

## INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2024

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

Councillors G Almass, S Burke, E Carlisle,  
W Dixon, A Maloney, E Pogson-Golden,  
A Scopes and P Wray

**37 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

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

There was no exempt information.

**39 Late Items**

There were no formal late items, however, there was supplementary information submitted in relation to item 10 – Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, with agreement from the Chair.

**40 Declaration of Interests**

The following declarations of interest were made at the meeting:

Councillor E Carlisle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI) in relation to Agenda Item 10, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, Space Pizza Project II as this CIL funding application was submitted by the Salvation Army South Leeds Initiative, whom he was employed by. Details of this application can be found in supplementary information pack 1. In declaring his DPI, Councillor Carlisle took no part in the discussion or decision making of this specific funding application.

Councillor Paul Wray declared 'Other Registerable Interests' in relation to Agenda Item 10, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report with the Involve Community Centre, Beeston Festival and Hunslet Festival organisations having submitted funding bids, and him being involved as a trustee for Involve and a Member of the Committee for the festivals, in a voluntary capacity only. Further details for these funding applications are available below at minute 46.

**41 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**42 Minutes - 29th November 2023**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

**43 Matters Arising**

Minute 35 – In response to a query posed to Members and the Localities Officer, it was noted that the organisers of the Bumpy South Leeds project, which had been deferred from the previous meeting, had directed limited

contact, and not provided the additional information that had been requested so Members agreed to decline the application, noting the organisation will be able to reapply for funds.

#### **44 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 submissions were made as part of the Open Forum.

#### **45 King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes**

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Inner South Community Committee with an update on the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes.

The Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire outlined the following information:

- The West Yorkshire Lieutenancy was an organisation promoting and supporting many civic, faith, voluntary, social and business organisations and activities across the district.
- The awards were equivalent to a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for organisations and voluntary services and, to honour excellent community work and enterprise.
- Elected Ward Members held knowledge of good community and voluntary groups; it was requested that they join up work with the schemes and nominate credible organisations to be considered for the award.
- It was outlined that the nomination and award process were free of charge and Members input will likely only consist of sending one email containing a nomination of an organisation and its contact details.
- Members were asked to bridge the gap for the Lieutenancy to identify organisations that were unknown to the service but were strong community assets.
- The service was responsible for addressing eligibility criteria, which was noted as an organisation being volunteer led and conducting exceptional work.
- Once an organisation had been nominated and assessed to fit the criteria, it was sent to the London branch of the Lieutenancy for consideration. If approved by the London Lieutenancy, two Lieutenants were to attend the organisations premises to complete a full, final assessment.
- The Honours Committee were then set to determine whether to grant the award; it was noted approximately 50% of nominees were given the award.
- The benefits of the award were noted as, permitted use of logos to put on advertisements, being presented with a certificate and glassware from the King, beneficial when applying for grant funding and good publicity through the awards ceremony and local press.

- The KAE was based on excellent enterprise which focused on four categories, innovation, sustainable development, international trade and promoting opportunity through social mobility. This award was retained for three years, the KAVS for the lifetime of the organisation.

Members discussions included the following points:

- As many notable organisations were under staffing and resource pressures, how onerous the process was for an organisation was queried. In response it was noted nomination required one person's submission and two letters of support, which were to be submitted online and to consist of around 500 words. Information regarding criteria for the application was then provided and the Lieutenancy were then to start the assessment process.
- The assessment process was to check the organisation was well run and held good governance, safeguarding, insurance and work practises. The physical assessment of the organisations premises was to take no longer than two hours and included conversing with volunteers and trustees.
- The volunteer led criterium was lenient and pro-active, focused on day-to-day management and having paid staff was not a barrier to nomination but volunteers had to hold a management or service direction role to qualify.
- A history of the award in Leeds noted, in 2019, very few organisations were nominated or seemed aware of the award process, in 2021 there were four organisations awarded the KAVS, with more traction gained as more awards were granted in Leeds over 2022, 2023 and significant nominations expected for 2024. Leeds was noted to have a broad cross section of excellent organisations working within a large scope of communities.
- There was no money awarded but the honour and recognition were outlined to assist with applying for funding, displaying the organisation to be beneficial and credible.
- It was outlined that the Lieutenancy wrote to the organisation once they had received their nomination and also notified them once the application had been sent to the London Lieutenancy. Members were mindful to not raise the anticipation of definitely receiving the award and expectations were to be managed. In response it was noted the decision ultimately lay upon the London branch and the Honours Committee and organisations were able to be re-nominated.
- Contact details for the West Yorkshire Lieutenancy were provided as [susan.baker@ntlworld.com](mailto:susan.baker@ntlworld.com) and 07745 218412 and submissions from Ward Members, the public or any other parties were welcome.
- The Chair thanked the Deputy Lieutenant for her community beneficial work within this role and her previous role as the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire.

**RESOLVED** – That the verbal update Members comments, and recommendations regarding the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes, be noted.

## 46 Inner South Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to an update of the work in which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for further questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

The Localities Officer introduced the report, and the following points were highlighted:

- The Children's and Families Champion provided an update on recent work, outlining that the last Sub-Group meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and that the Inner South Youth Summit held at the Civic Hall had been the highlight of the year and a success. The event was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 at the banqueting hall and engaged with 150 people in attendance from 15 local schools across the three Wards. A YAF consultation had been run at the Summit in order to seek views on funding direction, an interactive question session had been conducted with the Lord Mayor allowing the young people to experience engagement with democracy and stakeholders and a lunch had been held at the Rose Bowl with goody bags and certificates presented.
- A message of thanks was extended to the Localities team for their work on the Summit and good feedback had been received from young people that attended and a local school governor. Members thanked the Children's and Families Champion for their hard work in the role and on the Summit with it being the most successful so far.
- The Environment and Community Safety Champion provided an update noting a quarterly meeting partnered with West Yorkshire Police (WYP) and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team took place, with the most recent on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2024. Members were encouraged to attend future tasking meetings.
- An update from Public Health was provided from pages 26 to 30 of the report, including winter messaging, an Employment and Skills update was detailed from pages 30 to 37 of the report, Community Engagement update on pages 37 and 38, Neighbourhood Centres Co-ordination update on pages 38 and 39 and the social media update was appended to the report, with a post regarding a leaflet drop in Hunslet and Riverside being the most engaged with.

WYP Officer, Sergeant Daniel Ryder, attended the meeting and provided the Committee with an update, outlining the following information:

- The crime statistics for Beeston and Holbeck from December 2023 were outlined:
  - Burglary residential – 16
  - Robbery – 8
  - Theft from a motor vehicle – 8
  - Theft of a motor vehicle – 5
  - Hate crimes - 17
  - Hate incidents – 8
  - Anti-social behaviour – 0

- The crime statistics for Hunslet and Riverside from December 2023 were outlined:
  - Burglary residential – 13
  - Robbery – 8
  - Theft from a motor vehicle - 20
  - Theft of a motor vehicle – 5
  - Hate crimes – 6
  - Hate incidents - 3
  - Anti-social behaviour - 6
- The crime statistics for Middleton Park from December 2023 were outlined:
  - Burglary residential – 10
  - Robbery - 4
  - Theft from a motor vehicle - 5
  - Theft of a motor vehicle - 6
  - Hate crimes - 1
  - Hate incidents - 4
  - Anti-social behaviour – 3
- Emerging data for January 2024 was provided to Members and when compared to December 2023 data it displayed a trend for reductions in the above crimes.
- Policing priorities had been developed for each Ward against the statistics with off road bike related incidents being a focus within Middleton Park with an uplift in training and resources for the Neighbourhood Policing Team to proactively deal with it.
- There was a push by WYP to improve their social media visibility within Leeds, with more posts of arrests and good Police work made. Members and local community groups were encouraged to share these posts in order to enhance the message and assist in reducing crime.
- There were more Police Officers in post across the Inner South including improvements to the Off Road Bike Team.
- Crimes within the community were encouraged to be reported to inform Police work and best practise to reduce crime.

In response to questions from Members, the following points were discussed:

- The difference between hate crimes and hate incidents was outlined as an offence being defined against the Criminal Law Act 1977 and able to be quantified as a crime. Incidents were reported but were unable to be recorded as crime against UK law, however policy for these types of offences were under review.
- Members noted annual crime statistic data would be useful to understand and track crime trends over years and assist with identifying spikes in specific crimes at different points of the year to best use Police resources.
- The decision of WYP to not use their Section 61 orders to evict a traveller encampment occupying the carpark at Middleton Woods was queried. In response it was outlined the decision was determined by a Chief Inspector, the group had been moved on from South Leeds Stadium, a site wellbeing assessment had been conducted and the

significant disruption was understood, however, incidents required reporting and evictions, or prosecutions required evidence and not assumptions.

- Although there were no specific criminal incidents noted during the encampment at South Leeds Stadium, Members noted it had created disturbance and had led to events being cancelled and people changing their plans. It was reported that notification for the eviction of the encampment at Middleton Park Woods had been received just before the commencement of the Committee meeting.
- As previously raised at a tasking meeting, drug dealing around Cross Flatts Park was prolific and visible daily and affected public perception and community safety so more Police presence was encouraged. New Police Sergeants had been employed and were currently in training and Police presence and social media visibility were to assist with the issue however, high levels of Police presence were outlined to sometimes exaggerate public concerns for crime in their area.
- There were some discrepancies noted between the statistics in the report and crime data that was available online. The figures in the report were noted to be Home Office data but the issue was to be referred to the Inspector.
- Issues of aggressive begging, particularly around shops and town centres, were ongoing and required a multi-agency approach, including the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) to address community safety and intimidation.
- The role of community policing was noted to have changed and enhanced visibility physically and online were being strengthened, particularly with the good response and results from the appointment of Inspector Lund and the Community Team being at full strength.
- With recent collaborative work done with the Police and the Housing department at Dewsbury Hub, it was stressed that attention to communicating activity was necessary to improve public perception and bolster local confidence in services and reporting processes.
- The crime action week had cultivated positive results and was to be run twice a year. More of these initiatives were noted to be of integral use to tackling organised crime, however it was understood that they were resource intensive.
- The table containing Universal Credit Claimants data on page 30 of the report was limited and a further breakdown of figures was needed to understand the full scope of claimants, such as, if the individual was in or out of work.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report, along with Members comments, be noted.

#### **47 Inner South 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 (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

The Localities Officer presented the report, outlining the following information:

- Point 10 of the report noted the change in rules with the UK no longer being a member of the EU and outlined the potential implications of the Subsidy Control Act 2022. This act was to stop selective financial interests and the legal process was covered by the Council's legal department, who could be contacted for further information.
- The Wellbeing Budget balance was available at point 21 of the report with the Ward split as Beeston & Holbeck (£16,394.68) Hunslet & Riverside (£4,870.78) and Middleton Park (£22,874).
- Point 46 of the report outlined the projects approved by delegated decision since the last Committee meeting.
- Point 50 noted the successful Tulip Street Signage and Seats project.
- Point 54 outlined the remaining YAF budget balance with the Ward split as Beeston & Holbeck: (£127.63), Hunslet & Riverside: (£5,861.36) and Middleton Park: (£13,803.98).
- Table 3 at page 62 detailed the Small Grants for 2023/24. Table 4 at page 63 detailed the Community Skips Budget.
- Point 56 noted the remaining Capital Budget with the Ward split as Beeston & Holbeck: (£3,209.91) Hunslet & Riverside: (£5,349.39) and Middleton Park: £14,509.19).
- Table 6 on page 64 detailed the remaining CIL balance with the Ward split as Beeston & Holbeck (£57,251.71), Hunslet & Riverside (£147,558.09) and Middleton Park (£18,477.34). An update for the corrected Middleton Park figure was provided to include a re-imbursed underspend as the starting figure was larger than the remaining. £18,477.34 of CIL was confirmed to be available to Middleton Park.

During consideration of the funding application, the following was discussed:

- As some of the projects were proposed to be funded from next year's budgets some concern was raised for the potential inability to fund some of next year's projects.
- A query related to the benefits the project was to have for young people was posed to the applicant for the South Leeds Allstars project. In response it was noted that provision was focused on 13 to 18 year olds, creating new opportunities for deprived young people in the area and steering them away from anti-social behaviour. There was currently 50 young people engaged with the club, and engagement had been run through schools and community sessions at Pepper Road.
- It was proposed that the South Leeds Allstars application be deferred so the site could be visited, and further information gathered. In response the applicant noted that although the football season started in September, funding was needed for preparation, engagement and training provision. The Committee sought to cast a vote on the application, which was carried, to approve the project funding.
- For the South Leeds Allstars Expansion/Growth application, Beeston & Holbeck only had £1,500 of Wellbeing funding available, Hunslet & Riverside Councillors agreed to top up the remaining £740.
- As Beeston & Holbeck held no remaining YAF or Wellbeing funds, the Outdoor Equipment store was agreed to be funded by Middleton Park

and Hunslet and Riverside at £1,000 each. The applicant was to be asked whether £2,000 of the requested £3,000 would suffice, with a note that they were able to re-apply for additional funding.

- The Beeston Community Theatre project had reduced its requested amount from £4,216 to £3,916. Members sought to gather further information on the impact of the pay as you feel approach and wanted to see a business continuity plan to address future fund generation and thus resolved to refuse the application at this stage.
- Whether the Hunslet Community Festival was eligible to be funded by Capital or CIL funding was queried. The application was approved in principle with information regarding costing to be sought to determine eligibility against the spending criteria.
- The DAZL Inner South Dance and Theatre Programme 2024 was deferred in order for clarity to be provided regarding what the core funding and Committee funding was to be spent on, with clear budget headings.
- The entirety of the funding for the Leeds Wood Recycling Work Experience Programme was unable to be provided by Beeston & Holbeck. A total of £5,900 (£1,900 from their Holbeck Priority ringfence and the remaining £4,000 from Wellbeing) was agreed and it was noted that the organisation held a good reputation and engaged with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority in jobs and adult education schemes.
- The funding for Rise and Shine Youth Provision for Middleton Park was refused as a revised application had been made requesting additional money yet they had not met with all Ward Members to discuss the project. It was noted they were able to re-apply.
- The Kidz Klub Residentials application was refused as the cost breakdown was expensive per person and the organisation was thought to have substantial reserve funds.
- The West Grange Detached & Sports Activities application was approved in principle; however, it was queried whether Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO) were able to contribute some funds as well as what the sustainability plans for the organisation were. Members suggested the organisation liaise with Mears to cover patch repairs.
- Although disappointment that the Beeston Hanging Baskets were not to be funded centrally was raised, the application was approved as a gesture of good faith as the organisation benefited the local community.
- The figures for the ringfence for the canopy to the Watsonia were corrected to be £6,000 per ward.
- The proposed £20,000 ringfence for the repairs to existing parks and construction of a new park for Middleton Park was scaled and agreed to be £30,000 so the project had access to full funds and ensure the new development was of a high standard and an asset to the area. The money was to be ringfenced with the project to follow in due course.



- How the Committee reviewed last minute bids, particularly applications for substantial funds, was queried. Priority areas were to be identified as part of the Community Committee review process.

### RESOLVED –

- a. That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position, be noted. (Table 1)
- b. That the Wellbeing ringfence for consideration and approval, be noted. (paragraph 22)
- c. That the Wellbeing proposals for consideration and approval, be noted. (paragraph 24)
- d. That funding proposals as detailed in the report for consideration, be determined as follows:

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Middleton Grit bins & refills	Middleton Park	£1,859.99	Agreed
Middleton Park Litter Bins	Middleton Park	£1,800	Agreed
Church Street – Communal Fencing improvements additional works	Hunslet & Riverside	£600	Agreed
Hamara Cross Flatts FC – Community Engagement Project	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£15,500 – Beeston & Holbeck £6,000 (Wellbeing) and Hunslet & Riverside £9,500 (£5,000 CIL & £4,500 Wellbeing)	Agreed
South Leeds Allstars Expansion/Growth	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£7,000 – Beeston & Holbeck £1,500 (Wellbeing), Hunslet & Riverside £1,720 (CIL) and Middleton Park: £3,780 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Outdoor Equipment store	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£3,000 (£1,000 per ward)	Middleton Park and Hunslet and Riverside only agreed
Beeston Community Youth Theatre	Beeston & Holbeck	£3,916	Deferred
Hunslet Community Festival	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,986	Agreed in principle
		£4,832.64 -	

DAZL Inner South Dance & Theatre Programme 2024	Beeston & Holbeck and Middleton Park	Beeston & Holbeck - £821.55 (£693.92 Wellbeing and £127.63 YAF) and Middleton Park £4,011.09 (YAF)	Deferred
Leeds Wood Recycling Work Experience Programme	Beeston & Holbeck	£6,973.20	Agreed (not all funding available)
Brett Gardens – Fencing and Environmental Work	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,700	Agreed
Royal's Estate – Staggered Barriers x8	Hunslet & Riverside	£4,545.20	Agreed
Rise & Shine Youth Provision	Middleton Park	£2,400	Refused
Ash Tree Sculpture	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£6,000 – Beeston & Holbeck £3,000 (Capital) and Hunslet & Riverside £3,000 (CIL)	Agreed
Breeze in the Park 2024	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£11,400 - (Beeston & Holbeck: £1,900, Hunslet & Riverside £1,900 and Middleton Park: £7,600)	Agreed in principle
Kidz Klub Residentials	Beeston & Holbeck and Middleton Park	£5,837.68 - Beeston & Holbeck: £3,891.79 (Wellbeing) and Middleton Park: £1,945.89 (YAF)	Refused
Hunslet Horse Trough	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,580	Agreed
Beeston Festival	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£6,000 - (£3,000 per ward) Wards Covered: Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	Agreed in principle
West Grange Detached & Sports Activities	Middleton Park	£1,700	Agreed

Beeston Hanging Baskets	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,268.50	Agreed
Lighting Jacob's Ladder	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,050	Agreed
Space Pizza Project II	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£1,338 (£669 per ward)	Agreed
Middleton Park Ward – Boulders to deter quad bikes & motorbikes	Middleton Park	£1,300	Agreed
Middleton Park Court Seating	Middleton Park	£1,912	Agreed
Involve Community Centre	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,929	Agreed
Trentham Street	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,941.40	Agreed

The following ringfences were agreed:

- £2,000 from their Wellbeing budget for grit bin refills (Middleton Park)
- £12,000 from their CIL budget towards the costs of replacing the canopy to the Watsonia (Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside - £6,000 per ward)
- £15,300 CIL improvement works to the land near St Joseph's & £7,000 CIL for improvements to the former depot site at Hunslet Moor.
- £3,000 from their CIL budget for improvements works on Fulham Street which would include re-instating this grass verge and to install 23 metres of post and rail fencing to prevent cars parking on the verge. (Hunslet & Riverside)
- £30,000 from their Capital and CIL budget for Climate, Energy, Environment and Green Space to develop a new park for young people on Low Grange View, Belle Isle and to repair & improve the park on Ring Road, LS10. (Middleton Park - £14,000 Capital and £6,000 CIL)
- £2,000 from their CIL budget for post and rail fencing on Northcote Crescent to prevent cars driving over the cycle lane and grass to gain access to the car park. (Hunslet & Riverside)
- Members are asked to consider ringfencing £5,000 from their CIL budget towards the moving of the Hunslet St Mary's Spire Memorial Stones. (Hunslet & Riverside)
- £2,620 from their CIL budget to stop access for motorbikes/quads on Arthington View (Hunslet & Riverside)

e. That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision, be noted. (paragraph 46)

f. That the details of the declined projects, be noted (paragraph 47)

- g. That the monitoring information of its funded projects, be noted. (paragraph 48)
- h. That the details of the Youth Activities Fund position, be noted. (Table 2)
- i. That the details of the Small Grants Budget, be noted. (Table 3)
- j. That the details of the Community Skips Budget, be noted (Table 4)
- k. That the details of the Capital Budget, be noted. (Table 5)
- l. That the details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget, be noted. (Table 6)
- M. That the Capital and CIL ringfences be noted and agreed.

#### **48 Dates, Times and Venue Report**

The Committee considered a report of the City Solicitor which presented a draft schedule of Community Committee meeting dates for the 2024/25 municipal year for Members' consideration.

The Governance Officer presented the report outlining the proposed dates as:

- Wednesday, 3 July 24, 1:00pm
- Wednesday, 4 Sept 24, 1:00pm
- Thursday, 21 Nov 24, 1:00pm
- Wednesday, 5 Mar 25, 1:00pm

Members discussed the following:

- In order to keep up with other work commitments, Members proposed to hold the meeting at a later starting time of 1:30pm.

**RESOLVED** – That the Inner South Community Committee meeting dates for 2024/25 municipal year be agreed as follows:-

- Wednesday, 3 July 24, 1:30pm
- Wednesday, 4 Sept 24, 1:30pm
- Thursday, 21 Nov 24, 1:30pm
- Wednesday, 5 Mar 25, 1:30pm

#### **49 Any Other Business**

The following matters were discussed:

##### *Funding rounds for the bid process*

- It was suggested that the Committee could run two funding rounds annually, including meeting discussions for each Ward's Elected Members, to set deadlines and go through bids, creating a more robust process and limiting the number of last minute bids, with the exception of smaller bids. In response it was noted that flexibility for applicants was often useful, particularly for ringfences, and this issue was being looked at through the Community Committee review. A report was due for consideration at the Executive Board with differing views on the funding round idea apparent. The review may standardise or provide a toolkit for Committees to accept and determine funding bid applications and pre-finance meeting were likely to be of use but may lead to issues, particularly for politically split Wards.

##### *Forward plan for future agenda items*

- It was proposed that the Housing department was an agency the Committee was interested in receiving agenda items and presentations from to address issues within the area. Given the large portfolio and many branches of the Housing department it was appropriate to divide specific topics and consider them over different meetings over the year. It was agreed that the forward plan schedule was to be, Adaptations and Growth, Voids and Repairs then Evictions and Anti-Social Behaviour.