identity.
- 3.2 The minutes of the Community Chairs Forum are attached as *Appendix 1*

4 Updates by theme:-

4.1 Community Safety & Environment

- 4.1.1 Environment themed workshop – Items recorded at the Community Committee workshop on 16th June 2015 attracted 80 members of the public with roughly equal attendance from each ward.

The proposed actions are summarised on the plan on a page document which is proposed to be developed through OE Environmental Sub. The Plan on a Page is enclosed as *Appendix 2*.

- 4.1.2 The Environment themed workshop centred on identifying ways for the public and council to develop “social contracts” whereby the public resolve some items and the Council others.

- 4.1.3 Key points identified were:

- **Engagement with schools –**

There needs to be partnership working with schools as the worst time for litter is immediately before and immediately after school.

Teaching children to be responsible for litter disposal should be part of school policy at primary and secondary school.

Initially discussion should be held with the school clusters so that schools could be encouraged to support the notion that while pupils are in their uniforms the schools take some responsibility.

Pupils who support the environmental initiative will then educate their peers, juniors and adults.

- **Tackling dog fouling –**

Leeds should follow the example of Barnsley by having a by-law whereby dog owners will be fined by enforcement if they do not carry doggy-bags when walking their pooch in public areas.

Have on the spot fines. Investigate using the money collected to improve the local environment.

- **Less complaints and more action –**

Introduce a culture where people are encouraged to provide solutions to environmental issues rather than simply report incidents and make complaints.

Presentations to the public on what action they can and should take to resolve environmental issues.

Place signs along a key route in the area telling people to keep the area tidy or advertising social contracts.

Officers could share examples of good practice whenever they attend public meetings.

Provide meet and greet packs in social housing tenures. This happens in some areas but it would become more effective if it can be expanded to others. To include information on correct and incorrect methods of environmental management including litter and dog fouling.

- **Regular engagement –**

Consider a large get together annually to develop social contracts.

Competitions such as a clean street contest could be staged.

The Council could provide techniques for community based environment groups including In Bloom, traders, neighbourhood improvement and parish councils to resolve problems before they reach the Council and its often heavy-handed approach.

- **Reduce litter from retail –**

Encourage business areas to realise their legal responsibility to keep their environs clean and tidy.

Where litter is dropped away from the shop, such as takeaways and confectioners, established and innovative techniques can be used to find long term solutions.

- **Regular blitzes by volunteers –**

Encourage adults and youth organisations (including schools) to organise regular community clean-ups. Possibly the Council could oversee waste removal.

- **Publicity –**

Have an easy to use online system so people can promote actions and issues.

Make more use of promoting good practice on bin day stickers.

Promote how to report incidents within the local area and actually name the area in the promotion. This should include dog fouling, litter and flytipping and the information should include which day bins are collected, contact numbers for In Bloom, flytipping etc.

Reintroduce community notice boards advertising actions, events and ways to report problems.

Investigate publicising prosecutions at a local level and social media.

- **Interdepartmental initiatives -**

Council services come together to tackle environmental issues including Locality, Waste Management, Highways and Children's Services jointly tackling litter, obstructions, ginnel and footpath maintenance and promote social contracts.

Identify and repair damaged litter bins.

4.1.4 **Litter Bins** - At the January 2015 meeting of Community Committee £12,000 was approved to provide up to 10 additional litter bins for each ward in Outer East at locations approved by Ward Members. Recently 5 bins were to have been installed in Temple Newsam, 3 in Cross Gates & Whinmoor, 2 in Kippax & Methley and 2 in Garforth & Swillington. Members are invited to suggest locations for their remaining bins by contacting the Communities team.

4.2 **Health and Wellbeing & Adult Social Care**

4.2.1 **Older Persons Event Week** - The 15th OPEW is well into planning stage now and is once again being steered by the Outer East Older Persons sub-group. This year the week will run from Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October, taking in the International Day of Older People on 1 October.

4.2.2 Venues remain the same as last year, those being Great & Little Preston Village Hall, Swarcliffe Community Centre, The Newman Centre (Cross Gates), Christ Church (Halton) and the Holiday Inn (Garforth). All events will be free of charge and will have information/advice stalls in the morning, and afternoon entertainment from singer Johnny Evans. Lunch will be included and choirs are still being sought from local schools to help make the events intergenerational. There will, of course, also be the chance to get involved with bingo and raffles.

4.2.3 The OPEW is fully funded by the Outer East Community Committee and run in partnership with Great & Little Preston Lunch Club, Swarcliffe Good Neighbours, Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme CIO and Garforth Neighbourhood Elders Team. These networks also provide the much needed volunteers to ensure these events run smoothly.

4.2.4 HOPE (Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe Project for Elders) is arranging and running a similar event on Wednesday 23 September. This is also funded by the Outer East Community Committee.

- Wednesday 23rd September – The Anchorage (HOPE)
- Monday 28th September – Great Preston Village Hall
- Tuesday 29th September – Swarcliffe Community Centre, Swarcliffe
- Wednesday 30th September – Cross Gates Good Neighbours
- Thursday 1st October – Christ Church, Halton

- Friday 2nd October – Garforth (TBC)

4.2.5 **Foodbanks in Outer East** – Foodbanks are now operational in Garforth and Allerton Bywater assisted by Community Committee and the LCC backed Fare Share food pickup centre. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

4.3 **Children & Young People**

4.3.1 **Youth Panel** - At the last Community Committee it was reported that 5 youth from each ward had agreed to be on the Outer East Youth Panel. Disappointingly when the meeting was held two weeks later only 1 attended. It is hoped that following lessons learnt and today's workshop, attendance will significantly improve.

4.3.2 **Youth Activity Fund** - The budget for 2015/16 was £57,970 and with last year's underspend there is a balance of £83,000.

4.3.3 So far this year 26 grant applications have been received. 16 of these have been approved and 10 rejected.

4.3.4 The 26 approved grants total £58,050 which equates to 70% of the budget. To date, the smallest grant is for £575, the largest grant is £11,900 and the average grant is £2,233.

4.3.5 The successful applicants so far this year are:

- Temple Newsam Learning Partnership,
- Yorkshire Cricket Board,
- LCC - Parks & Countryside,
- Brigshaw Cluster,
- 1st Cross Gates Brownies,
- Getaway Girls,
- LCC – Youth Service,
- Swillington Parish Council,
- LCC – Out Of School Activities Team,
- Heads Together Productions,
- LCC – Sports & Active Lifestyles,
- Stitch-Up CIC,
- Barca Leeds,
- Kippax Parish Council
- Leeds Development Education Charity.

4.3.6 The first application round closed in February 2015 but was extended to June as only eight applications were received. The second application round closed in August but we have reopened it in an effort to attract additional applications and commit the remaining 30% of the budget.

4.3.7 **Junior Cricket** – The 2015 Junior Cricket season ran daily over three weeks at Kippax Cricket Club (27 – 31 July,) Whitkirk Cricket Club from 10-14 August and Garforth Cricket Club from 17-21 August. Each camp cost participants £5 for the week and was attended by boys and girls.

- 4.3.8 The camps were subsidised by funding from the Outer East Community Committee via the Youth Activity Fund and delivered by Yorkshire Cricket Board.
- 4.3.9 Organisers Tony Bowry said “This has been the eleventh year, and one of the most successful as far as participation is concerned. We were blessed with good weather most of the time, and the behaviour was generally very good. The three venues were, Kippax, Whitkirk and Garforth Parish Cricket Club, with an average attendance of 80 per day.
- 4.3.10 “There was an increase number of girls attending, and two of the clubs have signed some of them to play in the junior teams with a view of setting up a girls only team.
- 4.3.11 Tony has asked to discuss over the coming months ideas for a wider range of activities.

4.4 **Employment & Skills**

- 4.4.1 **Thorpe Park** - New construction works are unlikely to begin before 2016 however site cabins with viewing platforms are due to arrive later this month. It has been suggested that in October 2016 members of the Outer East Community Committee may like to visit the site to see what is planned and discuss proposals and opportunities. A date will be suggested by Employment and Skills and Communities SE will then discuss the project.

5 **Community**

5.1 **Forums**

- Cross Gates (14th October): The next meeting is scheduled for 14th October 2015.
- Garforth & Swillington (22nd October): The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd October however on 17th September forum members are being invited to meet with the development company seeking to build a supermarket at Town End Garforth.
- Halton (9thJuly): A joint initiative between the Learning Partnership, forum and Temple Moor High School has led to improvements to a long-running issue of some schoolchildren leaving rubbish on a nearby street and using it as an extension to the playground. The school is now closing a gate to block direct access to the street and keeping a watch to ensure it can act quickly if problems are reported.
- Halton Moor (7thJuly): Several projects are being undertaken in Halton Moor to target ASB by groups and individuals. Instances were noted in the forum PACT meeting however the main push took place on 11th and 14th August through Action Days focusing on hate crime and asb. Supported by a range of partners including the Police, Housing, LASBT, Victim Support and Youth Service, participants undertook door knocking

to engage with residents about any issues of concern such as crime, asb, environment and hate crime - and pass the questionnaire back to co-ordinators. The event covered: Kendal Drive, Coronation Parade, Ullswater Crescent and neighbouring streets including Coniston Gardens and Esthwaite Gardens and the second area covered Neville Road, Halton Moor Avenue and the Wykebeck area including Terrace, Mount, Avenue, Street, Road and Gardens.

- Kippax & Methley (September 23rd): The next Kippax and Methley forum is scheduled for 23rd September 2015.
- Swarcliffe (July 1st): Representatives of the Youth Matters group gave a summary of Swarcliffe Gala including the day's activities, setting up and clearing up the event and having to staff the kitchen at short notice. There were approximately 5,300 people who attended the event.
- Whinmoor (July 16th): In partnership with the Cluster, Youth Service undertook two sessions per week responding to youth issues. The forum heard that following the crackdown youth service has received no further reports of any unacceptable behaviour / crimes by young people.

5.2 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

5.2.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (called 'the levy' or 'CIL') allows local planning authorities to raise funds from developers who are creating new buildings in their area. The funds raised will go towards infrastructure that is needed to support the growth of the city, such as schools and transport improvements.

5.2.2 The CIL is applied as a charge on each square metre of certain types of new buildings. It replaces the current method of seeking pooled contributions from developers, called Section 106 planning obligations. In Leeds these pooled S106 contributions were collected for greenspace, public transport improvements, education, and public realm in the Holbeck Urban Village. S106s will however continue to be used for site specific requirements such as greenspace within the site, or access or nearby junction improvements. Affordable housing provision remains the same.

5.2.3 The Leeds CIL Charging Schedule was adopted by the Council on 12th November 2014, and charging was implemented on 6th April 2015. It applies to all relevant development permitted after this date.

5.2.4 A summary of key issues discussed will be shared with the Community Committees by the Planning Team.

6 Revised Community Centres' Pricing Policy

6.1 It was agreed that Ward members would agree free lets of Community Centre's within their wards. A breakdown of free lets is summarized below.

Ward	Community Centre	Organisation	Dates	Value
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	YMCA – Teenage Parent Programme	09.09.15 to 31.07.16	£2,535
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme	2015 - 2016	£17,936
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Field Head Carr	Youth Service	29.07.15	£48
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	Swarcliffe Community Centre	Youth Service	12.08.15	£88
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater Youth & Community Centre	Allerton Bywater Craft Class	10.09.15 to 31.08.16	£800
Kippax & Methley	Allerton Bywater Youth & Community Centre	Allerton Bywater Women's Group	07.09.15 TO 31.07.16	£800
Kippax & Methley	Methley Village Hall	Methley Mites	07.04.15 to 28.03.16	£6,600
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Tenants & Residents	03.10.15	£22
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Drop In	02.09.15 to 27.08.16	£500
Kippax & Methley	Micklefield Youth & Adult Centre	Micklefield Beaver Scouts	09.09.15 to 27.07.16	£700
Total				£30,029

7 Conclusions

7.1 The report provides up to date information on key areas of work for the Community Committee.

8 Recommendations

8.1 The Community Committee is asked to:

- Note the content of the report and make comment as appropriate.
- Consider locations for new litter bins.
- Agree its delegated decision arrangements for free lettings.

- Agree that work on introducing the Environmental Workshop recommendations will progress through the Community Safety & Environmental Community Champion role.

Background documents

None.