

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor E Taylor in the Chair

Councillors J Dowson, S Hamilton,
G Hussain, C Macniven, A Sobel and
B Urry

Approximately 20 members of the public/representatives of partner organisations/stakeholders attended the meeting

18 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents

19 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

No exempt information was included within the agenda

20 Late Items

No formal late items of business were added to the agenda

21 Declarations of Disclosable Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable interests

22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charlwood and Rafique

23 Open Forum

The following members of the public addressed the meeting under the provisions of Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum)

The Carriage House, Roundhay Park (Ms A Keech, Oakwood Traders Association) – seeking support for a Community Asset Transfer of the Carriage House to a group including the Friends of Roundhay Park and their outline proposals for the possible future use of the site.

In response, the Area Support Officer reported that submission of expressions of interest had been made and that a written response would be sent to Ms Keech once further information had been compiled

24 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held 26th June 2015 be agreed as a correct record

25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

26 Violence and Abuse - a Locality Response

Having considered the issue of domestic violence during the informal workshop prior to the CC meeting, Members received a report from the Area Community Safety Officer in support of the workshop discussions. The report outlined the themes of the earlier discussions and additionally, the Area Improvement Manager sought support for proposals for each ward to consider £500 from their wellbeing fund ward budgets to support projects which contribute towards tackling domestic violence in the locality

RESOLVED

- a) To note the contents of the workshop presentation on the issues related to Domestic Violence and abuse
- b) That the comments made during discussions be used to inform and contribute to a communications plan on the issue of domestic violence and abuse for the East North East area
- c) That approval in principle be given to the request to allocate £500.00 per ward from each Wellbeing fund ward budget to support up to one event per ward within the Inner North East area to support the domestic violence strategy and associated communications (

27 Libraries Update in Inner North East Area - Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown and Oakwood

The Senior Communities Librarian for the East North East area presented a report on the work of the public libraries in the Area.

Julie Wood attended the meeting and gave a presentation which provided a brief update on the Library Service and highlighted the following:

- The work done in the Chapel Allerton, Chapeltown and Oakwood libraries
- The feedback received on the Lego and board games events, previously funded by the Youth Activity Fund and supported by Councillors and held in all three wards in the area. Following consultation, regular clubs would be held in these libraries, ensuring the continuation of the project.
- Future work for the service was outlined including involvement in the Chapeltown Arts Festival; Chapel Allerton Festival; Oakwood & Roundhay Festival and workshops with the Northern Ballet at Chapeltown and Oakwood libraries

During discussions it was agreed that details of the Moor Allerton Library would be referenced in any future report and details of the use of and events held at both Moor Allerton and Headingley Libraries would be passed to the Moortown ward Members as residents from Moortown used both libraries. In response to a query, officers confirmed that local schools did receive information/notification of events at all relevant local libraries.

RESOLVED - To receive and note the contents of the presentation and to thank the Senior Communities Librarian for the Inner North East area for the information provided on the work libraries are delivering in local communities; with an emphasis on the children's events held during the summer.

28 Neighbourhood Improvement Board (NIB) Update

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 7th December, 2015

Jane Maxwell, East North East (ENE) Area Leader, presented a report on the neighbourhood improvement approach currently under development in the locality.

The Area Leader highlighted the review of current arrangements involving local Ward Members and partners: and proposals to establish two neighbourhood improvement partnerships with the creation of associated neighbourhood improvement plans. The report identified the Meanwood Seven Estates and Chapeltown localities as areas chosen to pilot an NIP

(Councillor Dowson left the meeting at this point)

The following matters were raised during discussions:

- That Chapeltown and Meanwood had been priority areas for a while, but no new statistics presented to support the need for continuing focus.
- That although Chapeltown had a good network of successful issue driven groups, further work was required to identify how more consistent community engagement on a wider range of issues can be produced
- The Brackenwood estate had previously been identified by the CC as an area requiring support from the CC. In response officers confirmed that once the Meanwood/Chapeltown pilots were established and evaluated, work would commence on rolling out the NIP template to other areas. The roll out to the Brackenwood Estate would use the employment and skills agenda as a starting point. Relevant statistics would be presented to the working group
- A request to consider the housing policy relied upon to manage the Brackenwood estate was noted
- The Queenshill estate had also been previously identified as an area requiring support, although it was noted that this area lay within both the Inner North East CC and the Outer North East CC area

RESOLVED

- a) That the proposal to continue with the existing partnership arrangements in the Meanwood Seven Estates and to develop a new neighbourhood improvement partnership for Chapeltown to build on existing local activity be approved
- b) That the Brackenwood and Queenshill areas, previously identified as areas of priority need, be included as neighbourhood improvement partnership pilots
- c) That Ward members consider the request for a nominee from each ward to work with the Chair of the CC to support the development of the neighbourhood improvement partnerships and inform the Area Leader in due course
- d) To note the intention to present an update report to the December 2015 Community Committee meeting
- e) To note that regular briefings will take place at Ward Member meetings with a view to having all arrangements fully operational by December 2015

29 Area Update Report

The ENE Area Leader submitted a report providing an update on the current work programme and seeking support to progress new areas of work. The Area Officer presented key issues in the report for discussion:

- The review undertaken to consider the establishment of non-voting co-optees on the CC, including the development of a community focus group to consider the issue with a view to reporting back prior to the start of the 2016/17 Municipal Year
- The work and development of the Community Committee Champion role
- The development of a new performance management framework for community committees
- The work of the ENE Employment & Skills Board, noting its next meeting will take place in late September. It was suggested that an Employment & Skills update report should be presented to the December 2015 CC meeting.
- Work undertaken with the Brackenwood Community Association to consider the proposal to deliver community learning, employment & skills support services at the Brackenwood community centre

RESOLVED

- a) That the contents of the report and comments of the Community Committee be noted
- b) That the proposal to establish a resident focus group in the Inner North East area to support the development of community engagement in the area be agreed.
- c) That officers be requested to present an update report on Employment and Skills to the December Community Committee meeting

30 Wellbeing Report

Lee Griffiths, Area Officer, presented the report seeking consideration of the applications received to the Inner North East CC Wellbeing Fund. The report also set out the current budget position and any decisions taken under delegated authority for the area

Additionally, the CC was reminded about the decision made earlier in the meeting to allocate £500.00 from each Wellbeing ward budget towards projects which contribute towards tackling domestic violence in the locality

RESOLVED

- a) To note the current position of the revenue and capital budgets for the Inner North East Community Committee
- b) To note the spend to date against budget headings for the 2015/16 financial year;
- c) To note the delegated decisions made since the last meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee on 29th June 2015 as outlined in paragraphs 23 to 27.
- d) That, having considered the applications as set out in paragraphs 29 to 46 of the submitted report and the recommendations of the Wellbeing Member advisory group, the following be approved:

Area Wide Wellbeing Fund

Community Participation & Learning Foundation	Granted: £2,500
Roundhay & Oakwood Festival	Granted : £500
Church Community Chair Fund	Granted : £2,000
Men In Sheds	Granted : £2,150
Allerton Grange Field markings	Granted : £1,675.69
Connecting Communities	Granted : £1,000
RJDance Flooring	Granted : £3,348
Enterprise & Social Enterprise Development	Nil granted
Community Highlights Celebration Edition	Nil granted
Training for Young Adults	Nil granted
Installation of LCD Screen	Nil granted
Obama Gardens	Nil granted

- e) To note that an allocation of £500.00 per ward from the small grants pot towards projects will be made to contribute towards tackling domestic violence in the Inner North East area

31 Community Comment

The Chair noted the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback and/or queries on the reports presented during the formal part of the CC meeting, the intention being that a written response would be provided within 14 days. The following comments were raised:

Recruitment of staff at the Reginald Centre and the view that the ethnicity of the workforce did not reflect the community it served. In response, the Chair agreed that the issue of staff recruitment and selection would be discussed at a separate meeting with the ENE Area Leader, the Chair and the community representative who raised the matter.

32 Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED - To note the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 10th December 2015. The time and venue to be confirmed

33 Chairs Closing remarks

In closing the meeting, Councillor Taylor thanked all present for their attendance and urged local residents to visit the Inner North East CC social media sites for current information on local events and issues

At the conclusion of the formal Community Committee meeting, the Chair advised that an informal workshop session would now take place where local residents, ward Councillors, partners, stakeholders and relevant Council officers would have the opportunity to discuss the topic of