

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 5TH JULY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor I Wilson in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, K Brooks, E Flint,
A Garthwaite, A Hannan, J Heselwood,
A Marshall-Katung and J Pryor

1 **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the meeting, with particular reference to Councillors A Hannan and J Heselwood who were attending the meeting as Committee Members for the first time. This followed their recent appointment to the Committee as Councillors for Headingley & Hyde Park Ward and Weetwood Ward respectively.

The Chair also provided those in attendance with a brief overview of the Committee's role across the communities it covers, and invited Members and officers to introduce themselves.

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

It was confirmed that there were no appeals received ahead of the meeting for consideration.

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

There was no information contained within the agenda which was designated as being exempt from publication.

4 **Late Items**

There were no formal late items of business, however, with the agreement of the Chair, supplementary information had been circulated to Members ahead of the meeting in the form of further funding applications for determination as part of agenda item 10 (Finance Report). Minute No. 11 refers.

5 **Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests declared at the meeting.

6 **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence from the meeting had been submitted.

7 **Minutes - 29th March 2023**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

8 **Appointments to Community Committees 2023/24**

The City Solicitor submitted a report that invited the Committee to note the appointment of Councillor Wilson as Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee for 2023/24 as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting, and

which also invited the Committee to make appointments to Outside Bodies and a range of other positions, as detailed within the report.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the appointment of Councillor Wilson as Chair of the Community Committee for the duration of 2023/24, as agreed at the recent Annual Meeting of Council, be noted;
- (b) That the Committee’s schedule of appointments be agreed as follows:

Organisation/Outside Body/Role	No. of Places / Suggested No/ of Places	Agreed Appointment(s) for 2023/24
Outside Bodies		
Cardigan Centre	1	Cllr K Brooks
Ireland Wood Children’s Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr E Flint
Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee	1	Cllr J Heselwood
Clusters		
Extended Services North West Cluster	2	Cllr E Flint
Local Housing Advisory Panel (LHAP)		
Inner North West LHAP	3	Cllr J Akhtar (Little London & Woodhouse)
		Cllr A Hannan (Headingley & Hyde Park)
		Cllr I Wilson (Weetwood)
Local Care Partnerships (LCPs)		
Holt Park & Woodsley LCP	1	Cllr K Brooks / Cllr A Marshall-Katung
Leeds Student Medical Practice LCP	1	Cllr J Akhtar
Community Committee Themed ‘Champions’		
Children’s Services	1	Cllr J Pryor
Environment & Community Safety	1	Cllr J Akhtar
Employment, Skills & Welfare	1	Cllr K Brooks

Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care	1	Cllr A Marshall-Katung
Corporate Parenting Board	1	Cllr J Pryor

9 Vision Zero

The Team Leader for Safe and Sustainable Travel submitted a report which aimed to introduce and provide a wider understanding of the recently adopted Vision Zero strategy including its aims, its action plan and an overview of the range of ongoing workstreams that fed into its development. In setting out its aims, the Committee noted the strategy's ambition that by 2040 no one is killed or seriously injured on roads in Leeds.

Rosie Revell, Team Leader for Safer and Sustainable Travel together with Chris Kirby, Assistant Transport Planner, were in attendance to introduce the report and also provide further detail on the introduction of the 'Leeds City Bikes' e-bike hire service, which it was noted was due to launch in Leeds in September 2023.

As part of the consideration of this report, the Chair facilitated a wider discussion on this topic with members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

Following an introduction from attending officers on both the Vision Zero strategy and the 'Leeds City Bikes' scheme, the Chair opened the discussion up to both Committee Members and also members of the public to provide comments and raise any questions. In summary, the key points from those discussions included the following:

- The relationship and interaction between pedal bikes and e-bikes on the highway, and how cyclists generally interacted with both pedestrians and other road users. The issues arising both in the city centre and wider communities were highlighted. In response, the comments and concerns were acknowledged, with the Committee being provided with an overview of the range of actions ongoing in this area;
- The meeting discussed the aims of the 'Leeds City Bikes' initiative, the scheme's delivery timeframe and the intended participants and the potential impact it would have on travel habits. Also, responding to an enquiry about the provision of family-friendly e-bikes, it was acknowledged that although the 'Leeds City Bikes' scheme would not provide for that at present, the comments raised were noted for further consideration and the potential alternatives for family friendly e-bike provision discussed;
- The need to ensure that there was adequate provision for secure bike parking and storage in the city centre was highlighted and discussed;
- Noting the comments made about what support there was for those who were reliant on car use, such as those with a disability, further

information was provided on the actions being taken in this area across the range of ongoing initiatives;

- Reference was made to the effective use of the actions that can be taken to improve behaviour of cyclists, including education and also enforcement, via initiatives such as ‘Operation Snap’;
- The importance of a proactive and preventative approach towards road safety, including enforcement around the illegal use of e-scooters and the dangerous use of e-bikes, was highlighted. In response it was undertaken that such matters would be highlighted with West Yorkshire Police;
- Concerns were raised about a number of specific highways and junctions including Headingley Mount, and the need to ensure that those areas became more cycle-friendly. The comments made were acknowledged, with it being noted that they would be fed into the data being compiled. Specifically regarding the issues experienced with Headingley Mount and the surrounding area, officers undertook to feed back further information to local Ward Councillors;
- The dangers of car users speeding and ‘pavement parking’ were raised, and the actions which were being taken to address these problems were discussed. The importance of enforcement in this area was highlighted to encourage behaviour change;
- The delivery of ‘school streets’ was highlighted and the successes achieved by this initiative so far, with it being noted that any further take up by interested schools and communities in the ‘school streets’ initiative would be welcomed;
- As a result of discussions, Officers from Safer and Sustainable Travel accepted an invitation to discuss Vision Zero and road safety at a meeting of Monk Bridge Residents’ Association and also to attend a meeting of residents at the request of a Weetwood Ward Councillor.

In conclusion, the Chair thanked all for their participation in the discussion and invited members of the public to raise any further related comments or questions they had with their local Ward Councillors, which would be fed into the relevant Council service. Finally, the Chair undertook to refer key points arising from the discussion into the work being undertaken on Vision Zero by the Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth Scrutiny Board scheduled for the coming months.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report, together with the associated presentation on the Council’s Vision Zero Strategy and Action Plan, be noted;
- (b) That the comments made during the discussion at the meeting, be noted.

(During the consideration of this item Cllr J Pryor left the meeting, whilst Cllr J Akhtar left the meeting at the conclusion of this item)

10 Update Report

The Committee received a report which provided an update on the key activities being undertaken by the Communities Team based upon the priorities identified by the Community Committee. In presenting the report, it provided the Committee with an opportunity to discuss or seek further information on the range of actions currently being undertaken.

In presenting the report, the Localities Officer provided the Committee with an update on the provision of 'Play Streets' in the area, with it being noted that one event had been delivered on Farrar Lane on 31st May, with a further event scheduled for Johnston Street at the end of July. Should there be any communities interested in having a 'Play Street' event in their area, it was suggested any interested parties contact their local Ward Councillors or the Localities team for further information.

Regarding the CCTV data referenced within the report, regarding the prevalent issue of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the area, it was noted that the statistics had only captured one incident of ASB between November 2022 and April 2023. In response, it was undertaken that this matter would be investigated further.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the submitted report, be noted.

11 Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report that set out the overall delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to note the latest position, as submitted, and determine the funding applications contained within the report. The report also invited the Committee to review the 'Minimum Conditions' which would need to be satisfied prior to an officer delegated decision being undertaken in between Community Committee meetings in relation to the determination of funding applications.

Further to Minute No. 4, following the despatch of the agenda, with the agreement of the Chair, supplementary information was circulated to Members ahead of the meeting in the form of further funding applications for determination.

The projects set out in the report were discussed and determined as follows:-

Wellbeing Revenue Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Hyde Park Unity Day	£6,976	Approved in principle, pending the outcome from a meeting with event organisers (scheduled for 7 th July 2023)
West Yorkshire Police: Operation Mineral	£1,900	Approved
Inner North West Community	£1,515	Approved

Committee Commissioned Project: Room Hire Charges for Community Venues to Support Money Buddies Sessions		
Leedswatch CCTV Cameras Maintenance Costs for 2023/24	£7,000	Approved
Leedswatch CCTV Cameras Maintenance Costs for 2022/23 for 4 Cameras	£4,000	Approved
Cardio Cricket	£1,000	Approved

Youth Activity Fund Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Jungle Kids	£4,000	Declined
Luttrell Children's Home	£1,500	Approved
Leeds City Council Youth Service: Standing Proud Youth Club	£2,620	Approved
Headingley Lit Fest: Poetry in Primary Schools	£2,800	Approved
Out There: Trans and Non-Binary Active	£9,087	Approved in principle, for the sum of £5,000 - £6,000 pending the outcome from a meeting with event organisers regarding the delivery of the event.

Small Grants & Skips Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Community Theatre Project: 'She Is...'	£485	Approved
Community Tennis Project: Woodhouse Moor	£165	Approved
Inner North West Community Committee Commissioned Project: Fun in the Park (HHP Group)	£620	Approved
Inner North West Community Committee Commissioned Project: Ireland Wood Summer Event & 2 Activity Days with Food	£915	Approved

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Projects		
Project Title	Amount Requested	Decision
Little London Food	£4,337	Approved

Pantry Container		
The Hollies Tennis Courts	£2,100	Approved

In conclusion, the Chair highlighted that should members of the community require any further information on the projects which have been discussed or should there be any interest in potential support being provided for the delivery of community based projects in the future, then enquiries should be directed to local Ward Councillors or the Localities team for further information.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (b) That having considered the funding applications submitted to the Committee, all applications, as referenced within the submitted report and the supplementary information circulated, be determined as set out in the minute above;
- (c) That the ‘Minimum Conditions’ which would need to be satisfied prior to an officer delegated decision being undertaken in between Community Committee meetings with regard to the determination of funding applications, as set out in paragraph 13 of the submitted report, be agreed for operation in 2023/24;
- (d) That the monitoring information of the projects funded by the Community Committee, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted;
- (e) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (f) That the details of the Small Grants & Skips budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (g) That details of the Capital budget position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted;
- (h) That details of Community Infrastructure Levy position, as set out within the submitted report, be noted.

12 Open Forum

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members of the public to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

Provision of Parking Permits – Ash Road

A resident of Ash Road highlighted the ongoing parking related issues being experienced in this area and sought an update regarding the provision of a parking permit scheme. In response, it was noted that a period of consultation had been undertaken and the dialogue was ongoing to determine next steps.

Meanwood Junction / Monk Bridge Road

Responding to comments raised regarding the process undertaken to ensure that effective crossing provision is delivered as part of any proposals, the Committee received an update on the current position, with it being highlighted that the local community, including the local Residents' Association were encouraged to continue to be involved in any further engagement processes taking place.

Traffic Measures – Meanwood

Responding to a Meanwood resident's enquiry about the strategy in place to ensure a correct balance was struck to meet the needs of local residents whilst at the same time acknowledging that the area is significantly used by 'through traffic', the Committee received an update on the actions being taken in this area including the use of external funding and the importance of the local community's involvement in such matters.

Pedestrians – Issues faced when Crossing Roads

With specific reference to Headingley Mount, given the increasing streams of traffic on the highway, with bike lanes, car traffic and the upcoming introduction of the e-bike scheme, and the fact that all were travelling at different speeds, an enquiry was made about how this made crossing such roads more challenging for pedestrians. In response, information was provided on how such matters were being taken into consideration, such as the use of specific traffic lights for bike users in some circumstances.

Disabled Parking Provision – Tinshill Top Park

Responding to an enquiry regarding the provision of disabled parking at Tinshill Top Park, it was undertaken that the matter would be looked into further.

'School Streets'

Regarding the 'School Streets' initiative, it was suggested that Ireland Wood Primary School may be an appropriate location for this initiative in the future. In response, it was highlighted that any expressions of interest in the scheme would be welcomed and considered.

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the committee was 6.00pm on 27th September 2023.

In terms of a venue, it was noted that whilst the venue details were still to be confirmed, it would be held in the Little London and Woodhouse Ward, and that once confirmed, the venue details would be publicised, as appropriate.

(The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.)