

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor A Hannan in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, E Flint, T Goodall,
J Heselwood, J Pryor and I Wilson

13 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

14 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

15 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 10 – Finance Report. This had been published and circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

16 Declaration of Interests

No declaration of interests were made at the meeting.

17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Brooks and Marshall-Katung. It was noted that Cllr Pryor would be arriving late to the meeting.

18 Minutes - 17th July 2024

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2024, be approved as a correct record.

19 Presentation and Discussion Topic - Young People

The discussion topic for the meeting was Young People the Future of the Inner North West.

Several organisations and projects working with young people in the area had been invited to the meeting to lead a discussion on their work with the involvement from young people.

Hyde Park Football Club.

- This club had been formed 8 years ago for young people to join in football training and matches and other sporting activities. It was noted that everyone is welcome, and nobody was ever turned away.
- The Committee heard from several of the young people who attend the club to play football and from volunteers at the club. Some of their comments included:
 - The club has helped them make friends.

- Has built confidence.
- Provided somewhere to gain experience in refereeing.
- Get involved with the community.
- The club is run by volunteers, and they would welcome more volunteers especially those with sporting skill sets such as trainers and referees.
- The club has recently been able to secure a pitch so that they can hold training sessions and matches.
- The Committee heard that at a recent presentation event around 300 young people and their parents had attended.
- The club had won trophies and had been runners up in nominated awards for the last 2 years. It was the view that the club had helped put Hyde Park on the map.

Youth Service

- Two youth workers attended the meeting and explained the difficulties that they had when first organising youth sessions in the area. They told of the wariness that the young people had about authority figures at first and how they had managed to overcome that mistrust.
- They told of the links that they had made with other groups in the area and how they had challenged the inappropriate behaviour of the young people and explained the difference that it had made to addressing anti-social behaviour in the area.
- They now had around 68 young people coming to the Cardigan Centre youth club and provided different activities for them with examples given of trips undertaken to the West Leeds Activity Centre and a visit to the Kirkstall Fire Station.
- Members were told of a situation when there had been no canteen support to offer snacks for the attendees at Cardigan Centre and some of the young people had stepped up and offered to assist. They had enjoyed the experience, and the service was now looking to see if there were any food hygiene courses for them to attend.
- Activities provided by the Cardigan Centre ranged from discussions, sports, and music. There had also been a 4-week programme delivered by an outside organisation on the 'Glorification of Gangs' this had been paid for by the Community Committee and the Youth Service thanked the Committee for their support to deliver this programme.
- The Youth Workers said that over the summer the numbers of people attending had dropped off, but many were now coming back.
- The Youth Service provision had helped to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area by making the young people aware of the consequence of their actions. The Youth Workers said they would be out on bonfire night to speak to young people who were involved in anti-social behaviour involving fireworks, as this was of particular concern for people living in the area.

Gateway Youth Club

- The Gateway Youth Club is run by volunteer staff from the Gateway Church. It is a small club but have 7 regular attendees. It is located

close to the Leeds City Academy and has capacity for 20 young people.

- It is a safe space that young people can come to twice a week to play sports, board games, and talk and the club always put the young people first. They have had positive feedback from the parents of children who attend.
- The youth club have offered trips to the Lazerzone and the Gravity Trampoline Park. These have been subsidised as the club is in a location where families are unable to afford these types of trips.
- The club helps build friendships, provides a safe space, gives support and good guidance and discussion topics are open and honest.

Leeds United Foundation

- They offer training sessions for team building.
- Discussions on different topics.
- Work with young people between the ages of 8-16 years.
- The Foundation currently have sessions running in Woodhouse and Ireland Wood.
- There are opportunities to go to watch matches.
- Should a young person show potential for football there is also the opportunity to be invited to the Leeds United Academy.

The Chair thanked all those for attending and speaking at the Committee and for the work the volunteers do. All those who had attended and spoken were given a round of applause.

The Committee recognised that there was a need in the Inner North West area for spaces to play football and other sports, but these were often costly and residents of the area had to travel to access leisure centre facilities. It was suggested that the facilities at Leeds University, and Headingley Stadium and local academies could be made available for the local clubs and groups to use out of season and school hours.

It was noted that Yorkshire Cricket Club had provided some sessions for the Community in the past.

The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) near Brudenell was due to open soon.

It was acknowledged that there was a desire to invest in the young people of the Inner North West and more discussions were required for facilities and support for the organisations and clubs in the area.

20 Leeds Streets for All

Cllr Pryor arrived at 19:10 prior to the start of this item.

The report of the Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation was to brief ward members on the Leeds Streets for All consultation findings.

The Committee was informed of the following points:

- This was to provide an update following the Leeds Streets for All consultation which ran from 26th February until 7th April 2024. It was noted that the Inner North West area had attracted lots of comments from the residents.
- The main issues highlighted were:
 - Vehicles and parking
 - Walking and wheeling
 - Cycling
 - Access bus stops and rail stations
 - Street environment
- A presentation was provided, which showed major schemes already ongoing in the area and potential new local cycling and walking routes and the areas that had provided the most comments and the issues that had been raised by residents.

Discussions included:

- Community events to discuss issues and solutions for the Woodhouse area.
- The importance of community engagement particularly face to face engagement as not everyone has online facilities.
- It was the view of some residents that the Council particularly Highways who did not seem to listen to the residents to address the issues raised and did not think solutions through properly.
- Many of the residents in the Inner West area used facilities in the city centre on a regular basis and found navigating around the newly laid out routes to access, hospitals, businesses and rail services could be a challenge.
- It was noted that the consultation had included the views of disabled people and the challenges they faced travelling in the Inner West area and access to the city centre.
- There was a need to develop bus routes and make links to other ward areas.
- Walking and cycle routes need to be made safer.
- Parking issues in the area needed better solutions to address the issues.

Members requested that they are included in conversations going forward.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

21 Inner North West 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 Budget for 2024/25.

The Locality Officer presented the report and provided the following information:

- The Community Committee currently has a remaining balance of £14,395.34 in the Wellbeing Budget. Table 1 highlighted the projects to date.
- The Youth Activities fund has a balance of £2,752.61. Table 2 highlighted the projects funded to date.
- Table 4 highlighted the projects funded through the Capital Fund, with a remaining balance of £96,233.19.
- Members were advised that the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget has an available balance of £614,634.80. It was noted that a meeting was set for Monday 30th September to discuss suitable projects and ideas for future spend.
- Supplementary information had been provided in relation to 1 Capital Budget application for the Lovell Park Fencing Project for £9,564.00. It was noted that Members had met to discuss this at a workshop earlier in the week.

RESOLVED – To:

- a. Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position and new applications approved.
- b. Note monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 17)
- c. Note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- d. Note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget and new applications listed (Table 3)
- e. Note details of the Capital Budget and new applications listed (Table 4). Application for Lovel Park Fencing Project - Approved.
- f. Note details of Community Infrastructure Levy (Table 5)

22 Inner North West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships presented a report which brought to Members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team have been engaged in, based on the priorities set out by the Community Committee.

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

The following points were highlighted:

- The Youth Summit would be taking place on Friday 27th September at the Civic Hall.
- The Environmental Sub-group had met to consider next steps as a result of the meeting and walkabout with Alison Lowe which focussed on the graffiti in the Hyde Park area. It was noted that this work would be ongoing and was open to resident involvement.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

23 Open Forum

With the agreement of the Chair this item was moved to the end of the meeting, so that Cllr Pryor was included in the discussions.

It was noted that the Golden Beam at Headingley had withdrawn its application to be included in the Otley Run. The premises would continue to use Temporary Event Notice's (TENs) for events such as New Years Eve parties etc. The Committee were informed that up to 15 TENs per year could be applied for if there were no issues arising from the first TEN.

Residents from Burley raised the issue of double yellow lines put in by Highways to address the problem of parking in the area. The residents were of the view that Highways had not listened to the residents and had put the yellow lines in the wrong places, so had not addressed the parking problems, but had caused more problems for the residents of Burley in accessing their properties. It was noted that Cllr Akhtar had all the details of the issues raised by the residents. The Committee was advised that Cllr Pryor was due to meet with Highways officers to try and rectify the issues. Little London and Woodhouse Councillors requested that they be invited to join the meeting.

A Member of the Woodhouse Ridge Voluntary Action Group attended and explained an ongoing issue in relation to a householder who was blocking the pathway to the area by tipping rubbish. It was noted that the action group had written to the Council to inform them of the illegal tipping but had received no response. The Committee were informed that this issue had been ongoing since 2021 and the group had contacted Parks and Planning about the issue. The Chair advised that the Council's legal officers were investigating this issue, and he asked the resident to email him with an update. The action group thanked the Community Committee for the funding they had provided for Woodhouse Ridge.

With the return of the students, residents requested that the University sent a message to students in the area to remind them that they were living in a community with a mix of student but also many long-term, residential family homes.

The Community Committee were advised of an illegal House of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) on Ash Grove. The Chair said that the Council was aware and are doing something about this.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and encouraged people to get involved with the groups that support young people.

24 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note that the meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Wednesday, 11th December, 2024