

**INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors J Blake, P Davey, K Groves,  
E Nash, A Ogilvie and P Truswell

**19 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

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

**20 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

**21 LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

**22 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS'**

No declarations were made.

**23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Iqbal and Congrieve.

**24 MINUTES - 26th November 2014**

**RESOLVED** – the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved as a correct record.

**25 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 on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

The following issues were raised:

- Vehicles parking on double yellow lines and on the path at a garage on Dewsbury Road which is both dangerous and stops people accessing the path; and

- Concern that a new school being built should not have windows facing the motorway or if it does they should be triple glazed and be unable to be opened.
- After bins have been collected there is often rubbish left on the streets and that care should be taken to sweep this up following collection of rubbish;
- The footpaths in Cross Flats Park are in poor repair;
- That shops on Dewsbury Road often leave big bins at the front instead of the rear of the premises making it hard for people to walk past.

The Committee noted all comments and agreed to take up these matters.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved to address all the concerns raised by members of the public.

## **26 Wellbeing Report February 2015**

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) provided the Community Committee with the following:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position.
- An update on both the revenue and youth activities fund elements of the Wellbeing budget.
- Details of revenue projects agreed to date.
- Details of Youth Activities Fund agreed to date.
- Details of project proposals for consideration and approval.
- The current position of the Small Grants Budget.

The Area Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the following:

- Remaining balances for the Revenue Wellbeing Budget for 2014/15.
- Remaining Balances for the Youth Activities Fund Delegation 2014-15 – remaining funds could be carried forward to next year
- The following project proposals:
  - Litter bins for various locations in Middleton - £2,500
  - Inner South Wellbeing Pack Scheme - £4,000
  - Woodhouse Hill Allotments Project £12,000
  - Befriending Project £2,500

### **RESOLVED –**

- (a) That the report be noted
- (b) That the revenue projects already agreed be noted.
- (c) That the Activities fund elements of the wellbeing budgets be noted.
- (d) That the following Wellbeing applications be approved.
  - Litter bins for various locations in Middleton - £2,500
  - Inner South Wellbeing Pack Scheme - £4,000

- Woodhouse Hill Allotments Project £12,000
  - Befriending Project £2,500 – subject to Councillors receiving further information about this project
- (e) That the Small Grants position be noted.

## **27 Inner South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report**

The Area Officer presented a report of the Assistant Director (Citizens & Communities) which presented Members with a summary of key work which the Area Support Team has been engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Led by Community Committee Champions, Members discussed the following:

### Children & Young People

The Children's and Families Sub Group will be reviewing applications for Youth Activities Funding on 19<sup>th</sup> March. It was noted that 12,000 leaflets to be printed and circulated to help encourage more children into more activities.

### Employment, Skills and Welfare

The Committee were informed that there will be a number of job opportunities coming to the Inner South due to developments such as the expansion of the White Rose Centre.

The Committee considered the request to ring fence £6,000 from the 2015/16 budget allocation to the Inner South Employment, Skills and Welfare Board to fund small programmes of partnership work or initiatives identified by the Board. Initiatives to be approved by Members.

The Committee were also informed about the Welfare Reform Workshop held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and discussed the need to prepare for possible future cuts to welfare benefits.

### Environment and Community Safety

Members were informed about the push to get the Council to work geographical across boundaries.

The Committee noted the improvements to safety over the bonfire weekend as a result of the multi-agency co-ordinated Operation Flame.

Members were informed of the Community Committee workshop to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm to 8pm, which will discuss the new Zonal working arrangements that share being implemented by the Environmental team. An electronic invitation has been sent to all Inner South Members.

### Health and Wellbeing

Staffing issues to support work in this area were noted.

Members were informed that efforts are ongoing to reduce the number of people using GPs who don't necessarily need to and who could use other service available.

The South East Health and Well Being Partnership are planning to meet to discuss domestic violence which was inspired by the recent Community Committee workshop on the issue.

The South East Clinical Commissioning Group area in the process of developing a mental health strategy to help identify services that need to be improved.

### Adult Social Care

The Committee were informed that the Older People's Working Group was established on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 where terms of reference were agreed.

The Committee noted the various activities available for older people in the area but that GP's are not always aware of what exists. It was requested that all GP's surgeries in the Inner South are be contacted and informed of the activities and support available to older people.

It was highlighted that there was already a coach full of people committed to attend the Older Persons Celebration Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Civic Hall, Leeds.

**RESOLVED** – The Committee resolved that:

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) £6,000 from the 2015/16 budget allocation be ringfenced to the Inner South Employment Skills & Welfare Board; and
- (c) All GP's surgeries in the Inner South are be contacted and informed of the activities and support available to older people;

### **28 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

7pm, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015.