

## OUTER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

**PRESENT:** Councillor E Thomson in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, P Alderson,  
C Anderson, C Campbell, R Downes,  
B Flynn, J Garvani, O Edwards and  
R Jones

### 14 **APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

### 15 **EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no exempt items.

### 16 **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 8 - Lifelong Learning Community Courses.

### 17 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS'**

No declarations of interests were made at the meeting.

### 18 **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Lay and E Bromley.

### 19 **Minutes - 5th June 2023**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, be approved as a correct record.

### 20 **Open Forum**

On this occasion there were no speakers for the Open Forum.

### 21 **Lifelong Learning Community Courses**

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Outer North West Community Committee with an update on what Leeds University could offer Adults who want to return back to education and to gather input from Elected Members and residents.

In attendance for this item were:

- Fiona Chapel – Leeds University
- Esther Bissell – Leeds university

This presentation updated the Community Committee on what the Community Outreach Team could offer in terms of courses in the community. The Lifelong

Learning Centre is a multi-disciplinary school offering undergraduate courses, and a specialist service supporting mature and part-time learners across the University of Leeds.

The courses focus on students from under-represented groups and those without traditional qualifications. The centre provides support for current and prospective mature, part-time and Foundation Level students, and apprentices. The team work with community organisations and education providers in areas of low participation in higher education in Leeds and West Yorkshire to create opportunities for adults to access higher education.

The following points were highlighted from the presentation:

- The team offer positive messages on the benefits of further or higher education, explain and provide information on finance and entry qualifications, give impartial information, advice and guidance for adults without degrees and provide role models for adults from under-represented groups in higher education.
- The community engagement approach offers long term and sustainable support to the communities they work with.
- The team offer taster sessions which are useful and relevant to the group and provide assistance with visits to the university.
- Support is provided to the community and adult learning organisations through university volunteers and research.
- The centre can offer webinars which are free, host special degree programmes and apprenticeships.

In response to questions from the Community Committee the following information was provided:

- Once a person has a degree the team would want them to go into graduate work, as this is how the success of the centre is measured. The centre would help with preparation for interviews including advice on what to wear and keep in touch with students.
- Advice is given to all students in relation to course costs and on how it is repaid.
- The centre ensures that any gaps in qualifications such as maths are supported.
- The centre raises awareness of the courses on offer to all communities which would start with 'jump start' courses which would require English language at ESOL level for them to be confident in informal chats and group sessions. It was noted that there were funding rules, and this is dependent on residency and length of time they have been in this country. The team do work with partner agencies such as immigration and refugee services.

**RESOLVED** – To note the content of the report and presentation.

*Cllr Flynn left the meeting at 13:55 at the end of this item.*

## **22 Outer North West 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, Capital Budget, as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

The report was presented by the Locality Officer who provided the Committee with the following points:

- There was currently a remaining balance of £58,366.29 in the Wellbeing budget. A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 1
- The Youth Activity Fund had a remaining balance of £11,996. Table 2 of the report provided a list of projects to date.
- Table 3 provided information on Small Grants and skips for each ward.
- There was a capital budget of £43,611.80 available to spend. Members were advised that Table 4 of the report showed the capital allocation summarised and broken down by ward. It was noted that the figures would be reviewed and a more up to date balance would be sent to Members once the figures had been received for the April injection to the Capital budget. It was also noted that the Capital budget would be receiving another injection in November.
- At present there was £367,792.11 available to spend in the Community Infrastructure Levy. A summary and break down by ward were provided in Table 5.
- Members were asked to consider the following projects:

Project	Organisation	Amount proposed	Ward
Operation Mineral Outer North West	West Yorkshire Police Early Action	£2,850.24 (Wellbeing)	Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon
Green Lane Cricket Club Nets & Improvements to the practise surface	Green Lane Cricket Club	£5,820.00 (Wellbeing / CAP)	Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon
10th Anniversary Project	Global CPAD Campaign	£1,850.00 (Wellbeing)	Guiseley & Rawdon
Aireborough Pitch Improvement Scheme	Aireborough Rugby Union Football Club	£19,778.40 (CAP / CIL)	Guiseley & Rawdon

Members discussions included:

- In relation to Paragraph 31 it was noted that Members were not in support of the project proposed by West Yorkshire Police. Members were of the view that they should have been briefed about this project

and briefed about the overall strategy for the Outer North West area. It was the view that this project could be funded from another source.

- In relation to Paragraph 32 it was noted that the Cricket Club were sending a revised application.
- In relation to Paragraph 33 Members requested that clarification was required to ensure that the defibrillator includes batteries. It was also suggested that a sign should be placed on or near to the defibrillator saying who had funded it.
- In relation to Paragraph 34 it was noted that the Aireborough Rugby Union Football Club had not approached the current Guiseley and Rawdon Councillors for funding of this application. It was also noted that £5,000 of match funding had been found but this was not in the submitted application. It was suggested that discussions should also be had with the Otley and Yeadon Ward Members as the pitch was close to their ward boundary. Members also requested information on the long-term usage of the pitch.
- Cllr Anderson informed the Committee that he had requested officers to check CIL contributions for Adel and Wharfedale. He said that after officers had done the checks, the CIL money for his ward had increased. He suggested that other ward members may wish to have their CIL money checked also.

The Locality Officer advised the Community Committee that he would be reviewing all the figures for Capital and CIL to ensure they were correct.

**RESOLVED – To:**

- Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- Approve Funding proposals for the following: (paragraphs 30-34)

Project	Organisation	Amount proposed	Ward	Outcome
Operation Mineral Outer North West	West Yorkshire Police Early Action	£2,850.24 (Wellbeing)	Adel & Wharfedale, Guiseley & Rawdon, Horsforth and Otley & Yeadon	Defer for further information
Green Lane Cricket Club Nets & Improvements to the practise surface	Green Lane Cricket Club	£5,820.00 (Wellbeing / CAP)	Guiseley & Rawdon and Otley & Yeadon	Agree in principal – further information requested
10th Anniversary Project	Global CPAD Campaign	£1,850.00 (Wellbeing)	Guiseley & Rawdon	Agree in principal – require clarification documentation
Aireborough Pitch	Aireborough Rugby Union	£19,778.40 (CAP / CIL)	Guiseley & Rawdon	Defer for further

Improvement Scheme	Football Club			information
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c. Note details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 20-21)

d. Note monitoring information of its funded projects.

e. Note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)

f. Note details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Table 3)

g. Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4)

h. Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5)

## 23 **Outer North West Community Committee - Update Report**

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships presented an update on the work of the Localities Team.

The Locality Offer presented the report and the Community Committee Champions provided updates on the work of the sub-groups.

### *Environment and Community Safety*

- There was concern that the police were understaffed in the Outer North West area.
- It was the view that the anti-social behaviour information should be kept to a summary only for the Update Report.
- Members were to be invited to a meeting on the refuse route review to discuss any local issues. It was noted that the route review was to start week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September, and it was suggested that the Chair write to the Chief Officer, Environmental Services in relation to the concerns raised by Outer North West Members.
- Parks and Countryside project work was ongoing across the wards. The briefing had been good, and the concerns raised by councillors were understood and there would be ongoing maintenance and repairs.
- It was noted that work on a number of HAP projects had now stopped due to increasing costs of materials and the process of bidding may need to happen again.
- The subject of leaf clearance to be discussed at the next sub-group meeting.
- A Circular Economy Working Group had been arranged for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023, invites had been sent to all Councillors of the Outer North West area

### *Children and Families*

- The first meeting had discussed:
  - Vaping among young children and the impact in the Outer North West area.
  - Dental provision for children
  - School places – Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust were to be invited to the December meeting of the Community Committee. It was suggested that an additional meeting of the Community Committee be convened to discuss this matter.

### *Health and Wellbeing*

- This sub-group had met in July and an update had been provided on the matters discussed at that meeting which including Vaping, World Suicide Prevention Day, and Winter Vaccines: Rollout.

### *Employment, Skills and Welfare*

- Figures in relation to employment and Universal Credit were provided in the Update Report.
- Members were of the view that events and career fairs were needed in the Outer North West area. It was noted that there was a Digital Careers Fair taking place at Leeds First Direct Arena on 26<sup>th</sup> September.
- A briefing note for Members was requested on Universal Credit and the figures to be clarified for the Outer North West area.

It was noted that the Transport sub-group was still to meet.

All Outer North West Wards agreed to keep the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and to monitor it.

### LEEDS 2023

Members were of the view that they would have liked to have been more involved with the planning of events, feedback suggested events worked especially well where they built on what was already happening, and there may be options for community Committees to work on similar events in the future.

### BREEZE EVENTS

Members were of the view that these events had been fantastic in all wards with children of all ages attending, and it had been good to see so many people attending from outside the area. It was suggested that smaller scale play day events be discussed for the area.

**RESOLVED** - To note the content of the report.

## **24 Date and Time of next meeting**

**RESOLVED** – To note the next scheduled meeting of the Outer North West Community Committee is on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, at 1pm. Venue to be confirmed.