

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor M Millar in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, M Dobson, S Field,
J Gibson, P Grahame, M Harland,
J Lennox, J Lewis, N Lloyd and
S McCormack

15 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals.

16 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

17 Late Items

There were no late items.

18 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor H Hayden.

20 Minutes - 17 July 2024

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

21 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.

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

22 Update from West Yorkshire Police

Inspector Nicholls gave the Committee an update on policing issues in the Outer East area. It was reported that serious acquisitive crime had reduced by 20% across the area. There had been significant reductions in burglaries across Temple Newsam and Halton Moor and also a drop in anti-social behaviour in Garforth & Swillington. There had been an increase in nuisance vehicles in Temple Newsam and there was an ongoing working group to tackle this.

Local policing priorities remained the same with a focus on serious organised crime and targeting persistent offenders.

In response to questions from Members, the following was discussed:

- Inspector Nicholls and his team were thanked for the work in tackling anti-social driving and car meets as highlighted at the previous meeting although the problem had now moved to a different area between Swillington and Great Preston.
- Reference was made to a serious incident that had recently occurred on Kippax High Street. The incident was considered to be a one off and work was ongoing with local licensed premises to review the need for door supervisors.
- It was proposed that an Anti-Social Behaviour Sub-Group be established to pick up priorities from each ward in order to inform West Yorkshire Police and the Anti-Social Behaviour team.

Inspector Nicholls was thanked for his attendance.

23 Outer East Community Committee Community Safety Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an opportunity for members to raise concerns with officers from Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Housing, and share ideas on possible solutions to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Outer East area.

Beth Shaw, Housing Manager and Martin Denison Anti-Social Behaviour Case Officer were in attendance.

Members were informed that there had been a reduction in the number of cases that Housing were currently involved with. There were currently 6 open cases mainly relating to noise nuisance. Other work included preparations for bonfire night and work with the local neighbourhood policing team.

The majority of cases dealt with by LASBT involved neighbour disputes and problem addresses and families. With regards to these there were ongoing court cases which would involve proceedings to take possession.

There had been other problems in the area with an increase in shoplifting and anti-social behavior at the Co-op store in Swarcliffe. There had also been some disturbance at the Britannia Hotel following the riots.

Further discussion included the reporting of anti-social behaviour and people were encouraged to keep a log of any incidents and to keep reporting them.

Beth and Martin were thanked for their attendance.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

24 Outer 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 budget for 2024/25.

Stuart Byrne, Localities Programme Manager presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Members were informed of funds available in the Wellbeing, Youth Activities Fund, Capital and Community Infrastructure Levy budgets. A ward by ward breakdown of funds was given.
- Members were asked to consider the following funding applications:
 - Blands Recreation Ground - £5,000 was requested. Members were supportive of this application and requested that Capital funding was used.
 - Public Space CCTV Cameras Outer East - £3,000 for Cross Gates & Whinmoor; £4,000 for Garforth & Swillington, £2,000 for Kippax & Methley and £3,000 for Temple Newsam requested. Members were supportive of these applications and advised that CIL monies could be used.
 - Community Engagement Activities & Support to the Wider Community – Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours Scheme - £14,887 had been requested. It was proposed to fund £5,000 from Cross Gates and Whinmoor.
 - Security fencing for outdoor practice nets – This had previously been agreed via delegated decision.
 - Youth Service Autumn/Winter Programme - £2752.50 was requested – Members were supportive of this application.

RESOLVED –

- a. That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- b. That details of the Youth Activity Fund budget be noted.
- c. That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- d. That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy budget be noted.
- e. That the following projects be approved:
 - Blands Recreation Ground £5,000 (Capital)
 - Public Space CCTV Cameras Outer East:
Cross Gates & Whinmoor - £3,000 (CIL)
Garforth & Swillington -£4,000 (Wellbeing)

- Kippax & Methley - £2,000 (Wellbeing)
 - Temple Newsam - £3,000 (CIL)
 - Community Engagement Activities & Support to the Wider Community - £5,000 from Cross Gates & Whinmoor (Wellbeing)
 - Youth Service Autumn/Winter Programme - £2752.50 (Wellbeing)
- f. That details of projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted.

25 Outer East Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Stuart Byrne, Localities Programme Manager presented the report. Members attention was brought to the Health & Wellbeing and Housing updates detailed in the report.

Members discussed Sub-Group activity particularly surrounding youth activity and funding for youth projects. It was agreed to invite the Youth Service to the next meeting of the Children's Sub-Group.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 December 2024 at 6.00 p.m.