

## INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors J Dowson, S Hamilton,  
Z Hussain, L Martin and M Rafique

**13 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

**14 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

**15 Late Items**

There were no formal late items.

**16 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations were raised.

**17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors E Taylor, M France-Mir, and J Bowden.

**18 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.

No matters were raised.

**19 Minutes of the previous meeting - 12 June 23**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the previous meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

**20 Best City Ambition Update**

Due to staff illness, the committee resolved to defer this item until the scheduled Inner North East Community Committee meeting in November 2023.

Members touched upon the social index tool and requested that the next formal committee provide an opportunity to show how this tool is used and how the Best City Ambition and social index tool is used in conjunction with each other.

**RESOLVED** – To defer the item until the Inner North Community Committee meeting scheduled to take place in November 2023.

## 21 Lifelong Learning Community Courses Update

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships introduced a verbal update on a presentation to be provided by Leeds University regarding an update on what the Community Outreach Team can provide in terms of courses in the community and adults who are wanting to return back to education.

Esther Bissell and Fiona Chapel (Leeds University Community and Partnerships Team) attended the meeting, and provided the Community Committee with a PowerPoint presentation including the following information:

- What the centre offer and the learning opportunities available to adults to undertake courses and a degree, particularly those who haven't been provided with similar opportunities in their life.
- The centre run their own degrees and courses, as well as providing pre-entry support.
- Esther and Fiona work in the Community and Partnership Team and provide useful advice to adults around the university and what it can offer. Community engagement aims to widens opportunities for adults to be able to access higher education.
- Key messages are shared in relation to adults being able to attend university at any stage in their life, and there is no 'standard' route for adults to access higher education. Myth busting has been undertaken around entry requirements, such as not needing a lot of A-Levels and GCSEs.
- The centre is keen to continue working with community groups to get them onboard and provide relevant taster sessions, as well as webinars to help people more informed decisions about higher education opportunities.
- An overview of full-time foundation years and part-time foundation years.
- There is a student volunteering hub at the university.

Michelle, a student from the Lifelong Learning Centre attended the meeting and provided the Community Committee with her personal experience of attending the centre and undertaking her child and family studies. Michelle explained that she believed that she did not have the relevant qualifications or confidence to attend university. Michelle works in a school and wants to broaden her skillset and learn more about what she does in order to put this into practice. Michelle explained that the Lifelong Learning Centre helped her along her journey and provided the relevant support in order for her to do so. The Lifelong Learning Centre minimised any barriers Michelle believed would deter her from attending university and would encourage anybody to attend.

The Community Committee congratulated Michelle on her journey and acknowledged the great work of the Community Outreach Team, as well as the Lifelong Learning Centre

The committee discussed the following matters:

- Helping people understand that financial implications are not a barrier attending university nor is age. It was acknowledged that there is a big cost associated with courses, but it is important that people are provided with guidance and understand their options when considering higher education. It was also noted that you start repaying the tuition fee when you're in a job earning over 25k and after 40 years the remaining balance is cleared and will not get passed on to any other family member.
- The success of the Northern College who provide similar guidance and courses.
- Community engagement and making sure that the local community are aware of the opportunities provided by the Lifelong Learning Centre. Members were provided with leaflets to hand out to their constituents and community groups. Members were also encouraged to share details on social media.
- Discrepancies with the Government regarding tuition fees and providing people with the relevant information to help them choose the right option for them.
- It was reported that the Lifelong Learning Centre work with approximately 1,500 people aged 19+ every year and they also work with people in sixth form.
- Students have access to the relevant equipment they need when they are studying such as laptops and other associated support to help individuals.
- Following a suggestion from a member, it was confirmed that they will reconsider introducing shorter taster sessions for people.

Committee members thanked those in attendance and highlighted the positive step in the Community Outreach Team engaging with the local community. It was confirmed that the Community Outreach Team were happy for members to pass on details to community groups and centres to present similar information.

**RESOLVED** – To note the presentation provided by the Community Outreach Team and discussions during consideration of this item.

## 22 Inner North East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund as well as the CRIS and Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

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

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
First base	Firstbase	Chapel Allerton, Moortown & Roundhay	£3,000 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Growing together at	The Conservation	Chapel Allerton,	£5,442.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed

Oakwood Hall	Volunteers	Moortown & Roundhay		
BM Wellbeing Village Event	BM Wellbeing Village	Chapel Allerton, Moortown & Roundhay	£508.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Holy Rosary Community Room Refurbishment	Holy Rosary Church (Diocese of Leeds)	Chapel Allerton, Moortown & Roundhay	£5,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Mandela Resources	Leeds City Council (Youth Service)	Chapel Allerton, Moortown & Roundhay	£374.00 (YAF)	Agreed

The following was highlighted:

- Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24; the remaining balance being £22,819.79.
- Since the last Inner North East Community Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, RadhaRaman Folk Festival 2023 has been approved via DDN.
- No projects have been declined since the last Inner North East Community Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Youth Activities Fund Position 2023/24; it was noted that there is a £0 remaining balance as the remainder of the monies have been sent to the youth service.
- Capital Budget 2023/24; there is a remaining balance of £3,948.00.
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget 2023/24; there is a remaining balance of £81,293.54. A breakdown per ward was also provided.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1).
- b. Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval as outlined in the table above.
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision.
- d. Details of the projects Declined.
- e. Details of Skips & Ward Pots (Table 2).
- f. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 3).
- g. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4).
- h. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5).

### **23 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 opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The report 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 was highlighted:

- The success of the Breeze in the Park event that took place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- The number of people who are claiming Universal Credit (UC) due to unemployment, as of May 2023, in the Inner North East Community Committee area is 3,727. This is an increase of 106% since March 2020.
- World Suicide Prevention Day with planned various events and activities held during this time.
- Heatwave and Health: comms toolkit.
- There are currently 21 LASBT cases in Inner North East. There is also a citywide vehicle PSPO which is live and enforceable and has helped with ongoing vehicle related issues on West Avenue.
- Members requested HAP statistics in relation to void properties.
- Plans in place for the Leeds West Indian Carnival scheduled to take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023.
- There has been ongoing work in the Inner North East area regarding cutting back on vegetation/cleaning the ginnels. Further to this, it was requested that before and after pictures are taken as evidence, and to publicise the work the CNT are doing. It was confirmed that Councillor Rafique will feed back this suggestion at the upcoming environmental sub-group.
- The Meanwood Olympics held at Woodhouse Cricket Club invited families across the city to get involved with sports, games, arts and craft and it was reported that it was a successful event with a lot of attendance from young people.
- The Leeds 2023 event held at Roundhay Park was also successful and the neighbourhood host for this area is looking at hosting another event for the following year as part of its legacy work.

**RESOLVED** – To note the contents of the report and updates.

**24 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** – To note the date and time of the next meeting as Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

The meeting ended at 19:40.