

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

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

7 members of the public and 1 person from the press attended the meeting.

17 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

18 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There were no exempt items.

19 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

20 Declaration of Interest

No interests were raised at the meeting.

21 Apologies For Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

22 Open Forum / Community Forum

On this occasion, no matters were raised by members of the public.

23 Minutes - 8 June 22

RESOLVED – To agree that the minutes of the previous meeting held 8th June 22, be approved as an accurate record.

24 Outer West Community Committee - Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) for 2022/23.

Projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
OW.22.17.LG Building Futures Together (Large Grant)	Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley	£12,000 to be reallocated from the Large Grant fund to the YAF fund	Agreed
October Half Term YAF Taster Sessions	Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley	£2,517 (YAF)*	Agreed
Farsley Cricket Club Junior Connect	Calverley & Farsley and Pudsey	£500 (Small Grants)	Agreed
Pudsey Bins x15	Pudsey	£3,735.15 (Pudsey CIL)	Agreed by Pudsey Ward Members

*Members also requested that the same amount of funding be ringfenced from the YAF budget for the next half term further to discussions with the Youth Service regarding resources and availability.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Since the last meeting on 8th June 2022, several projects were approved by DDN and as set out in paragraph 16 of the submitted report.
- An outline of Wellbeing Revenue and Projects 2022/23 as set out in Table 1 of the submitted report. It was noted that there is a remaining Wellbeing Balance of £1,164.37.
- Since the last Community Committee meeting 0 project applications have been declined.
- The total YAF revenue funding available to the Community Committee for 2022/23 is £82,934.37 with a remaining balance of £32,475.57 after funding allocated to projects.
- The Committee has allocated £2,439.87 through Small Grants & Skips. There is a remaining balance of £2,560.13.
- Following a recent injection to the CIL budget there is a current total balance of £179,931.48.
- There is a £625 balance for the Calverley & Farsley Outer West Covid-19 Discretionary Fund. It was noted that any remaining funds will be returned to the Wellbeing budget at the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

Members discussed the following points:

- To consider likely cost increases on projects to ensure the Committee can cover projected funds.
- October Half Term YAF Taster Sessions – Members were keen to see another session be provided in the following half term and it was requested that information be provided to Ward Members on the

location of each of the sessions. Another suggestion was made to link in with the violence reduction unit to link in with work they're already doing, and to target certain audiences, as well as liaising with West Yorkshire Police and the Youth and Fire Service.

- Pudsey Bins – it was confirmed that the bins will be serviced and will aim to keep litter from floors in hotspot locations.
- To receive assurances that the Wellbeing Budget is not cut in the new financial year.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Consider and approve projects as set out above
- b) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c) Note details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2)
- d) Note details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Table 3)
- e) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)
- f) Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)
- g) Note details of the Covid-19 Discretionary Fund Budget (Table 6)

25 Outer West Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated Members with the work the Communities Team have been engaged in based on priorities of the Community Committee.

The Localities Officer informed Members of the following points:

- An outline of priorities for each of the wards in terms of anti-social behaviour and speeding across Outer West.
- Residents are encouraged to take part in the Wortley Beck Flood Risk Consultation. The survey is open until 16th September 22 and can be accessed by using the following link: <https://orlo.uk/goJnp>
- The Communities Team have begun youth engagement work that will inform results and priorities for the financial year 2023/24.

Members raised the following points:

- The Council have drawn up plans to implement speeding cameras on Bradford Road. The Committee agreed it will be a great win for the cameras to be in place.
- There is ongoing work to input defibrillators in 3 sheltered housing schemes. Tenants have been asked for support on the proposals.
- To be kept updated of any additional consultation regarding Wortley Beck.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

26 Highways Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Executive Manager, Highways provided the Outer West Community Committee with an update on the Highways Annual Improvement Consultation.

The presentation which was appended to the submitted report was shown at the meeting and the Community Committee were invited to make comments.

The Community Committee were informed of the following points:

- The consultation on next years' programme closed on 2nd September. Lists of the proposed works had been provided to Councillors and Parish Councils at the start of July requesting comments.
- Members were provided with an explanation of the Well-Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice.
- Explanation of how the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy aligns with the corporate vision and contributes to the vision for Leeds.
- Members noted that the service is currently undertaking more preventative work which is surface dressing. It was noted that the life of a road is generally 10 years.
- The service is continually reviewing all streets, and these are added to a sheet with a colour code to show what stage of repair the road is in. All roads are inspected by an engineer and a scoring system is used and checked over a 3-year cycle. The service wish to get to the position that only 10% of roads are in poor condition.
- Each year all Members receive lists of roads requiring work and the priority given to them. Members are requested to make comments. Members were advised that all emails are noted and responded to.

Responding to direct questions from the Community Committee further information was provided:

- Specific issues with groundworks will be picked up separately outside of the meeting but it was confirmed that concerns regarding concrete beds under tarmac deteriorating will be picked up.
- Priority work beyond 5 years is influenced by preventative work carried out to free up funding for streets that have already failed.
- Cul-de-sacs wouldn't usually be treated with surface dressing, but alternatives can be considered. It was noted that leaflets are provided to streets that are being surface dressed, and it is possible to create a leaflet / note for nearby cul-de-sacs explaining the process.
- In response to a question regarding North Leeds testing new surface with recycled plastics, it was explained that it has not been down long enough to be able to compare this to other techniques.
- The 5-year plan does not address managed decline and can only be addressed with a higher budget. The service will continue to seek more funding and use better techniques to efficiently make use of the budget.
- There is a hierarchy in terms of decision making and there is a balance to make in terms of streets that feel 'overlooked'. Streets with a school or main route to a hospital will be higher in the hierarchy.
- There is currently no intention to reinstate a budget to consider requests for unadopted streets to be taken on. However, should communities be able to come together to bring a road up to an adoptable standard, the Council will consider adopting the road.

- It was acknowledged that signage doesn't mitigate speeding and alternative techniques can be looked at but will come at a premium and may impact the overall programme.
- Frustration with roadworks being disconnected and having an impact on the community is acknowledged. There is a wider issue with people not updating notices and completing work on time and there are discussions being had regarding the Department for Transport looking at having 1 street management system which will alleviate some frustrations.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report and presentation.

27 Adults and Health - Dementia Strategy

The report of the Head of Service (Integrated Commissioning, Adults and Health) introduced an update on the citywide Leeds Dementia Strategy.

The Commissioning Lead, Dementia (Adults and Health, LCC) and the Memory Support Worker (Alzheimer's Society, NHS) introduced the item, and provided the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation. The following information was highlighted:

- Background information to dementia and its causes. Further information can be found on: www.alzheimers.org.uk
- Statistics within Outer West with 9 GP practices. There are 533 people diagnosed with dementia aged 65+, and 13 people under the age of 65. The Leeds diagnosis rate is 66.7%.
- 85% of people with dementia have a carer: 650 carers for people with dementia in Outer West. 220 people in Outer West are economically active. There is 90 people in Outer West who have "severe" dementia and 45 people in Outer West live at home, with unpaid and paid support.
- An overview of the Living with Dementia in Leeds Strategy and the 6 commissioning priorities for health and social care:
 - Service 'reset' & recovery from Covid
 - Carer support and breaks
 - Annual review and care co-ordination
 - Demographics, diversity, and emerging needs
 - Care quality, complex needs, timely transfers
 - End-of-life care and planning ahead
- Recovery from the pandemic – in February 2020 575 people with a diagnosis from the 9 local GP practices and in August 2022 there were 544 people with a diagnosis. Newly diagnosed people were further on with dementia than before.
- An overview of the dementia prevention, intervention and care: 2020 report of the Lancet Commission: [www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736\(20\)30367-6/fulltext](http://www.thelancet.com/article/S0140-6736(20)30367-6/fulltext)
- Local support to live with dementia including the Alzheimer's Society, Carers Leeds – 0113 380 4300 (advance line and Dementia carer team) and Neighbourhood Networks.2

- The Memory Support Workers are employed by the Alzheimer's Society and work in teams across the city alongside Community Health staff, Social Workers and with GP practices. Their aim is to be an ongoing named point of contact for people living with dementia and to ensure people can access information, advice, and support. *
- There is a Dementia carer support group at Pudsey on September 26th at 10.30 am – 12 pm. This is a recurring event held at Wellbeing centre, Robin Lane, LS28 and available to anyone caring for someone with Dementia or memory problems.

*Referral for a Memory Support Worker – 0113 231 1727,

memorysupport.lypft@nhs.net

Dementia Connect support line (includes evening and weekends – 0333 150 3456)

Committee Members raised the following key issues:

- Clarity on the dementia friendly café run by Pudsey and Calverley and Farsley. Approximately 30 people attended the last session, although it was noted that the numbers are not as high pre pandemic.
- Preventing dementia. It was noted that the new Leeds campaign includes free health coaching, and this will be a part of the mainstream public health offer. It was acknowledged that people shouldn't be discouraged to play sport and it is believed that dementia is caused by a wider neurological issue.
- Members requested to receive data of dementia friendly groups and highlighted the importance of identifying barriers to be able to help groups start up again.
- Concern that GP practices aren't necessarily connected with residents in the locality. It was confirmed that GP data can be easily extracted and colleagues in public health are able to map people with a diagnosis by postcode – this is typically done on a yearly basis and such information can be accessed.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the verbal update and presentation.

28 Any Other Business

Money Buddies

The Localities Officer informed the Committee of a requested variation to existing project OW.22.19.LG – Money Buddies.

Currently the project operates Money Buddies sessions across 3 venues – 1 weekly based at Pudsey Community Hub, and 1 alternating each fortnight between Farnley Community Centre and Farsley Library. The proposed variation was to relocate the Farnley Community Centre Session to Farsley library and hold the session there each week.

The reason behind the request is that Money Buddies have obtained funding from an undisclosed source, allowing them to run a weekly session from Farnley Community Centre, independently of Community Committee Funding.

The request seeks permission to hold a session in Pudsey every week, a session in Farsley every week and an independent session in Farnley. The request is before Committee Members as the proposals impact on the agreement regarding a financial split.

Members collectively raised concern regarding the funding secured, and the impact this will have on Farnley & Wortley should funding collapse. Members requested further information regarding where the funding is coming from, and the level of certainty attached to the funding.

To conclude, Members requested that a proposal is put forward to Money Buddies to ask that the current proposal originally agreed by the Community Committee remains as is, with an additional session at Farnley Hillside Hall with the additional funding. It was agreed that the Localities Officer will liaise with Money Buddies and Committee Members regarding proposals and information relating to funding.

29 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, 7th November 2022 at 1pm. The meeting will be held at Farnley Hall Park.

The meeting concluded at 15:35.