

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 28TH JULY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillor D Ragan in the Chair

Councillors S Arif, K Dye, R Grahame,
A Hussain, D Jenkins, A Khan and
K Maqsood

1 **Chairs Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that it was good to be back meeting in-person again.

2 **Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

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

3 **Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

4 **Late Items**

There were no formal late items. However, some supplementary information was distributed to members at the commencement of the meeting, in relation to additional wellbeing applications (minute no. 11 refers).

5 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests raised at the meeting.

6 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Drinkwater.

7 **Open Forum**

On this occasion, no written submissions had been received.

8 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021, be approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Minute 70 – Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy. A brief update was provided in relation to 'flexi buses' in the Outer East area, and how that service will operate. The Community Committee were informed that representations had been put forward for the service to include areas within Gipton and Harehills. Additionally, it was confirmed that several buses will be operating within the Inner East area from September 2021, 7 am until 7 pm with approximately 14 drivers. A suggestion was made to invite a representative, to provide a service update.

Minute 71 – Update Report. Members requested that an update be provided from the CEO at Leeds Gypsy and Traveller Exchange, on their streams of work. In addition to this, the Chair requested that an invitation also be extended to the Chief Officer Housing (LCC) to provide an update on the Councils strategy on working with Gypsies and Travellers.

9 Community Committee Appointments 2021/22

The report of the City Solicitor noted the appointment of Cllr D Ragan as Chair of the Community Committee for 2021/22 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and also invite the Committee to make appointments to those positions detailed in section 6 and the appendices.

The Community Committee made the following appointments:

Organisation / Outside Body	No. of Places	Appointment
Chapelton Citizens Advice Bureau	1	Cllr K Maqsood
Richmond Hill Elderly Action	1	Cllr D Ragan
Seacroft / Manston Cluster	1	Cllr D Jenkins
Inner East Cluster	2	Cllr D Ragan & Vacancy
2Gether Cluster	1	Vacancy
Inner East Local Housing Advisory Panel	2	Cllr D Ragan & Cllr K Maqsood
Outer East Local Housing Advisory Panel	2	Cllr D Jenkins & Cllr K Dye
Seacroft, Crossgates and York Road LCP	2	Cllr D Jenkins (Killingbeck and Seacroft) & Cllr D Ragan (York Rd)
Chapelton and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill LCP	1	Cllrs A Hussain and D Ragan
Children’s Services Champion	1	Cllr D Ragan
Environment Champion	1	Cllr D Ragan
Community Safety Champion	1	Cllr D Ragan
Employment, Skills and Welfare Champion	1	Cllr R Grahame
Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Champion	1	Cllr D Jenkins
Corporate Parenting Board	1	Cllr D Ragan

Members acknowledged there were 2 vacant spaces for the Inner East Cluster and the 2Gether Cluster. It was agreed these positions would be considered at a future Community Committee meeting.

RESOLVED –

- a) To agree the appointments as set out above and to note the appointment of Cllr D Ragan as Chair of the Inner East Community Committee
- b) To note the intention to re-visit appointments to the Clusters as referenced above

10 Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided an opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The report also requested Members to make nominations to each of the Inner East Community Committee subgroups for 2021/22.

Members discussed the following matters:

- The Green Garden Guardian Scheme – there has been 13 referrals for assistance with gardens for vulnerable tenants.
- Seacroft Wombles – the group have almost 200 members and their work is having a visual impact on the local community.
- A tenant’s group on the Poole Estate – the neighbourhood group has enabled people to come together on a range of local issues through social media.
- East Leeds Academy – the school have won ‘School of the Year’ in the UK Parliament’s annual awards due to their passion for environmental issues and community transformation.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report, and appointments to the following sub-groups:

Inner East Environment and Community Safety Sub Group 2021		
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward	Gipton & Harehills Ward	Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward
Cllr D Ragan	Cllr A Hussain	Cllr K Dye

Inner East Children and Young Peoples Sub Group 2021		
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Ward	Gipton & Harehills Ward	Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward
Cllr D Ragan	Vacancy	Cllr K Dye

11 Inner East Community Committee - Finance 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 Paragraph 14 of the report, presented the minimum conditions in relation to delegated decisions. The Committee were invited to review and consider whether any changes were required to the minimum conditions. Members were of the view that no changes were required for this coming year.

Prior to the meeting, members received details of additional wellbeing applications. Details of those applications were published following the meeting, and were agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
Money Buddies	Killingbeck & Seacroft and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£15,189 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Friday Youth Hub	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£5,720 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Lincoln Green Park Play	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,500 (YAF)	Agreed
Summer Youth Project	Gipton & Harehills	£1,691 (YAF)	Agreed
Bridging the Gap	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£3,240 (CIL)	Agreed
Small Hall Refurbishment	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,000 (CIL)	Agreed

The projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
Gipton & Harehills Football Project	Gipton & Harehills	£4,000 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Community Learning and Participation Programme	Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft and Burmantofts and Richmond Hill	£2,800 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Summer Activities 2021	Gipton and Harehills	£4,000 (YAF)	Agreed
Youth Activities 2021	Gipton and Harehills	£4,000 (YAF)	Agreed
Summer Programme 2021	Gipton and Harehills	£4,000 (YAF)	Agreed
This Is Me	Gipton and Harehills	£4,000 (YAF)	Agreed

Heater Installation	Gipton and Harehills	£2,000 (Capital	Agreed
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Members were informed of the following points:

- A number of projects that had been considered by Delegated Decision since the last Inner East Community Committee on the 17th March 2021.
- Projects that have been declined since the last Community Committee on the 17th March 2021.
- Members considered the small grants and skips allocation to be ring fenced at £17,000.00 and allocation by ward was agreed as follows – Burmantofts and Richmond Hill: £5,666.67, Killingbeck and Seacroft: £5,666.66 and Gipton and Harehills: £5,666.67.
- Members were asked to consider the tasking allocation to be ring fenced at £9,000 and allocation by ward was agreed as follows - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill: £3,000, Killingbeck and Seacroft: £3,000 and Gipton and Harehills: £3,000.
- Members were asked to consider ring fencing £3,600 to support Community Engagement Activities and allocations by ward was agreed as follows - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill: £1,200, Killingbeck and Seacroft: £1,200 and Gipton and Harehills: £1,200.
- Members were asked to consider ring fencing the following – Gipton and Harehills Christmas Lights Activities £15,000, Gipton and Harehills Greener Gipton Campaign £3,000 and Gipton and Harehills Bonfire Night Activities £4,000.
- The remaining Youth Activities Fund balance stood at £105,192.64 and projects were set out at Table 2 of the submitted report.
- The remaining Capital Budget 2021/22 balance stood at £81,718.80 and projects were outlined at Table 6 of the submitted report.
- The remaining Community Infrastructure Levy balance stood at £80,838.06 and projects were outlined in Table 7 of the submitted report.

Members discussed the following matters:

- Clarity on the location of where sessions for the Community Learning and Participation Programme were being delivered. The Chair requested that the location and time of where projects are being delivered, is to be identified at the outset of the bidding process.
- The Committee emphasised the importance of ensuring the public are aware that projects are funded through the Inner East Community Committee and highlighted the effectiveness of promoting via social media. Additionally, members were encouraged to partake in photo opportunities when projects in the community are being delivered.

RESOLVED – To note and approve:

- a) Details of the ‘minimum conditions’ for delegated decisions (Paragraph 14 of the submitted report)
- b) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c) The projects as set out above

- d) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision
- e) Details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2)
- f) Details of Skips and Wards Pots (Table 4)
- g) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 6)
- h) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 7)

12 Community Committee Youth Activity Fund Consultation Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with the background and context on the decision not to have a youth summit in 2020/21.

The report provided the Community Committee with an update on the Youth Activity Fund consultation with children and young people. The consultation had been held with the aim to inform the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund spend for the 2021/22 financial year.

It had been the plan to deliver the Youth Summits virtually this year, to ensure that events could still go ahead even with Covid restrictions. However, with the lockdown in December 2020, and with schools closed until 8th March 2021, even virtual Youth Summits were not possible. Therefore, it was proposed that an online consultation survey would be produced to capture feedback on how children and young people wished to see the Youth Activity Fund spend in their area.

The consultation survey was promoted from Monday 15th February 2021 until Friday 30th April. Promotion of the survey was publicised widely across the Inner East Community Committee area, and information was posted on the Community Committee Facebook page, and publicity sent out to school & cluster contacts, youth groups and other funded organisations that work with young people.

The Inner East Community Committee received 289 responses to the Youth Activity Fund survey.

The survey recorded that children and young people from the Inner East Community Committee area suggested the following:

- Activities to be offered in venues such as community centres, youth clubs and sport centres as well as activities delivered outdoors.
- Activities to take place after school, in the evenings and on the weekend with some holiday camps.
- Activities are inclusive of friendship groups and refreshments are available and supported by good quality staff.
- Popular activities included, Sport Clubs such as Rugby and Football, Youth Club based activity, Cooking and Dance.

Member's discussed the following matters:

- To ensure children with disabilities are not excluded from the survey responses.

- To receive a breakdown in relation to the number of survey responses per ward – it was confirmed this will be provided to members outside of the meeting.
- To consider appointing children from each ward to the Children and Young Peoples Sub Group – it was confirmed that the Inner West Community Committee have recruited young people to gain representation from young people, and methods on how they did that, will be fed back to members.

RESOLVED – To note:

- a) Reflections from the last 12 months during the pandemic.
- b) Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey.
- c) That the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2021/22.
- d) That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity fund consultation survey.
- e) That the Communities Team arrange a physical Youth Summit with young people this financial year, 2021/22 and that this informs the Youth Activity Fund spend for 2022/23.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed sources of work for the Inner East Community Committee for the 2021/22 municipal year. The following had been discussed:

- To consider seeking representatives to join the Inner East Community Committee, to provide updates on projects that are happening in the Community Committee area. Particularly in relation to environmental projects.
- To receive an update at a future Community Committee meeting on the position of a climate hub in the Killingbeck & Seacroft ward.
- To receive an update on a piece of work carried out by Leeds Beckett University in relation to Leeds ABCD work.
- For a member briefing to be arranged in liaison with the Chief Officer Safer Stronger Communities, LASBT and various sectors on a range of anti-social behaviour issues in the Community Committee area.

13 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 5 pm.

(The meeting concluded at 15:00)