

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Amanda Carter in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, D Blackburn,
P Carlill, A Carter, A Forsaith and T Smith

43 **Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

44 **Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public**

There were no exempt items.

45 **Late Items**

There were no late items.

46 **Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interests were made at the meeting.

47 **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Dawn Seary. It was noted that Cllr Simon Seary had notified the Chair that he might be late to the meeting.

48 **Open Forum / Community Forum**

On this occasion no members of the public wished to speak at the open forum.

49 **Minutes - 8th November 2021**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021, be approved as a correct record.

50 **Matter Arising from the Minutes**

In relation to Minute No. 30 Open Form/ Community Forum and Minute No. 36 BD 3 Postcode Request Report

The Chair advised the Community Committee that the issues discussed in relation to the Sunnybank BD3 Postcode was now due to be considered by the Executive Board. It was noted that this is not a decision for the Council but it was hoped that the Royal Mail would also reconsider the issues faced by the residents in BD3 and look to change the postcode to a Leeds postcode.

51 **Outer West Community Committee Parks and Countryside Service Update Report**

The report of the Director of Communities, Housing and Environment provided Members with feedback on previous years Community Committee funded

projects. The report also provided information in relation to the changes to bedding and floral decoration in parks and greenspaces in the Outer West area.

At the request of the sub-committee chair the report also presented a proposal to instigate discussion about gardening resources in the Outer West area and provide suggestions on how the Outer West Community Committee might assist the service to the benefit of parks and green spaces in Farnley, Wortley, Pudsey, Calverley and Farsley.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Topsoil was to be dropped at Calverley Victoria Park to cover the hoof prints which had happened as a result of horses being let loose on the park.
- Roundabouts are now grassed areas. Mixed wildflower seed would be added in the Spring.
- The Parks and Countryside Team had met with Ward Councillors to discuss plans for the local parks in the Outer West area. It was noted that there would be no changes to cemeteries.

Responding to questions from Members the Community Committee were informed of the following:

- In relation to the Garden of Remembrance, Parks and Countryside were asked to keep the roses as these had been provided through voluntary donations. It was noted that these would be retained.
- The changes from floral bedding plants to wildflowers was not just a cost saving but would also encourage pollinators. Maintenance would be carried out of the wildflower areas with 30% of seed gathered for subsequent years and weeds such as nettles and thistles removed. The wildflower beds would provide colour in the parks until September.
- Litter picking would continue on the roundabouts. It was the view that the proposal for less manicured roundabouts would assist with climate change
- Members were advised that sponsorship of the roundabouts would continue.
- In relation to Western Flatts Park Members noted that the Parks and Countryside Team were working with Goundworks. Roses could be incorporated into the planting scheme with Ward Councillors consulted on planting options. Ward Members requested that the newly formed Friends of Western Flatts also be included in discussions
- Members welcomed the work that had been undertaken in Tyersal Park. Members asked if fruit bushes and bulbs could be planted. It was noted that the Parks Team did not have the funding for bulbs or fruit bushes. However, if Members wished to fund them the Team would plant and maintain them.
- It was noted that the upgrade for Hainsworth Park had been raised by crowd funding. Members were in support of the scheme and liked the proposals for the park. The work was due to start in March / April 2022. The work was due to be carried out by a separate organisation and

Members requested that Parks and Countryside ensure that the work does go ahead as planned and is of good quality. It was noted that Parks and Countryside had met with Groundworks and Members would be kept informed.

- Members welcomed the use of wildflowers. However, they did have concerns that the wildflower season was not a long one and wanted to ensure that the parks would look good throughout the seasons.
- It was recognised that some of the parks in the Outer West area had areas which were 'boggy' and Members wished to see these areas planted with appropriate plants and where necessary drainage issues addressed

The Parks Technical Officer, Phil Staniforth was in attendance at the meeting. The Chair advised Members that Phil was due to retire, she passed on the thanks of the Ward Councillors for all his hard work in the Outer West area and wished him a happy retirement. Members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

52 Outer West Community Committee - Anti-Social Behaviour

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships had been submitted at the request of the Outer West Community Committee to highlight localised issues facing the area wards in respect to anti-social behaviour. The report provided an opportunity for members to raise concerns within the Community Committee meeting, and share ideas on possible solutions to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.

The Chair had requested that this item be brought to the Community Committee. The Outer West area is currently suffering anti-social behaviour from quad bikes and off-road bikes, with them riding up and down Farsley Town Street, through Calverley Woods and along Woodhall Road between the golf clubs. They are causing damage and frightening residents. It was noted that meetings have taken place with a variety of council departments and partners.

It was acknowledged that this is not just an issue within the Calverley and Farsley ward. Farnley and Wortley and Pudsey have had similar issues in Sykes Woods and Fulneck.

In previous years the Community Committee had subsidised a scheme with the Police and Parkwatch to address similar issues which had been successful. However, it was noted that Parkswatch no longer operates as it did.

It was the view of Members that the individuals riding these vehicles were dangerous and they had concerns for the safety of residents, pedestrians and the riders themselves.

Calverley and Farsley Members had identified 2 places where barriers could be sited to stop the riders. It was noted that the Farnley and Wortley Members had requested barriers on land close to the Blue Hill Estate prior to lockdown. The Localities Officer said he would look into this matter and update the Ward Members.

The Chair offered to meet with Chief Superintendent Miller to see if a targeted response could be arranged.

53 RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the discussion.
Outer West 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 Budget for 2021/22.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Since the last meeting on the 8th, November 2021, 3 projects had been approved by DDN:
 - Pudsey Window Alarms - £385.00
 - Tyersal Tots - £1,173.69
 - Money Buddies Farsley - £1,816.00
- There is a remaining balance of £35,407.51 in the Wellbeing Fund. A breakdown of wellbeing projects was listed in Table 1
- Members approved 2 Wellbeing applications in relation to:
 - Parking Buddies Signs from the Communities Team (Commissioned Project) with the amount requested £3,292.50 Wards Covered: Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley
 - Money Buddies (Swinnow Community Centre for 5 Additional Sessions) from Money Buddies for £1,239.00 with match funding of £481.00 Wards Covered: Pudsey
- There is a remaining balance of £35,489.30 in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 2. There were no further applications to consider.
- Monitoring information had been received in relation to two projects, West Leeds Activity Centre and Outer West Youth Service Targeted Provision. This was set out at paragraphs 30-37 of the submitted report.
- Members were advised that the Small Grants and skips fund had a remaining balance of £19.06. Table 3 outlined the small grants and skips allocation. There were no further applications to consider.
- The Community Committee has a current Capital budget of £23,239 available to spend. Table 4 provided information on capital fund allocations.
- Table 5 of the submitted report provided the Community Committee with an up-to-date balance statement on the Outer West Covid 19 Discretionary Fund.

Member's discussions included:

- A request for monitoring of Money Buddies project held in Swinnow. Members were of the view that more sessions may be required at other locations in the Outer West area.
- The Parking Buddies project had been successful, although Members had concerns that they were difficult to move between the schools in the Outer West area.
- It was Members views that there should be an enhanced programme for Youth Activities this year, as the previous two years had seen many activities cancelled due to covid restrictions. However, there should be a caveat to this that the enhanced programme would only be for one year due to financial restrictions.
- Members suggested a meeting be arranged to discuss an enhanced programme for young people.

RESOLVED – That:

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) be noted
- b. Wellbeing applications for consideration and approval (Paragraphs 23-25) be approved
- c. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) be noted
- d. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3) be noted
- e. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4) be noted
- f. Details of the Covid-19 Discretionary Fund Budget (Table 5) be noted

54 2022/23 Ringfences and Applications Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships presented project applications received for the upcoming financial year 2022/23 that are able to commence at the start of the new financial year (April 1st, 2022). The report also provided the Outer West Community Committee with a list of projects that the Committee regularly approves on a yearly basis, for recommendation to ring-fence funds for the upcoming financial year 2022/23.

Members were requested to consider a list of applications received in relation to Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund for the financial year 2022-23, to commence from 1st April 2022.

Table 1 – Wellbeing Applications received for Financial Year 2022-23

Project Name	Organisation	Wards covered	Amount	Outcome
Calverley in Bloom 2022	Park & Countryside	Calverley & Farsley	£5,757.99	Approved
Farsley in Bloom 2022	Parks & Countryside	Calverley & Farsley	£3,049.60	Approved
New Farnley in Bloom 2022	Parks & Countryside	Farnley & Wortley	£1,000.00	Approved
Pudsey in Bloom 2022	Parks & Countryside	Pudsey	£5,151.79	Approved
Additional Gardener Recourse	Parks & Countryside	Calverley & Farsley / Farnley &	£14,114.00	Approved

		Wortley / Pudsey		
Pudsey Park Weekend Littering	Parks & Countryside	Pudsey	£1,183.30	Approved
Rock up to do a mockup	Building Futures Together	Calverley & Farsley / Farnley & Wortley / Pudsey	£12,000.00	Deferred for further information
Outdoor and Active	TCV Outdoors	Calverley & Farsley / Farnley & Wortley / Pudsey	£6,781.44	Approved

Table 2 - Youth Activity Fund Applications Considered for Financial Year 2022-23

Project Name	Organisation	Wards Covered	Amount	Outcome
Pudsey Youth Cafe	Pudsey Wellbeing Charity	Pudsey	£2,560.00	Approved
Pack Holiday Winmarleigh Hall	6 th Wortley Brownies	Farnley & Wortley	£1,050.00	Approved
Trip to Dorset	6 th Wortley Guides	Farnley & Wortley	£1,200.00	Approved
Farnley Youth Club	Youth Service	Farnley & Wortley	£3,000.00	Approved
Farnley Football Project	Youth Service	Farnley & Wortley	£1,000.00	Approved
Mini Summer Sports Programme	Youth Service	Calverley& Farsley / Pudsey / Farnley & Wortley	£720.00	Approved
Summer Holiday Targeted Provision	Youth Service	Calverley& Farsley / Pudsey / Farnley & Wortley	£1,500.00	Approved

Table 3 – Wellbeing Rolling Projects / Ring-fence Consideration for Financial Year 2022-23

Project Name	Organisation	Amount	Outcome
Small Grants and Skips	Internal Ring-fence	£5,000.00	Approved
Community Engagement	Internal Ring-fence	£1,000.00	Approved
Outer West CCTV	Leedswatch	£11,000.00	Approved
Calverley Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights	£2,704.00	Approved
Farsley Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights	£7,899.00	Approved
Pudsey Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights	£9,816.00	Approved
Rodley Christmas Lights	Leeds Lights	£1,494.00	Approved
Pudsey Carnival	Pudsey Carnival Committee	£2,600.00	Approved

Table 4 – Youth Activity Fund Rolling Projects / Ring-fence considerations for Financial Year 2022-23

Project Name	Organisation	Amount	Outcome
Youth Summit	Internal Ring-fence	£1,500.00	Approved
DAZL Outer West Programme	Dance Action Zone Leeds	£3,427.50	Approved
Andy's Youth Project	Youth Service	£2,400.00	Approved
Farsley Festival	Farsley Community Initiative	£4,350.00	Approved
Outer West Activity Programme	West Leeds Activity Centre	£6,600.00	Approved
Breeze	Mini Breeze x3	£10,948.50	Approved

Member's discussions included:

- The request that more monitoring was provided to them on the projects funded. They were interested in seeing how many people attended and the areas that people travelled from to access the projects. It was suggested that in future standard monitoring of previous projects could be included on the application forms.
- In relation to the Building Futures Together application, Members discussed this at length. They were of the view that they would like to meet with the organisation for further conversations about the project and who it was aimed at. Two of the Members had visited the organisation during the taster sessions and had found it inspirational.

RESOLVED – That

- a. Wellbeing applications for financial year 2022/23 (Table 1) be approved with the exception of Building Futures Together which was deferred for further information to be provided.

- b. YAF applications for financial year 2022/23 (Table 2) be approved
- c. Wellbeing ring-fences for financial Year 2022/23 (Table 3) be approved
- d. YAF ring-fences for financial Year 2022/23 (Table 4) be approved

55 Outer West Community Committee Update Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships presented a report which updated the Members of the Outer West Community Committee of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

It was acknowledged that this was a lengthy report with updates from all the teams that cover the Outer West area.

Members' attention was drawn to paragraph 167 of the report which outlined how the Communities Team are currently running an online Youth Activities Consultation, with the aim of engaging with young people between the ages of 8 and 17 years across the city. Members noted this was to provide the young people with a safe, anonymous way of voicing their opinion on future spend on youth activities. It was noted that in Outer West Leeds, a digital poster has been created and shared online on the Community Committee Facebook page, as well as mailing list contacts.

The survey link had been shared with Youth Services, school cluster groups, local youth groups and Scout and Guide contacts in the area.

The results of the online consultation will be shared with elected members at a future meeting and will inform spending priorities and decision on the Youth Activity Fund.

Members were also informed that the community committee support team has been promoting public schemes relating to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 via Facebook including the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme and the Let's Create Jubilee Fund. It was noted that the Outer West Community Committee had ringfenced £7,500 of wellbeing money to support the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee.

Member's discussions included:

- The need for feedback from the Youth Activities Consultation to include age, gender and postcode.
- The need to include all the Community Centres within the Outer West area in future update reports.

56 RESOLVED – To note the content of the report. Dates, Times and Venue Report

The City Solicitor submitted a report requesting Member's consideration on proposed dates and times for the Outer West Community Committee for municipal 2022 – 2023.

Members were informed that the proposed dates were set out at paragraph 7 of the submitted report. It was noted that the Community Committee currently meets on a Monday or a Wednesday at 1pm and the dates proposed reflected this pattern.

Members discussed the venue for meetings in 2022/23. Members were of the view that they wished to hold meetings in the Outer West area now that restrictions were being relaxed. However, they acknowledged that the webcasts through the pandemic had reached many residents. It was noted that the council was currently unable to facilitate the webcasting of meetings outside the Leeds Civic Hall. Members discussed the issues and requested that the Localities Team look at how this could be facilitated. It was suggested that this issue was also brought to the Community Committee Chairs Forum.

RESOLVED – To agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2022/23 municipal year as:

- Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 1:00pm
- Monday 5th September 2022 at 1:00pm
- Monday 7th November 2022 at 1:00pm
- Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 1:00pm

Cllr Forsaith left the meeting at 17:05 during this item.

The meeting concluded at 17:10