

WEST (OUTER) AREA COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 11TH JULY, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, A Carter,
M Coulson, J Jarosz, R Lewis and
J Marjoram

1 Retiring Chair - Councillor A Carter's Opening Remarks

The retiring Chair, Councillor Carter welcomed Councillor Marjoram to his first Meeting of West (Outer) Area Committee.

Councillor Carter then went on to thank all the officers who have served the West (Outer) Area Committee over the last four years as he had thoroughly enjoyed his time as Chair to this Area Committee. He then went on to thank all the Elected Members on the Area Committee for their contributions over the last four years.

2 Election of Chair 2008/2009

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report outlining the arrangements for the annual election of the Chair of the Area Committee.

In accordance with the agreed procedure, the Chief Democratic Services Officer reported that two nominations for the Chair had been received, on behalf of Councillor M Coulson and Councillor D Blackburn, and those Elected Members present at the West Outer Area Committee meeting were asked to take a formal vote.

Members were also asked to consider Councillor A Carter as Deputy Chair.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That following an overall majority of votes cast by those Elected Members present at the meeting eligible to vote, Councillor D Blackburn be elected as Chair of the West (Outer) Area Committee for the 2008/2009 Municipal Year.
- (b) That following an overall majority of votes cast by those Elected Members present at the meeting, Councillor A Carter be elected as Deputy Chair.

(Councillor David Blackburn took the Chair)

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor L Russell and Liz Navin Jones – Business Representative.

5 Open Forum

The Chair made reference to the provision contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for an Open Forum session of up to 10 minutes at each ordinary meeting of an Area Committee to allow members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the remit of the Area Committee. On this occasion, no members of the public were present.

6 Minutes - 18th April 2008

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th April 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

7 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 18th April 2008

(a) Minutes 79 – West/North West Homes – Area Panel Meetings – Key Messages

Councillor Carter informed the meeting that both he and Councillor R Lewis had raised an issue with West North West ALMO about their continued inability to consult properly with Ward Members, particularly on Council House Improvements in their respective Wards.

Members also expressed their concern that meetings of the West North West Area Panel are being arranged at short notice and Members are unable to attend due to other commitments. Members were also concerned that the next inspection date has been arranged on the day when full Council is in session.

RESOLVED - That the West North West Area Manager be instructed to write to the West North West ALMO forwarding this Area Committee's above concerns including that Ward Members are not being included in the consultation process on any of their proposals for improvement works being done in their Wards and to invite the Chief Executive and the Chair of the West North West ALMO to attend a future meeting to present their communication and consultation strategy.

(b) Minute 82 – Community Centres Pricing and Lettings Policy

Sam Woodhead, West Leeds Area Management Officer informed the meeting that an inspection report from the Civic Buildings Section on the Calverley Mechanics Institute building is due in August 2008 and Ward Members will then be consulted on their findings.

(c) Minute 83 – Lower Wortley Road Improvement Scheme

Councillor D Blackburn informed the meeting that this matter was discussed at a recent Farnley & Wortley Community Forum meeting where it was reported that following a consultation meeting held on the 23rd June, 2008 the proposals for the Lower Wortley Improvement Scheme were well received.

8 Local Authority Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report and appendices outlining the Committee's role in relation to its Elected Member appointments to community and local engagement category appointments to outside bodies which had been delegated to the Area Committee to appoint.

It was reported that the West Outer Area Committee had responsibility for making appointments to the following organisations and Members were asked to make nominations:

- ALMO West Outer Area Panel – annual appointment
- Calverley Charity – indefinite appointment (vacancy)
- Farsley Charity – indefinite appointment (vacancy)
- Thomas & Sarah Lund's Almshouse Trust – four yearly.

RESOLVED - That the following appointments be made:

ALMO West Leeds Area Panel	-	Councillor R Lewis Councillor J Marjoram
Calverley Charity	-	Councillor J Marjoram
Farsley Charity	-	Councillor J Marjoram
Thomas and Sarah Lund's Almshouse Trust	-	Councillor R Lewis Councillor J Jarosz

9 Appointment of Co-optees 2008/09

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report which sought approval for the annual appointment of co-opted Members to the West (Outer) Area Committee, in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution, which states that there is provision for the Area Committee to appoint up to five non-voting co-opted members to support the Area Committee.

Three nominations were received from the Reverend Kingsley Dowling – Faith Representative, Howard Bradley – Youth Representative and Liz Navin Jones – Business Representative

RESOLVED - That the three existing co-optees be re-appointed, namely:

- Reverend Kingsley Dowling - Faith
- Howard Bradley – Youth
- Liz Navin Jones - Business

10 Community Forum Feedback

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the Pudsey and Swinnow Public Meeting held on 22nd April 2008 be received and noted.
- (b) That the minutes of the Tyersal Community Forum held on 30th April 2008 be received and noted.
- (c) To note that the Management Committee for the Swinnow Community Centre will meet on the 30th July 2008 to discuss the future of the community centre.

11 Community Safety Update

Inspector Tom Horner, West Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) and Gill Hunter, Area Community Safety Officer, updated Members regarding community safety issues in the Committee's area and gave a summary of the Operation Champion held between 14th – 17th May 2008 on the Gambles Hill/Heights estates (Appendix 1 to the report refers). The report provided a detailed breakdown of activities undertaken over this period from partner agencies including West North West Homes Leeds, City Services Environmental Action Team, Youth Service/Armley Juniors, Neighbourhood Wardens, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, NPT, Arson Task Force and the Driving Vehicle Licensing Association.

It was reported that local residents from the Residents Association were involved with Operation Champion and were out in the area working alongside partner agencies for the first time. Local people were also working now more closely with Neighbourhood Wardens/PCSO's, which had increased from two to three since the last Area Committee meeting.

Inspector Horner reported that a local NPT meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 16th July at Farsley in the church and apologised about the short notice. The Inspector indicated that he would be preparing a feedback report following the meeting for local Ward Members.

Councillor Coulson reminded Inspector Horner that he complained some weeks ago about the nuisance caused by those public houses in the Pudsey area - the Park, Bar 57 and the Golden Lion - siting tables and chairs outside their premises for smokers. The Inspector assured the meeting that he would personally assign an officer to inspect these premises. It was also suggested that this was an issue for the Council's Licensing Section.

Councillor R Lewis reminded Inspector Horner of an email he recently sent to his office regarding local Ward Member concern that residents on the Waterloo estate are being terrorised by a few young children. Some residents feared that these youths may carry knives. In response, Gill Hunter informed the meeting that this issue was being investigated and that she was attending a meeting on this same issue that afternoon.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the update report and the Wortley Operation Champion evaluation as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the submitted report be received and noted.
- (b) That the West Outer Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Council's Licensing Section investigate the nuisance caused by those public houses in the Pudsey area - the Park, Bar 57 and the Golden Lion - siting tables and chairs outside their premises for smokers.

12 Area Management Income from Advertising on Lamp Posts

The Director of City Development submitted a report outlining the contract for advertising on lamp posts in Leeds and opportunities for local communities to benefit as a result of the lamp post advertising income share proposals.

Mr Ian Moore, Streetlighting PFI Contracts Manager, presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Councillor Carter informed the meeting that when this report came to Executive Board for approval Members were very specific that the income generated from advertising on lamp posts should only be spent in those Wards where the signs are placed, as a way of giving something back to that community. He also informed the Area Committee that Ward Members should have the opportunity to object to any of the proposed sites as part of the consultation process.

Detailed discussions ensued on the contents of the report and appendices and the following points and concerns were raised:

- that parts of the Lower Wortley Ring Road are classed as residential and therefore, should not have advertising on lamp posts.
- that unless the signs were of one single image road users may be encouraged to slow down in order to read the advert.
- that the City Development Department would be able to provide better roads in the Leeds area from the income made from advertising on lamp posts.

RESOLVED - That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.

13 'Safety Central' - West Yorkshire Fire Service

The Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods submitted a detailed report

which provided information about the development of Safety Central and to invite continued involvement of West Outer Area Committee in the local development.

Steve Crocker, West North West Area Manager presented the report and introduced Gayle Elvidge, Partnership Officer – West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue who will project manager the site.

A detailed discussion ensued and it was pointed out to Members that Safety Central is a resource for the whole of West Yorkshire, not just for the local area of Leeds.

RESOLVED - That the report be received and its contents noted.

14 Area Delivery Plan 2008/9 - 2010/11

The Area Committee considered a detailed report submitted by the West North West Area Manager on the proposed content and format of the Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2008/2009 – 2010/2011 and details of how the ADP would link with the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP) as set out in Appendices A attached to the submitted report.

Sam Woodhead, Area Management Officer presented the report and together with Steve Crocker, West North West Area Manager responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to the draft Area Delivery Plan (ADP) for 2008/09 – 2010/11 and its proposed link with the Leeds Strategic Plan (LSP) as outlined in the submitted report.
- (b) That the following Members be appointed as Champions for the partnership themes listed below:
 - Stronger Communities: Councillor J Marjoram
 - Enterprise, Economy & Transport: Councillor D Blackburn
 - Learning and Children: Councillor M Coulson
 - Culture & Environment: Councillor A Carter
 - Health & Wellbeing: Councillor J Jarosz
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods: Councillor A Blackburn
Councillor R Lewis

15 Outer West Area Committee Well-Being Budget Update

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a detailed report providing an update on the current amount of capital and revenue funding committed and available for the 2008/2009 financial year.

Sam Woodhead, Area Management Officer presented the report and responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the amount of Well-Being funding available to the Committee in 2008/09, and the budget pressures set out in Paragraph 5 of the report, be noted;
- (b) That approval be given to the capped figure of £2,000 for applications received from extended school projects;
- (c) That the Small Grant made since the last meeting, set out in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, be noted;
- (d) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications for funding:

Capital

- (i) Pudsey Chatsworth Road Recreation Ground - £4,000 - Approved.
- (ii) Surrey Grove - £1,000 – Approved.
- (iii) Pudsey Leisure Centre – Pedestrian Access - £1,000 – Approved.

Revenue

- (i) Town Centre Manager - £10,000 – Approved.

16 Dates, Times and Venues of Future Meetings

18th September 2008
23rd October 2008
11th December 2008
12th February 2009
9th April 2009

(All the above meetings will be held at 2.00 p.m.)