

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Amanda Carter in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, P Carlill, A Carter,
A Forsaith, D Seary, S Seary, M Sowards
and T Smith

Approximately 6 local residents attended the meeting, as well as the Chair for the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel and the press.

42 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

43 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There were no exempt items.

44 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

45 Declaration of Interest

Although Members did not declare any pecuniary interests, in relation to Agenda Item 8 – Finance Report, Councillor T Smith made the Committee aware that she had a discussion with Badminton Buddies for one of the Small Grants projects (Badminton) prior to submission of the application.

46 Apologies For Absence

No apologies were received.

47 Open Forum / Community 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.

A local resident raised a number of issues affecting the Farnley and Wortley area regarding:

- The limitation of warm spaces
- Litter
- Blocked gullies
- Overgrown trees

- Lack of funding for the Youth Service

Farnley and Wortley members responded by acknowledging the importance of warm spaces being provided in the area and issues in terms of organisations providing match funding. It was also noted that there is work on-going regarding litter and working with residents to clear gardens. It was also confirmed that members are working on maximising the youth service by supporting projects in the area, and the importance of young people participating in projects is acknowledged.

48 Minutes - 7 November 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes from the previous meeting held Monday, 7th November 2022 be approved as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

Minute No. 38 – Update Report. Feedback has not been received from the Environmental Sub-Group. A member suggested that an additional meeting be held in the current municipal year to discuss matters relating to finance and to receive feedback from Champions.

RESOLVED – To request that an additional meeting be scheduled in liaison with the Localities Officer and Governance Officer, following the next meeting of Council.

49 Outer West Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the 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 2022/23.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Since the last Community Committee meeting on 7th November 2022, 1 project (Friday Night Youth Project) has been approved by DDN and 0 projects have been cancelled.
- The Wellbeing Balance 2022/23 stands at £8,428.82.
- The Youth Activities Fund (YAF) Balance 2022/23 stands at £13,992.01.
- The remaining balance for the Small Grants & Skips 2022/23 stands at £1,448.58.
- The Capital Budget 2022/23 Budget stands at £17,463.69 and a breakdown per ward was outlined as per Table 4.

Projects were discussed and agreed as follows:

| Project Title | Wards | Amount Requested | Decision |
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| Calverley in Bloom 2023 | Calverley and Farsley | £6,777.97 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Farsley in Bloom | Calverley and | £3,141.08 | Deferred |

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| 2023 | Farsley | (Wellbeing) | |
| New Farnley in Bloom 2023 | Farnley and Wortley | £1,000 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Pudsey in Bloom 2023 | Pudsey | £5,306.34 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Additional Area Resource at Tyersal Park and New Farnley Park | Pudsey & Farnley and Wortley | £15,570 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Pudsey Park weekend littering | Pudsey | £1,218.70 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Adult Band Project | Pudsey | £2,950 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Pudsey Carnival Committee | All | £2,600 (Wellbeing) | Deferred |
| Get into the community to rock up to do a mock up | Pudsey | £12,000 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Mini Summer Sports Programme 2023 | All | £720 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Farnley Football Project | Farnley | £1,000 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Farnley Youth Project | Farnley | £2,500 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Outer West Easter Holiday Activity Days | All | £2,592 (YAF) | Approved |
| Farsley and Calverley transition group | Calverley and Farsley | £1,530 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Summer Holiday Targeted Provision – Outer West | All | £1,500 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Pudsey Youth Café | Pudsey | £4,120 (YAF) | Deferred |
| West Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra – Spring Concert at The Old Woollen | Farsley | £489.75 (Small Grant) | Deferred for further information |
| Badminton | Pudsey | £277 (Small Grant) | Approved £138.50 (half of the amount) |
| Self-defence for women to build confidence and | Pudsey | £440 (Small Grant) | Approved £220 (half of the amount) |

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| self-esteem | | | |
| Environmental Improvements at Owlcotes Road | Pudsey & Calverley and Farsley | £6,080.40 (Capital) | Deferred for further information and a site visit |
| Farnley Falcons Clubhouse Build | Farnley and Wortley | £20,490.00 (CIL) | Approved |
| Replacing New Wortley Rec safety surface | Farnley and Wortley | £27,200.80 (CIL) | Approved |

Members discussed the following matters:

- Members requested that a number of applications be considered as part of a special / additional meeting of the Outer West Community Committee, following the next meeting of Council, to determine funding.
- A number of the applications may benefit from Leeds 2023 funding, in particular, the West Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra – Spring Concert at The Old Woollen.
- It was requested that the project for Environmental Improvements at Owlcotes Road will benefit from a site visit from all Outer West Community Committee members and requested that further information is received regarding maintenance and HAP funding.
- It was acknowledged that alternative funding streams to CIL monies need to be considered regarding playground repairs. In addition to this, it was confirmed that a new Friends of New Wortley Rec group has been constituted.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1 of the submitted report)
- b) Consider and approve the projects as set out in the table above
- c) Note details of the YAF position (Table 2)
- d) Note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3)
- e) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)
- f) Note details of the CIL Budget (Table 5)

50 Outer West Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update of the work which the Communities Team is engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provides regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

The following points were highlighted:

- Leeds 2023 – an overview of Neighbourhood Hosts and ‘Waking the Artist’ exhibition of art by people of Leeds.

- Universal Credit (UC) Outer West Community Committee area statistics. It was noted there has been an increase in claimants in October 2022.
- Employment and Skills Services update in terms of the Employment Hub and Mobile bus.
- Swinnow Community Centre update.

Members raised the following matters:

- The schedule for the Community Hub Mobile bus at Farnley has changed to a location where there is a foodbank.
- To receive additional information on projects relating to healthy families / cooking as it was acknowledged there are a number of families in affluent areas being missed / not receiving support due to feeling isolated.
- Number of gullies not operating as they should.
- Concerns regarding an increase in cases of damp and mould, exacerbated by the cost of living crisis, particularly across the Private Rented Sector (PRS) and housing associations; recent changes in national law provides local authorities with powers relating to inspections of the PRS and housing associations.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

51 Road Safety – City Development and Prosecutions and Casualty Prevention Unit

The report of the Director of City Development introduced a verbal update on information regarding speeding and dangerous driving in the outer west area.

The following were in attendance for this item:

- Paul Jeffrey, Casualty Prevention Partnership
- Andrew Richardson, LCC Highways

The Chair introduced the item, explaining the Committee requested the update due to the increasing number of incidents and fatalities in the Outer West Community Committee area, as well as problematic high powered vehicles on roads such as the A647.

Paul Jeffrey provided an overview of the West Yorkshire Casualty Prevention Partnership, explaining that approximately 200,000 speed offence detections were issued in 2022; highlighting a significant speeding issue in West Yorkshire and numerous issues associated with non-compliance on roads.

Members were informed that The Department for Transport (DfT) precludes cameras being deployed ‘anywhere’ and is subject to national guidance. There are restricted criteria where traffic lights and speeding cameras can be placed. The West Yorkshire Casualty Prevention Partnership lobbied DfT to update and refresh guidance. However, to no avail. The Partnership has created guidance for West Yorkshire and the revised Deployment Strategy will be launched from Monday, 20th February 23. The Strategy aims to extend the

reach of safety cameras and to look at preventable collision measures, as well as exploring new technologies.

Furthermore, it was explained that the mechanism in getting safety cameras is not the first point of resource for speeding issues and alternatives should be considered such as NPTs. Monies for speed cameras are generated from drivers eligible for speed awareness courses. Another issue identified is the inability to identify the driver in high powered vehicles, primarily due to cars being loaned; speed cameras do not address the issue and drivers are usually repeat offenders. Albeit there is an opportunity to expand on mechanisms to directly tackle fatalities.

The following matters were discussed:

- The re-configuration of the A647 and increased speeding issues, particularly with high powered vehicles. It was confirmed that the determination of sites for cameras is not a police operation as part of the partnership arrangement. However, the new operation for technology will enable local authorities and enforcement to deal with the issues highlighted.
- Upgrading Gatso speed cameras. Members were informed that there is cost limitations with upgrading all of the cameras at once, there is a programme in its third phase upgrading cameras which will replace 25 cameras. A traffic survey using traffic flow sensors will be undertaken to identify priority areas for the upgrades.
- Elected members will be briefed on the revised Deployment Strategy on Monday, 20th February 2023.
- Speed awareness courses offered to eligible drivers incorporate an interactive learning opportunity and will touch upon victim perspectives.
- Parking infringements are a matter for the local authority. However, dangerous obstructions can be a police matter depending on each individual matter. Members were informed of 'Operation Snap', photographic evidence showing driving offences that can be submitted to West Yorkshire Police (WYP) online. Further to a specific parking issue raised by a member, it was suggested that the first point of call be the NPT to deal with the matter.
- Tackling high performance vehicles. It was confirmed that the Partnership will seek to secure additional funding to increase patrol time for the Roads Policing Unit (RPU), on problematic roads. It was confirmed this is the best method to tackle this issue.
- The Deployment Strategy does not replace DfT guidance but seeks to compliment future revised guidance and introduces set criteria for West Yorkshire.

RESOLVED – To note the verbal update and information provided at the meeting.

52 Outer West Community Committee - Dates, Times, and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2023/2024

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to consider agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

The report seeks to schedule 4 Community Committee business meetings for 2023/24, in line with previous practice. The proposed meeting schedule for 2023/24 is as follows:

- Wednesday, 14th June 2023 1pm
- Monday, 4th September 2023 1pm
- Monday, 6th November 2023 1pm
- Wednesday, 14th February 2024 1pm

The proposed dates reflect the Committees pattern with meeting twice on a Monday and twice on a Wednesday.

A suggestion was made that one of the formal meetings be held at 6 p.m. to enable people who are busy throughout the day, the opportunity to attend.

RESOLVED – To agree the dates as listed above, with the caveat of holding one of the meetings at 6 p.m.

53 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

RESOLVED – That the next formal meeting take place following the next meeting of Council, and a date and time will be circulated to Committee Members once scheduled with the Localities Officer and Governance Officer.

The meeting concluded at 15:15.