

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Amanda Carter in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, P Carlill, A Carter,
A McCluskey, D Seary, S Seary,
M Swards and T Smith

29 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

30 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There were no exempt items.

31 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

32 Declaration of Interest

No interests were raised.

33 Apologies For Absence

No apologies were received.

34 Open Forum / Community 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.

No matters were raised.

35 Minutes of the previous meeting - 4th September 23

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday, 4th September 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 21 – LeedsWatch cameras. A number of incidents were referred to in the Farnley and Wortley ward regarding anti-social behaviour associated with bins being set on fire. Concerns were raised regarding cameras being monitored and the relevant parties not being informed of such incidents. Members expressed the importance of incidents being reported to the police and ward members being kept informed. A suggestion was made that the Outer West Community Committee write to the Safer Leeds partnership. A suggestion was also made that there is a possibility for incidents to be reported at PACT meetings.

Minute No.22 – Outer West Community Committee – Finance Report. It was noted that information has not been fully received regarding the organisation The Music Box regarding their applications they have submitted.

Minute No.25 – Missed Collections Update. Further to a suggestion made at the previous meeting regarding recovery data being added to missed bin reports, it was noted that no update has been received regarding this.

Minute No.26 – Leeds Safe Roads Vision Zero Update. A member commented on the number of incidents that have occurred in the Calverley ward and suggested that a workshop be arranged to tackle issues associated with speeding, in conjunction with West Yorkshire Police, Highways and elected members.

36 Outer West Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships presented a report that provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget for 2023/24.

Projects as outlined in the submitted report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
Summer Bands in Leeds Parks 2024	Leeds International Concert Season	All	£3,300 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Adult Choir	The Music Box	Pudsey	£2,455 (Wellbeing)	Defer for further information
Youth Choir	The Music Box	Pudsey	£3,255 (YAF)	Defer for further information
Environmental Improvements at Owlcotes Road	Housing Leeds	Pudsey / Calverley and Farsley	£3,350 (Capital)	Approved
15 Additional / replacement bins in Pudsey	Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team	Pudsey	£3,750 (Capital)	Approved (minus the 3 additional bins)
3 additional / replacement bins – Calverley and Farsley	Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team	Calverley and Farsley	£750 (Capital)	Approved
Wellbeing Space Project	Lancasterian School Room &	Farnley and Wortley	£4,620 (CIL)	Approved

	Flower in Bloom			
Pudsey Fartown Lower Hall Project	Pudsey Community Project	Pudsey / Calverley and Farsley	£34,000 (CIL)	Approved part of the money in principle (£10,000 from Pudsey ward)

The following was highlighted:

- Wellbeing Budget 2023/24. It was noted there is a remaining balance of £26,961.78.
- No applications have been declined since the previous Community Committee meeting on 4th September 2023.
- YAF Fund Position 2023/24. It was noted there is a remaining balance of £6,865.70.
- A YAF application for consideration, Outer West area activity programme for 2023/24 has been withdrawn and no longer for consideration.
- Small Grants & Skips Budget 2023/24. There is a remaining balance of £-97.48.
- Capital Budget 2023/24. There is an overall remaining balance of £17,463.69. A breakdown per ward was provided.
- CIL Budget 2023/24. There is a remaining overall balance of £193,828.10. A breakdown per ward was provided.

The following was discussed:

- Further to applications submitted from the organisation The Music Box, members requested that clarity is received with the organisation regarding their applications and finances. Concerns were raised regarding the amount of money requested from the organisation over a number of application, and further information is required before a decision can be taken. The Chair acknowledged different mechanisms for applying for grants.
- Regarding the withdrawal of the project for Outer West area activity programme for 2023/24, it was suggested that further work be done with the Youth Service to identify a number of young people to engage in activities where this is a gap in provision. Particularly in terms of lower cost and accessible activities.
- It was agreed that finances relating to the Environmental Improvements at Owlcoates Road project will be split between Pudsey and Calverley and Farsley wards.
- Further to a request from Councillor Swards regarding the project for 15 additional/replacement bins in Pudsey, Pudsey Ward Members agreed to not buy an additional 3 bins so that Farnley and Wortley Ward Members can submit locations for new bins in the Farnley and Wortley ward.

- Farnley and Wortley Ward Members commented on the much needed improvements to Lancasterian School Room to develop a wellbeing space for the community.
- Further to the project for Pudsey Fartown Lower Hall Project, Calverley and Farsley Ward Members acknowledged that there are no funds remaining in their CIL budget, and the importance of such a project. Pudsey Ward Members explained they had already previously approved £25,000 towards the lease of Pudsey Parish Church and were happy to put towards a contribution to the project, but not the full amount. It was agreed that a sum of £10,000 is approved in principle (Pudsey ward), subject to a meeting with the organisation and Outer West Community Committee members.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1).
- b) Consider application as outlined above.
- c) Note details of the YAF position (Table 2).
- d) Note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3).
- e) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4).
- f) Note details of the CIL Budget (Table 5).
- g) Note the intention to discuss further with The Music Box and Pudsey Community Project regarding their applications and finances.

37 Outer West 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 is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides an opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The report also provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings, and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champion roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

The following was discussed:

- Cleaner Neighbourhood Team are working to clear Flooding Hotspots.
- Further to recent anti-social behaviour associated issues at Farnley, and bins being set on fire, it was noted that individuals have been identified and it will be up to the police to act. Members praised the cleansing department in responding to the issues. Further to a comment regarding stronger action being taken in terms of intervention work with Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), it was requested that the Outer West Community Committee write to Safer Leeds and request such intervention work in an attempt to tackle the issues.
- In terms of reporting issues, a member commented that not many people report issues due to the lengthy waits by calling 101 and suggested that the website to report issues be promoted.

- To receive an update on the number of empty properties in the Outer West Community Committee area, as well as the properties removed from the rent roll.
- A member commented on the length of time taken for funds to be released for the new playground at Western Flats. It is anticipated that completion will take 12 weeks, and the importance of this being completed in a timely fashion was noted. A comment was made regarding conditions at the planning application stage needing to be stricter in terms of the release of S106 monies.
- In terms of the Youth Summit, it was noted that the take-up of children is not high, and members were asked to provide details of any schools / children wanting to partake. It is confirmed that there is currently a decrease in numbers from the previous event.
- The Chair discussed the review of Champion roles and commented on the expansion of such a role.

RESOLVED – To note the update and comments made during discussion of this item.

38 Lifelong Learning Update

Esther Bissell and Fiona Chapel (Leeds University Community and Partnerships Team) attended the meeting, and provided the Outer West Community Committee with a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- What the centre offer and the learning opportunities available to adults to undertake courses and a degree, particularly those who haven't been provided with similar opportunities in their life.
- The centre run their own degrees and courses, as well as providing pre-entry support.
- Esther and Fiona work in the Community and Partnership Team and provide useful advice to adults around the university and what it can offer. Community engagement aims to widens opportunities for adults to be able to access higher education.
- Key messages are shared in relation to adults being able to attend university at any stage in their life, and there is no 'standard' route for adults to access higher education. Myth busting has been undertaken around entry requirements, such as not needing a lot of A-Levels and GCSEs.
- The centre is keen to continue working with community groups to get them onboard and provide relevant taster sessions, as well as webinars to help people more informed decisions about higher education opportunities. It was noted that taster sessions are tailored to groups and individuals.
- The centre has two accredited advice and guidance workers that have a good knowledge of what is going on in the city regarding education and can provide 1:1 advice.
- An overview of full-time foundation years and part-time foundation years.

- There is a student volunteering hub at the university.
- The Jumpstart taster session lasts 8 weeks for people to 'try out' university. It was noted that anybody with GCSE's as highest qualification can attend this course. The centre will also provide people with transport tickets and food to help as much as possible.
- The centre also works with sixth form and schools.

The Committee discussed the following:

- The professional studies degree is popular amongst people. However, there is a wide range of courses for people to choose from and once people understand their choices, they're able to access anything they want to. The centre will guide people towards anything they want to and try and overcome any 'myths' and barriers people may think they have.
- The centre engages through community groups and different networks across the city. The centre is keen to explore further contacts and asked members to provide any contact details for groups and individuals.
- It is anticipated that there will be changes to lifelong learning entitlement in 2025. However, it was confirmed that funding for adults works in the same way as it does teenagers. Leeds has specific funding options that people may qualify and apply for in terms of childcare etc.
- Members can get involved by sharing messages on social media and any community groups they are in contact with. This is particularly important for people to be aware that the centre exists and provides people with options they may not know exist.
- The centre work closely with employment departments in the council and attend job fairs and other similar events. The centre is keen to attend more events and be made aware of any.

The Chair thanked the Community and Partnerships Team for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the presentation provided by the Community Outreach Team and discussions during consideration of this item.

39 **Date and time of the next meeting**

The Chair requested that another meeting be scheduled shortly after the February Community Committee meeting to discuss budgets for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Note the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday, 14th February 2024 at 1pm. Venue TBC.
- b) Request that a meeting be scheduled following the February 2024 meeting to discuss budgets for the Outer West Community Committee 2024/25 municipal year.

The meeting ended at 14:30.