

## INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MARCH, 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor F Venner in the Chair  
Councillors L Cunningham, C Gruen,  
J Heselwood, J Illingworth, J McKenna and  
K Ritchie

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steve McBarron, Stephen Garvani and Jonathan Butler

#### **44 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

#### **45 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

#### **46 Late Items**

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 9 – Finance update report which had been approved by the Chair prior to the meeting and circulated to Members.

An item was tabled at the meeting with the approval of the Chair, in relation to Agenda Item 9 – Finance update report. Minute 52 refers

#### **47 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Illingworth declared an Other Registrable Interest in relation to Agenda Item 9 – Finance Update Report. He declared that he was the appointed Director of Kirkstall Valley Development Team and Company Secretary and Director of Kirkstall Valley Park Ltd, who had submitted applications for Wellbeing funding for the Committee's consideration. Having declared this interest, Cllr Illingworth took no part in the consideration of, or voting upon these applications.

During Agenda Item 9 Finance Update Report Cllr Gruen also declared an Other Registrable Interest, as she is on the Board of BARCA who had submitted an application for Wellbeing funding for the Committee's consideration. Having declared this interest, Cllr Gruen took no part in the considerations of, or voting upon this application. Minute 52 Refers

## **48 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bithell and Smart. It was also noted that Co-optees Catherine Hyde, Steve Harris and Joanne Fiddes had submitted apologies.

## **49 Open Forum / Community Forums**

In accordance with paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference on the Community Committee.

On this occasion Mr John Liversedge attended to speak in relation to the Kirkstall Festival.

Mr Liversedge wished to raise concerns in relation to the location of the FAS2 compound in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey, as part of the alleviation works. Mr Liversedge explained that this was the usual location for the Fairground which was a key part of the Kirkstall Festival. The Committee was informed that planning for the Kirkstall Festival had started in October 2021. However, the organisers of the event had only recently learnt that the FAS2 compound would still be occupying its current space in the grounds of Kirkstall Abbey whilst the Kirkstall Festival is taking place in July. The organisers have looked at plans of the grounds to see if the fairground could be sited at a different location in the grounds, but this has proved difficult given the size of the fairground and the topography of the Abbey grounds.

Members were informed that the Kirkstall Festival was the second biggest community event in Leeds after the Carnival and the fairground played a big part in the success of the festival. It was acknowledged that the festival would be compensated if the fairground could not be re-located. However, Mr Liversedge was of the view that the festival would not be the same as this was an integral part of the Kirkstall Festival.

He was also concerned that the organisers had not been informed of meetings which had taken place to discuss matters in relation to the alleviation works and planning works at the Kirkstall Bridge Public House.

Mr Liversedge also raised concerns that if the compound remained in the grounds of the Abbey until July there would be issues with works construction traffic and festival traffic which would be dangerous.

Cllr Venner informed the Committee that she had written to the Directorate saying that the short notice was not acceptable and wished to set up a meeting with various people including councillors as soon as possible to discuss the situation.

Inner West Councillors were supportive of the action that had been taken so far and recognised that this was upsetting for the communities. It was suggested that an email be sent on behalf of the Inner West Community Committee to show the support of the Committee in this matter.

## **50 Minutes - 17th November 2021**

It was noted that the name of the Chair had been omitted from the minutes.

It was also noted that in relation to Minute 39 Highways Winter Services Update Report, there was a mechanism in place for clearing leaves.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021, be approved as a correct record.

## **51 Inner West Community Committee Finance Update 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 2021/22.

With the agreement of the Committee's Chair, the following applications were circulated to Committee Members as supplementary information for their consideration at the meeting:

- Empower (the Next Generation of Armley)
- Explorer Tots
- Hollybush Wellbeing in Wellies 2022
- Area Activity Programme
- Wythers Residential- Building relationships and reducing ASB
- Burley Park Path Repairs and Resurfacing
- Armley Action Team Events 2022-23

Cllr Gruen declared an Other Registrable Interest at this point in the meeting, as she is a member of the Board for BARCA who had submitted an application for Wellbeing funding. Having declared this interest Cllr Gruen took no part in the discussions on this application.

Cllr Illingworth had declared an Other Registrable Interest in Kirkstall Valley Development Team and Kirkstall Valley Park and took no part in discussions on these applications. Minute 47 refers

Members were informed of the following points:

- The remaining balance of the Wellbeing Fund is currently £84,894.13. A full breakdown of the projects was listed at Table 1 of the submitted report. It was noted that the remaining balances per ward were:
  - Armley £38,796.79

- Bramley & Stanningley £27,617.88
- Kirkstall £18,479.46

- Members were requested to consider the following applications:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Flood Recovery	Kirkstall Valley Development Trust	Kirkstall	£3,900	Approved
Kirkstall Festival	Kirkstall Festival Committee	Kirkstall	£8,000	Approved
Bramley Young Person's Social Prescribing Project - Futures	BARCA Leeds	Bramley & Stanningley	£9,998.42	Approved
Art Camp @ Shire Oak Primary School 2022/23	Art Camp UK	Kirkstall	£7,623	Approved
Summer Holiday Targeted Provision	Leeds Youth Service WNW Locality Team	All Inner West Wards	£1,200 (£400 per ward)	Approved
Armley Basketball Project @Armley Leisure Centre	Leeds Youth Service in partnership with LDM Basketball	Armley	£1,660	Approved
Inner West Gaming Club	Leeds Youth Service	All Inner West Wards	£2,640 (£880 per ward)	Deferred for further information
New Blue Grit Bin x2 Greenhill Road and Hilltop Road	LCC Communities Team	Armley	£354.44	Approved
Two Family Fun days and new activity equipment	West Leeds Activity Centre	All Inner West Wards	£8,221 (£2,740.33 per ward)	Deferred until further information can be provided on numbers using this event from Inner West wards
Wythers Residential-Building relationships and reducing ASB	WNW Youth Service	Armley	£2,880	Approved
Empower (the Next Generation of Armley)	New Wortley Community Association	Armley	£23,618.56	Approved
Explorer Tots	Kirkstall Valley Development Trust	Kirkstall	£8,360	Approved
Hollybush Wellbeing in Wellies 2022	The Conservation Volunteers – Holly Bush Conservation Centre	All Inner West Wards	£9,545 (£3,181.66 per ward)	Approved
Area Activity	West Leeds	All Inner	£6,635	Approved

Programme	Activity Centre	West Wards	Armley - £5,639.75 Bramley & Stanningley - £497.63 Kirkstall - £497.62	
Burley Park Path Repairs and Resurfacing	LCC Parks and Countryside	Kirkstall	£8,000	Approved
Armley Action Team Events 2022-23	Armley Action Team	Armley	£21,618	Deferred pending further clarification being provided to Members upon any potential declarations of interests which may be in line the Council's Code of Conduct.

Cllr McKenna raised a concern that Members had not had sufficient time to consider those applications prior to the meeting, which had been circulated as supplementary information. As such, Cllr McKenna abstained from voting upon those specific applications, as detailed below. Cllr McKenna also raised concerns regarding proposals to approve funding before the beginning of the financial year and in relation to match funding on certain applications:

- Empower (the Next Generation of Armley)
- Explorer Tots
- Hollybush Wellbeing in Wellies 2022
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- Members noted the delegated decisions taken since the last meeting in November 2021.
- Members were informed that the Youth Activity Fund had a remaining balance of £35,079.44. Table 2 of the submitted report listed the projects funded. And provided the balances for each ward.
- The Small Grants and skips budget had a remaining balance of £1,453.97 with small grants projects approved listed at Table 3 and community skips provided listed at Table 4.
- The Inner West Community Committee has a budget of £27,055.95 available to spend, as a result of new capital injections in October 2021. Capital allocations was listed at Table 5 in the report.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget currently has £84,818.42 available to spend. Spend to date was shown in Table 6.

Member's discussions included:

- Members were of the view that should social prescribing becomes successful it should be funded by the NHS.
- Members were disappointed that a number of applications had been added to the agenda at short notice. Cllr Heselwood said that they had been added so that consideration of the applications could take place before the start of Purdah.
- Members requested further clarity on the requirements around declarations of interests with it being noted that most of the Members sat on various boards and committees to offer support to organisations in the Inner West area, and as referenced above, specifically regarding the application from Armley Action Team, a decision on this be deferred pending further clarification being provided to Members upon any potential declarations of interests which may be required in line with the Council's Code of Conduct.
- It was noted that in previous years Members had attended workshops to consider funding applications for the new financial year. Members were of the view that this had been a good approach with applications considered in a systematic way.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1), be noted;
- b) That the Wellbeing proposals be determined, as detailed within the table above;
- c) That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision Notice (Paragraph 30), be noted;
- d) That monitoring information of its funded projects (Paragraph 32-34), be noted;
- e) That details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2), be noted;
- f) That details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Tables 3 and 4), be noted;
- g) That details of the Capital Budget (Table 5), be noted
- h) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6), be noted

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5, Councillor McKenna required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on the following Wellbeing applications, for the reasons as set out above:

- Empower (the Next Generation of Armley)
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*Cllr Heselwood joined the meeting at 6:32 during consideration of the item.*

## 52 Inner West Community Committee Update Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships presented a report to update the Community Committee on the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

Members voiced disappointment that the Youth Summit would again not be taking place this year. They acknowledged that a survey had been undertaken to gain information on activities which children and young people would be interested in. However, the Youth Summit had proved useful when considering applications for activities for young people. It was noted that the survey would run until the end of March.

Members were asked to note Appendix 2 of the report which provided an update on events proposed for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

It was noted that future update reports should include comments from the Community Committee Champions.

It was noted that the NC Co-ordinator had revisited independent business on Bramley Shopping Centre. Bramley and Stanningley ward members said that they would have been interested in knowing about this visit and were disappointed at not being consulted on this.

**RESOLVED** – To note the content of the report.

## 53 Dates, Times and Venue Report

The City Solicitor submitted a report requesting Member's consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 municipal year.

Member's attention was drawn to paragraph 7 which proposed the following dates and times:

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 6pm

It was noted that the proposed dates and times reflect the current meeting pattern of the Community Committee.

Member's discussions included:

- The dates of 5<sup>th</sup> October and 9<sup>th</sup> November were too close. It was acknowledged that Cllr Bithell had requested a different date to that which had been suggested in September, as she would not be able to attend. She had therefore, suggested that the second meeting of the Committee be October. However, Kirkstall and Bramley and Stanningley Members raised concerns that this was the date on which

the Kirkstall and Bramley and Stanningley Labour Party branch meeting would be held.

- Members also noted that the date of the last meeting in March would be International Women's Day. Members often attended events on this day.

Members were agreeable to the first meeting taking place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July but requested that the clerk look for different dates for the other three meetings. Members said that they would consider moving the meetings to Tuesdays.

**RESOLVED – To:**

- a) Agree that the first meeting of the Inner West Community Committee take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6pm.
- b) Request that further dates be provided for consideration.

*The meeting concluded at 19:45*