

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor A Hussain in the Chair

Councillors K Dye, R Grahame and
D Jenkins

28 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the press or public.

30 Late Items

There were no formal late items of business, however the Committee was in receipt of a supplementary pack relating to agenda item 7 minutes – the meeting notes from the Consultative meeting of Inner East Community Committee held 15th December 2021. These had been provided to Members prior to the meeting and published to the Council's website.

31 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Arif, Councillor Drinkwater, Councillor Khan, Councillor Maqsood and Councillor Ragan.

As such the meeting was inquorate and it was noted that the Committee would make recommendations in respect of matters requiring a decision. Those matters would then be ratified at the next Committee meeting or dealt with through the agreed Delegated Decision process.

33 Open Forum

The Committee noted apologies received from the group of young people who had intended on speaking.

Residents in attendance were invited to speak and the following matters were raised:

Issues in the Crossgates Area/Pool Estate – Two residents provided the Committee with the following reports/incidents :

- Anti-social behaviour in the area caused by groups of young people/children, sometimes at lunchtimes. Sgt Morrit responded that the information would be passed to the local Neighbourhood Policing Team to try identify the people involved.
- An overgrown and dangerous pathway from the community centre needing attention/clearance. It was noted that this could be reported and a request made to clear the debris.

- Dog fouling on the estate and around the school. It was noted that this had been raised previously by a number of residents and advisory stickers will be put on lamp posts
- Subsidence caused by a tree to the pathway near the school grounds which had been reported by the neighbouring resident but no action had yet been taken
- Car parking on grass verges creating mud on the footpath. A Local Ward Councillor responded that they were aware of this issue, however there was no easy solution as it is not possible to tarmac/concrete over the verges
- Comments made on 8-point plan on bulky items collections webpage will be reported back to the service.

Additionally, the Committee discussed what could be done to help people living under the poverty line with rising fuel costs. It was noted that fuel poverty issues will be included in the Council Tax Notice to include information on measures such as how to contact a “green doctor” and how to get debt advice. Following the success of the LS14 Trust food pantry, there were plans to establish a food pantry in the Crossgates Shopping Centre.

The Committee thanked residents for raising the matters at the meeting.

34 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 21 September 2021

Members noted receipt of a supplementary pack containing the notes of the Consultative meeting of the Inner East Community Committee held on 15th December 2021.

21st September 2021 Minute 20 (Minutes/Alternative Dispute Resolution) – The Committee noted comments made by Councillor Grahame referencing Anti-Social Behaviour Legislation in relation to Alternative Dispute Resolution, and an ongoing case in the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward.

RECOMMENDATION – That the minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2021 and the notes of the meeting held 15th December 2021 be approved

35 Inner East Community Committee - Finance Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget for 2021/22.

Members were advised that the following projects had been considered and approved since the Inner East Community Committee held on 15th December 2021:

- Knee Rail – Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green – 16/12/21
- Educational Trip for low income Families – 16/12/21
- SCOT Projects – 16/12/21
- Nowell Mount Community Centre, Activity the Space – 16/12/21
- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Anchor – 16/12/21
- Playbox & Friends – 27/10/21
- CCTV – Temporary Ashton Street – 18/01/22

- Let's Read (Nowell Mount After School Club) – 28/01/22

Members were invited to consider the following projects:

Project	Wards	Amount	Decision
Disability Sport	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£12,792.00	Recommended
Improvements to Raincliffe Park/Greenspace	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£30,000.00	Recommended
Saxton Garden Community Planters	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£1,800.00	Recommended
Improvements to Saxton Garden Parks/Greenspace	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£20,000.00	Recommended
Bilal Centre Defibrillator	Gipton & Harehills	£1,700.00	Recommended
Premier League Kicks	Gipton & Harehills	£20,000.00	Recommended
Dance On	Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft	£12,192.00	Recommended
4 Weeks Summer Camp	Gipton & Harehills	£5,000.00	Recommended
Kentmere Community Youth Theatre	Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft	£6,038.00	Recommended
Buses for Kidz Klub Central & Home Visiting Programme	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Harehills	£4,668.00	Recommended
Mini Breeze – Harehills Park	Gipton & Harehills	£3,650.00	Recommended
New Horizon Summer Youth Project	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill and Gipton & Harehills	£2,167.50	Recommended
Nowell Mount Community Youth Theatre	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£7,660.00	Recommended
Premier League Kicks	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£5,000.00	Recommended
Tasking Budget	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,000.00	Recommended
Cross Gates Over 60's Project	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£4,403.04	Recommended
Supporting our Young People to Manage Tomorrow	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£13,000.00	Recommended
Lincoln Greening Workshops	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£4,187.50	Recommended

Members received the following information:

- The current remaining balance of the Wellbeing Budget is £104,693.97. Table 1 provided a list of the projects funded so far 2021/22.
- Two projects had been declined since the last Community Committee on the 15th December 2021 and members were provided with the rationale for those decisions:
 - Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Football Coaching Programme

- International Women's Day
- Project monitoring information provided by the BSA Welcome Back Party delivered in the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward
- The remaining balance for the Youth Activity Fund is £51,361.14. The projects which had been supported were listed at Table 2.
- Table 3 listed the Small Grants and skips which have been requested. The remaining balances were noted as: Burmantofts and Richmond Hill £2,454.17, Gipton and Harehills £3,761.17 and Killingbeck and Seacroft £5,466.67. (a total of £11,682.01)
- The Tasking Budget showed a balance of £5,252.44 remaining
- Table 5 detailed the Capital projects with a remaining budget available of £85,659.69 with a ward breakdown as; Burmantofts and Richmond Hill - £27,031.76, Gipton and Harehills - £39,450.60, and Killingbeck and Seacroft - £19,177.33.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was detailed in Table 6. A remaining balance of £75,673.07 was available with the ward breakdown as follows; Burmantofts and Richmond Hill - £19,145.71, Gipton and Harehills - £33,511.65, and Killingbeck and Seacroft - £23,015.71.

RECOMMENDATION –

- a) To note details of the Wellbeing Budget (Table 1);
- b) To recommend approval to the Wellbeing funding proposals outlined above and detailed in Paragraph 20 – 37 of the report;
- c) To note details of Delegated Decision Notice (Paragraph 38);
- d) To note details of Declined Projects (Paragraph 39);
- e) To note details of Monitoring Information (Paragraph 40);
- f) To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2) Paragraph 43);
- g) To note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3) Paragraph 44);
- h) To note details of the Tasking Budget (Table 4) Paragraph 45);
- i) To note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) Paragraph 46);
- j) To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) Paragraph 47).

36 Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update of the work in which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The following matters were highlighted and discussed:

Queens Platinum Jubilee – Information was provided on planned celebrations and events, along with road closures and how to apply for funding to support events, including a poster at Appendix 1 to share.

Children and Families – The Youth Summit was planned for Autumn 2022, so that discussions would inform the budget spend for 2022/23. The report included a QR code to link to the YAF Consultation Survey to gather the views of and engage with young people prior to the Summit. A request to include the QR code on the Community Committee Facebook page was noted.

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care – Councillor Jenkins updated the Committee on Leeds’ “Marmot City” status to tackle inequality, focussing on young/early years so that people get the best start through good health and a longer life; and also focussing on the elderly so that they can eat well, get health checks and access a GP. It was noted that the presentation on Domestic Violence and Abuse planned for this meeting would be presented to the June Committee.

Councillor Hussain raised his concerns over the impact of poor housing in both the private rented sector and social housing on the long-term health of tenants, particularly children. Councillor Jenkins reported on the intention to roll-out Selective Licensing across the city – to register landlords and ensure Decent Home standards. The Committee noted comments on the shortage of social housing, the impact of funding cuts on the ability of local authorities to undertake works to LA homes, and the impact of the rise in the cost of living on private tenants. The Committee requested a report on Selective Licensing be brought to a future meeting.

Employment, Skills & Welfare – Members noted an increase in the number of Universal Credit claimants to 9,773 (from 5,658) during the March 2020 to November 2021 period. Councillor Grahame thanked officers for the successful bid to the Leeds Community Foundation for funding for the “Developing You” programme – a learning disabilities pre-employment project.

Environment & Community Safety – The report contained current case statistics provided by the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) and Serious and Acquisitive Crime Demand statistics submitted by West Yorkshire Police (WYP) for the three Inner East wards.

Sergeant Morrit discussed the comparative figures for each ward for the reporting periods of December 2021 – January 2022 and January 2022 – February 2022. Members noted the figures provided in the “Change column” required amendment. He reported the priorities for the three wards remain unchanged:

- Burmantofts & Richmond Hill – disrupt young people’s involvement in knife crime and street gangs
- Gipton & Harehills – improve community engagement, address street drinking and drug supply
- Killingbeck & Seacroft – address youth anti-social behaviour/misuse of motorcycles and to reduce the level of hate-based crime. Councillor Jenkins reported that the use of Smart Water was being considered to combat motorcycle misuse.

The Committee welcomed the proposed restructure of community policing teams which would deploy each team to one of three specific areas, the teams would provide cross boundary support to calls for assistance. Members also noted that the Crime Prevention Officer for the area had now moved to Bradford, however the South and West CPO’s would provide cover.

In response to a comment from Councillor Dye regarding the lack of statistics on Domestic Violence and Abuse in the report, Sgt Morrit clarified that any report of DV to WYP was reported straight to the WYP specialist Domestic Abuse Team for action, so the statistics would not show through LASBAT or the local policing team statistics. Members were concerned the lack of figures may give the wrong impression as they were aware that over 200 cases per week enter the “Front Door” process. Discussions with the Corporate DV team were proposed to identify whether any information could be made available for future reports.

Stuart Brown, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team provided the Committee with an overview of the top job requests by ward:

Fly tipping – 371 BRH – 121 G&H – 184 K&S - 64	Fly tipping Enforcement – 125 BRH – 62 G&H – 47 K&S - 16
Waste in Gardens – 125 BRH – 50 G&H – 55 K&S - 20	Bulky Waste collection – 262 BRH - 89 G&H – 70 K&S - 101
Litter – 63 BRH – 20 G&H – 35 K&S - 8	Road sweepinhg – 27 Housing Defects - 23

Dead Animals – 31. Stuart reported that staff were now trained to scan cats for their microchip so that owners can be identified and informed.

Dog fouling – in response to comments made during the Open Forum, Stuart reported 8 requests to deal with dog fouling in Killingbeck & Seacroft in the past three months and he offered to do a leaflet drop in the locality. Across the Inner East area, there had been a decrease in reports (636 2020/21 and 371 2021/22)

Commercial waste – 22 issues across the area were reported (BRH – 10; G&H – 11; K&S – 1) and the team had successfully brought an enforcement case against one business which resulted in a fine and costs being awarded.

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) – With the introduction of the BRH PSPO, the team had changed, there were now 11 Enforcement Officers covering the three wards with Harehills having a new 5-day team which carries out additional duties such as litter picking or targeting a specific locality to provide education – such as the Dorsets area – and this approach will continue until the source of the issue in that locality is found.

BRH – <i>the PSPO had been in place for one month:</i> Fixed Penalty Notices – 7 First Warnings – 50	Harehills – <i>the PSPO has been in place for some time:</i> Fixed Penalty Notices – 1 First Warnings – 65 Final Warnings – 15
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Stuart concluded the last quarter had been particularly busy as people returned to a more normal work routine. Additionally, as the team was now at 100% staffing and post-Covid Health & Safety risk assessments allowed the team to undertake more duties, a normal service would resume.

Members noted that the Team did take enforcement action against private addresses when provided with the necessary evidence. Stuart highlighted that it was particularly important that on finding a fly-tipping incident, people did not tamper with it or try to find evidence of an address in it, but reported it to eneaction@leeds.gov.uk as the appropriate email address to contact.

The Committee welcomed the updates provided.

RECOMMENDATION -

- a) To thank Stuart Brown and Sgt Morrit for their presentations.
- b) To note the contents of the update report and the Committee's discussions.

37 Dates, Times and Venue Report

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2022/23 municipal year.

The report advised that the Procedure Rules state that there shall be at least four ordinary or 'business' meetings of each Community Committee in each municipal year and that a schedule of meetings will be approved by each Community Committee. The report sought to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2022/23 on Thursday evenings whilst ensuring an even spread of Committee meetings throughout the forthcoming municipal year. The proposed dates were presented at paragraph 7 of the report.

RECOMMENDATION – To recommend approval to the following meeting dates for the next municipal year:

- Thursday 16 June 2022 at 6 pm
- Thursday 29 September 2022 at 6 pm
- Thursday 8 December 2022 at 6 pm
- Thursday 16 March 2022 at 6 pm