

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors J Bowden, J Dowson,
M France-Mir, S Hamilton, Z Hussain,
L Martin, M Rafique and E Taylor

14 local residents attended the meeting.

40 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

41 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

42 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

43 Declaration of Interests

Members did not declare any interests.

44 Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

45 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 within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

StClair Brown, a local organiser for projects in the Chapeltown area raised concerns regarding the inability to book school facilities as a space for school holiday activities for young people. StClair received correspondence that no schools were available for use across the whole ward. StClair sought assurances from members that spaces be made available for the use of community groups and further expressed his concerns regarding the lack of availability.

Responding to StClair, members collectively thanked him for organising and hosting events for young people in the Chapeltown area and acknowledged

the importance of community groups like this in the area. Members agreed to take this particular issue forward with schools.

A local resident in Chapel Allerton, raised an issue in relation to Blake Grove and planters blocking access and creating traffic issues. Mr Cawthorn further expressed his concerns in relation to the climate emergency, by cars having to re-route and adding distance onto their journeys by not being able to use Blake Grove. He expressed that a number of local residents are not happy with the planters.

Chapel Allerton Elected Members responded to Mr Cawthorn explaining their initial concerns with the proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and explained the planters were only supposed to be a 6 month trial to mitigate issues with speeding. It is acknowledged that the planters are creating an issue for residents, and not being maintained. Residents were asked to email concerns to local ward councillors to take the matter further.

46 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held Monday, 28th November 2022 be approved as an accurate record.

47 Highways- Leeds Safe Roads Vision Zero

The report of the Team Leader (Safe and Sustainable Travel) introduced an update on the recently adopted Vision Zero Strategy and its action plan.

The following attended this item:

- Gillian Macleod, Transport Development Services Manager
- Rosie Revell, Team Leader, Road Safety
- Rebecca Murray- Transport Planner, Influencing Travel Behaviour

Members were provided with a PowerPoint presentation that touched on the following key points:

- Road accidents and safety statistics were compelling enough for a new approach and the need to bring in the Vision Zero Strategy. The Strategy and Action Plan was adopted in September 2022.
- There is an ambition that by 2040 **no one** will be killed or suffer serious injuries on roads in Leeds.
- The 4 guiding principles: road death and serious injury are not acceptable, humans make errors and are vulnerable to injury, safe system approach and everyone is responsible.
- The 5 safe system pillars of actions: safe speeds, safe roads, safe vehicles, safe behaviours and people and post-collision learning and care.
- The language used when talking about victims and drivers (not vehicles).
- The delivery of Vision Zero and those involved.

- Date driven interventions in terms of police operations targeted the fatal 5 (speed, mobile phone usage, not wearing a seatbelt, distraction and careless driving), behaviour change campaigns, education, infrastructure, targeted communications, funding bids and reporting.
- Highway Code updates: hierarchy of road users - those in charge of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger they pose to others.
- Changes to speed camera criteria introduced in February 2023. There is additional flexibility in siting criteria and warning signage will not always be present.
- The total number of drivers 'dealt with' in the Inner North East Community Committee area being 406 as part of Operation SPARC (Supporting Partnership Action to Reduce Road Casualties).
- An overview of how Highways and Transportation aim to achieve Vision Zero: infrastructure changes, partnership with Leeds and West Yorkshire Safe Roads Partnership, awareness raising events and radio campaigning, VMS road safety messaging, school safety lessons, city-wide targeted communications, Speed Indication Devices (SIDs), wheelie bin stickers, monitoring collision data and analysis and other data led interventions and trials.
- Training delivery by ward area. Chapel Allerton featured in the top 10 ranking wards for pedestrian casualties.
- In the Inner North East area there were 530 collisions in 2017 – 2021 resulting in 11 fatalities and 106 serious injuries. Across Leeds in this period, there were 93 fatalities and 1561 serious injuries.
- Promotion of 'Operation Snap' where photographic evidence showing driving offences that can be submitted to West Yorkshire Police (WYP) online.

The committee discussed the following matters:

- It was confirmed that LCC have had difficulties getting into secondary schools to provide tailored targeting due to their curriculum timetable being restrictive. Work is already there with Y6 children before they go to secondary school. West Yorkshire Police (WYP) offer training for young drivers, particularly aimed at those in sixth form as well as an offer to help pre-drivers by looking at the theory test and providing advice to new drivers. Further to this, a member commented that it is drivers of all age who can be a 'careless driver' and was of the opinion that penalties for offences need to be stronger.
- It was confirmed that 'School Streets' is being implemented – the removal of traffic from some roads outside of primary schools during term time at the school's opening and closing times. These types of restrictions are known as School Streets. Travel Plans will be established on an individual school basis, and it was confirmed that a lot of schools are not appropriate. It was also acknowledged that there is a culture shift required with parents / carers dropping children off as close to the school as possible. The team work with WYP and parking

services if required. Further to this, members generally supported this initiative but were keen to see other schools meet the criteria.

- A member commented that infrastructure changes such as widening pavements and making roads narrower is required for issues relating to speeding, particularly in the Roundhay area.
- A suggestion was also made that the team seek to work with insurance companies to collect data in relation to near misses or minor accidents.
- Concerns regarding no traffic calming measures on Meanwood Road and Chapeltown Road.
- Members identified an opportunity for LCCs Highways department to consult with residents when re-surfacing roads, to highlight any other issues that can be rectified at the same time.
- Further enforcement required around pavement parking.
- A member suggested that the team look at visual signage and banners that catches the attention of drivers during busy traffic periods.

The Chair provided members of the public with the opportunity to ask questions / provide comments and therefore:

- A suggestion was made that a speed survey be conducted along Scott Hall Road due to on-going issues with speeding and road accidents.
- A comment relayed concerns regarding the terminology used as it was acknowledged that pedestrians do not kill people and language should aim more at drivers.
- A suggestion that Infrastructure changes are required rather than depending on culture change through social media. In comparing to a 20mph default option implemented by the Welsh Government, it was suggested that Leeds adopt something similar. In responding to this, it was confirmed that whilst this particular change would have to be a direction from central government, there are plans to roll out further 20mph speed limits.
- A local resident commented that a mass transit system would benefit Leeds. Whilst it was acknowledged that such system would improve public transport and accessibility, there is no direction from central government. Leeds authority continues to lobby Government on this matter.

The Chair thanked those in attendance, and for everyone's contributions during the meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and presentation provided during the meeting.

48 Transport Strategy Investment Plans Local Update

The report of the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) introduced an update on a focused action plan that draws together funding proposals for new local area transport investment. The report also complements previous briefings on other aspects of the highways and transportation service by

providing an update on funding and changes to the project pipeline for transport strategy focused schemes at the local level.

Appended to the submitted report included a briefing paper on Better Places: Leeds Healthier Streets, Spaces and Communities and prospective sites for “pilot” schemes, Healthier Streets, Spaces and Communities.

Andrew Hall (Project Consultant) introduced the item, and provided members with a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following points:

- The main sources of funding for sustainable local area transport are received through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority through the government’s City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) and Active Travel England.
- The proposed Local Area Transport Plans will be simple “informal” documents that set out key ambitions for mobility and transport investment for the wards in each community committee area.
- The early development and scoping of the project has commenced to identify potential sites and priorities using the settlements listing in the Local Development Framework, with an initial focus on the larger towns and centres.
- This is the initial stage of conversation, and it is intended that officers will attend additional Community Committee meetings to discuss in detail what will be incorporated into the Plan.
- The introduction to a new Leeds Healthier Streets, Spaces and Communities project for local sustainable mobility and the plans for a roll out to community committee areas. Seeking to identify best use of the 6.2 million capital fund.
- In terms of the project identified above, 3 centres in the Inner North East Community Committee area have potentially been identified - Meanwood centre is a candidate where the well-developed plans to rework the key road junctions will be particularly advantageous for a “pilot” scheme. Similarly Chapel Allerton centre with its recent improvements and Roundhay Street Lane,

Members commented on the following:

- To remove mention of local area funding in the funding streams listed, as this no longer applies.
- The Methley scheme should be used as an exemplar model.
- Accessibility and transport links need to link up across Leeds. Issues are presented in the Inner North East Area in terms of pavement parking due to their not being Park and Ride schemes in North Leeds and no mass transit system.
- Further to comments about the possible proposals in the Inner North East Community Committee area, it was confirmed that it is proposed to select two or three “pilot” locations which build on existing transport investments with a good fit to the project. It was also confirmed that each Community Committee area will seek some benefit from the proposals.

Members of the public were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and comment. The following was highlighted:

- A suggestion to link Moortown and Meanwood cycle lanes.
- To consider proposals for King Lane roundabout and Stonegate Road.
- Lack of charging infrastructure for EVs across the city.
- Acknowledgement that there are low-cost schemes that can be implemented such as widening pavements and reducing speed limits.

The Chair thanked Andrew for his attendance.

RESOLVED –

- To note the contents of the report and information provided at the meeting.
- To generally support proposals for the development of the Area Transport Plans, with the caveat that further information on such proposals will be considered at a future Community Committee meeting.

49 Inner North East 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.

Projects as outlined in the submitted report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount Requested	Decision
Meanwood Park Playground Refurbishment	LCC Parks & Greenspaces	Chapel Allerton, Moortown & Roundhay	£10,000.00 (Capital) 2022-23	Agreed
Youth Development Project, Building Phase 1	InterACT Church and Community Partnership	Chapel Allerton and Moortown	£20,000.00 (Capital) 2022-23	Agreed
Irish arts and cultural activities and events	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation (IAF)	Chapel Allerton and Moortown	£1,115.00 (Wellbeing 2023-24)	Agreed
SEND Activity Day	Voice Influence & Change Team, Leeds City Council	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£1,000.00 (Wellbeing 2023-24)	Agreed
Active Communities	RJC Dance	Chapel Allerton,	£2,100.00 (Wellbeing	Agreed

Project – RJC Dance		Moortown and Roundhay	2023-24)	
Feel Good Holiday Club	Feel Good Factor	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£1,059.00 (YAF 2023-24)	Agreed
Meanwood Community Youth Theatre	Brave Words CIC	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£3,794.00 (YAF 2023-24)	Agreed
RJC Dance Activity Camps 2023-24	RJC Dance	Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay	£6,000.00 (YAF 2023-24)	Agreed

Members were informed of the following points:

- Wellbeing Budget Position 2022/23. The remaining available balance stands at £35,712.48.
- Ward Pots Budget 2022/23. A breakdown per ward was provided and it was noted that there is an overall remaining balance of £24,852.93.
- Youth Activities Fund Position 2022/23. The remaining balance stands at £1,689.76.
- Capital Budget 2022/23. The remaining balance stands at £38,948.00.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2022/23. A breakdown per ward was provided and it was noted there is an overall remaining balance of £72,349.98.
- Delegated Decisions since the last meeting on 28th November 2022 and as listed at paragraph 30 of the submitted report.
- Declined Project since the last meeting on 28th November 2022 and as listed at paragraph 31 of the submitted report.

RESOLVED – To:

- Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1).
- Consider the projects as listed above.
- Note details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision.
- Note details of the projects Declined.
- Note details of Skips & Ward Pots (Table 2).
- Note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 3).
- Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4).
- Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5).

50 Inner North East 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:

- Universal Credit claimant figures and an update that all job shops are open.
- The Reginald Centre and Moor Allerton Hub updates.

Further to a question from a member of the public regarding LGBTQ+ events being held as part of Leeds 2023; it was confirmed that a final list of events has not yet been publicised and comments will be echoed to the Leeds 2023 team.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

51 Inner North East Community Committee - Dates Times Venues Report

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:

- Monday, 12th June 2023 at 6 pm
- Monday, 4th September 2023 at 6 pm
- Monday, 27th November 2023 at 6 pm
- Monday, 26th February 2024 at 6 pm

RESOLVED – To unanimously agree the meeting schedule for the 2023/24 municipal year as listed above.

52 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday, 12th June 2023 at 6 pm.

The meeting concluded at 20:15.