

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor S Arif in the Chair

Councillors K Dye, L Farley, D Jenkins,
A Khan, D Ragan and J Tudor

31 Chairs Opening Remarks

RESOLVED: Due to the absence of Councillor Hussain, Councillor Arif was elected Chair of the Committee.

32 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

33 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

34 Late Items

There were no late items.

35 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

36 Apologies for Absence

The Committee received apologies for Councillor Maqsood and Councillor Hussain.

37 Open Forum

A representative from the Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) was in attendance and requested that a substitute for Councillor Maqsood attend the Housing Advisory Panel meetings. The Committee agreed to appoint a member to the HAP at the next formal Community Committee meeting in place of Councillor Maqsood

The Committee discussed methods for increasing engagement and participation in the Open Forum part of the meeting, as well as digital exclusion affecting residents being able to access information online.

38 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes of the 29th September 2022 meeting of the Inner East Community Committee were confirmed as a true record.

39 Matters Arising

Minute No.26 – Highways Annual Improvement Consultation. Members sought clarity on the resurfacing of Cross Catherine Street. The Localities Officer will provide an update.

Minute No.27 – Age Friendly Leeds Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025. It was confirmed that ‘Come in and Rest’ stickers have been ordered but not have arrived yet. These will be distributed accordingly when they have arrived.

40 Local Plan Update - Public Consultation

The presentation regarding the Local Plan Update was deferred due to officer absence. The Committee noted the contents of the report, and their support for the Local Plan Update, particularly as it relates to the environmental needs within the Inner East area.

The consultation for the Local Plan Update ran until 19th December 2022. Members intended to share details of the consultation as widely as possible.

RESOLVED: To share general support of the Local Plan Update consultation.

41 Inner East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated the Committee on work undertaken by the Communities Team on the behalf of the Community Committee and provided an opportunity for Members to provide feedback. This report provided updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees including Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

POLICING

Inspector Alistair Nicholls and Police Community Support Officers attended the meeting (West Yorkshire Police). Further details to crime and policing were provided and Inspector Nicholls updated the Committee on the work the police are undertaking to tackle the issue of motorcycle thefts in the Inner East area. This work has included working with partners such as the Integrated Offender Management team, as there is a small number of perpetrators of these crimes who commit the majority of the crimes. There is continuous data analysis to identify hotspots, and PCSO's have been deployed to those areas for neighbourhood engagement work.

Motorcycle crime in the Inner East area has been targeted by Police under ‘Operation Dieselcrest’, and aims to disrupt the activities of perpetrators, such as by restricting their behaviour through civil enforcement measures including community protection notices, tenancy adjustments and civil adjustments. Civil adjustments operate by either mandating certain behaviour or restricting types of behaviour.

The Committee and Police discussed how to continue to maintain and develop their communication links with one another, including details of engagement work and police attendance at ward meetings.

One recent success was a reduction in antisocial behaviour during the fireworks period due to early intervention measures, in addition to work carried out by partner organisations such as street level spontaneous

workshops for young people on topics such as toxic masculinity. WYP endeavour to build relationships with community organisations to improve communication and intelligence gathering. The Committee were informed how WYP presence at community events recently has been well received on social media.

There was discussion of training and recruitment within the police force, with a previous recruitment drive now coming to fruition with fully trained officers ready to be deployed. There is currently no Sergeant for the Burmantofts area.

Police encouraged members of the public to aid them in 'Operation Dieselcrest' by providing intelligence, such as by contacting Crimestoppers (0800 555 111).

PUBLIC HEALTH

In attendance were:

- Jess Dewhurst – Advanced Health Improvement Specialist
- Nicola Kelly Johnson – Advanced Health Improvement Specialist

Officers in attendance updated the Committee on cost-of-living events in the Inner East area. The events have been held in schools with numerous partner organisations attending to provide support, signposting, and resources. There has been vaccination and vaccine information available, as well as several attendees being referred to their GP for blood pressure monitoring. Partner organisations include Yorkshire Water, Feel Good Factor (recipe cards, household products and food) and Money Buddies.

Communities across the Inner East ward have been identified as having lower vaccination rates as well as being particularly vulnerable to the impact of the cost of living crisis. In response, there has been a community engagement drive which has included door knocking with on-the-door signposting available. This work has been supplemented through work such as the slow cooker programme, pay as you feel hot meals and food packs.

The Committee were informed of the expansion of the Home Plus contract from supporting elderly people who have experienced falls, to including support for those with asthma and COPD.

The Committee discussed the limits on localised approaches to public health checks as their direction is mandated at a national level. Suggestions from members included whether drop-ins can be made available for residents across pharmacies to ease pressure of GP surgeries, and to reduce waiting times.

COMMUNITY HUBS & LIBRARIES

In attendance was Adele Wilson, Customer Service Manager

The Customer Service Manager updated the Committee on the work to appoint a coordinator to manage the various partner organisations working to support communities during the cost-of-living crisis.

Community Hubs and Libraries in the Inner East area have worked with Zero Waste Leeds to distribute winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves, with future plans to include jumpers. Other funding options are being considered. The Hubs have been developed as 'Warm Spaces' during the cost-of-living crisis, with a return to pre pandemic type use of people remaining in the space all day. Hot meals and drinks have also been provided to people

Moses' baskets have been distributed through the community hubs, and attempts are being made to secure more to distribute. The issue was noted to be of particular importance due to the Children's Advisory Board informing the Customer Service Manager of four infant mortalities in the area recently. **The Committee formally decided to fund this application when the application is made, for £500 per ward for Moses' baskets through the Safer Sleeping programme.**

Councillor Farley updated the Committee on recent visits made to Nowell Youth Club and Richmond Hill Youth Club. The children who use the service needed art supplies which has now been funded, as well as a dance mat. Involving young people in the process of applying for grants for projects was discussed.

Members discussed the Youth Summit and thanked the Localities Officer for their hard work in arranging and pulling together the event. The Youth Summit will be on 8th February 2023 at Leeds Civic Hall. The Committee noted that there are plans to work with smaller community groups being developed, including by YAF funding.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the contents of the report be noted.
- b) That Customer Services shall be funded £500 from each ward for the Safer Sleeping project providing Moses' baskets.

42 Inner 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 as well as the Capital (CRIS) and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2022/23.

The Committee noted the following;

Project	Ward	Outcome	Decision
We Are Seacroft	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£6,000 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Nowell Mount Community Centre Teatime	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£3,205 (Wellbeing)	Agreed

Club			
Safer Sleeping Project	Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	£2,000 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Inner East Youth Summit	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills, Killingbeck & Seacroft	£1,800 (£600 YAF per ward)	Agreed
Little Library Lincoln Green	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	-	Deferred
Harehills Lane Action Team Start UP	Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills	-	Deferred
West Yorkshire Fire Youth Intervention's programmes	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£4,842.50 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Connecting Crossgates Community Fridge	Killingbeck & Seacroft	£2,949.50 (£1,033.00 from Inner East)	Agreed

Members were informed that since the last Inner East Community Committee on the 29th September 2022 there have been no projects funded by Delegated Decision

The Committee discussed the importance of monitoring the impact of Committee funding. Inviting community groups to attend Community Committees as part of community engagement work outlined in the Open Forum item was proposed, with the importance of measurability being a part of the process so that value can be demonstrated.

The Committee requested the Community Team to make small grant application for the resupply of two defibrillators.

RESOLVED: To;

- a) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget (Table 1) (paragraph 19)
- b) Consider and determine funding proposals (Paragraph 20 - 27)
- c) Note details of Delegated Decision Notice (Paragraph 28)
- d) Note details of Declined Projects (Paragraph 29)
- e) Note details of Monitoring Information (Paragraph 30)
- f) Note details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2) (Paragraph 31)
- g) Note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3) (Paragraph 34)
- h) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5) (Paragraph 35)
- i) Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6) (Paragraph 36)
- j) To pre-approve funding the Safer Sleeping programme of Moses' baskets with £500 from each ward. (See Minute 41).

43 Date and Time of next meeting

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Thursday, 16th March, 2023

RESOLVED: The Committee noted that the date and time of the next meeting will be Thursday 16th March 2023 at 6.00pm.

44 Any Other Business

Further to Minute No.23 of the minutes from the previous meeting held Thursday, 29th September 2022. Councillor Dye was nominated to Champion the role of the Corporate Parenting Board. Upon voting, Committee members were all in agreement.

RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of Councillor K Dye as the Champion for the Corporate Parenting Board.