

Report of: Jane Maxwell, East North East Area Leader

Report to: Outer North East Community Committee – Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby Wards

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To Note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides an update on the on-going work programme of Outer North East Community Committee.

Main issues

2. Tasking meetings for both Alwoodley and Harewood & Wetherby Wards have taken place in both September and November. Tasking meetings are an opportunity for the Police, Ward Members, council officers and partner agencies to discuss and co-create actions to address emerging and on-going crime and environmental issues in the local area.
3. The latest Partnership Working Area report for Outer North East Leeds (November 2016) has re-affirmed that crime in the area remains low compared to other areas of the city, however there are issues around youth related nuisance and ASB that continue occur in hotspots in Alwoodley Ward, Bramham and Wetherby Town Centre.
4. For all the latest information and developments regarding community safety matters in the Outer North East area please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/WYPLeedsOuterNorthEast/?fref=ts>
5. The Outer North East Environmental Sub Group met on both 1st September and 24th November. The sub group is chaired by Cllr Gerald Wilkinson, the Outer North East Community Champion for Environmental Services.

6. Ward Members, officers from the Communities Team, Housing Leeds, East North East Locality Team, Parks and Countryside and Waste Management Services were all in attendance. Items discussed included refuse collection, environmental enforcement action, grounds maintenance, parks and countryside issues as well as the Environmental Service Level Agreement (SLA).



Caption: On 1st September 2016 the Environmental Sub Group visited the RERF Facility off Pontefract Lane

7. The minutes of the September 1st meeting are attached at **Appendix A**. The minutes of the November 24th meeting will be circulated at the next available Community Committee.
8. A series of Ward Member meetings have been held for Alwoodley, Harewood and Wetherby since the last meeting of the Community Committee.
9. Alwoodley Ward Members met on 13th October, 26th October and 16th November and discussed local issues including highways maintenance, parks & greenspaces, the environment, the North Leeds Greenway Proposal and Wellbeing finance.
10. A Harewood Ward Members meeting was held on 11th October. As well as Wellbeing finance, subjects for discussion included parks and greenspaces, East Leeds Orbital Road (ELOR) and local school provision.
11. Wetherby Ward Members met on 10th November Issues discussed included neighbourhood planning, the former Primrose HOP site and wellbeing finance.
12. Attached at **Appendix B** is an update from council's Forward Planning and Sustainable Development Team regarding neighbourhood planning activity in the Outer North East area. This follows on from the Outer North East Community Committee held in September, at which it was agreed that updates on neighbourhood planning activity would be regularly reported to Elected Members.
13. The Chief Executive and Leader of Council visited both Alwoodley and Harewood Wards on the afternoon of 14th November 2016. Accompanied by both sets of Ward Members, the Chief Executive and Leader Council enjoyed a packed schedule (highlighted overleaf):

Time	Event
13:00pm	**** Tom Riordan (Chief Executive, LCC) & Cllr Blake (Leader, LCC) picked up from the Civic Hall ****
13:20pm	Tom Riordan, Cllr Blake & Alwoodley Ward Members to visit MAEcare on Cramner Bank (http://www.maecare.org.uk/) for short talk with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Provision users • Chairman & Deputy Chairman of Alwoodley Parish Council • Moortown Baptist Church Minister
13:50pm	**** DEPART FOR NEXT STOP ****
14:00pm	Tom Riordan, Cllr Blake & Alwoodley Ward Members to visit Leeds Jewish Free School - Brodetsky Campus (http://www.brodetsky.leeds.sch.uk/) - to talk to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Head of Brodetsky & LJFS • Chair of Slaid Hill in Bloom • President of Leeds Jewish Representative Council • Representatives from the Baab ul IIm Mosque and Community Centre
14:30pm	**** DEPART FOR NEXT STOP ****
14:40pm	Tom Riordan, Cllr Blake, Jane Maxwell (Area Leader for ENE)& Harewood Ward Members to commence a bus tour of key Harewood sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadwell Library and Dementia Café (Start point for the bus tour) LS17 8HL • Bracken Lodge & Ling Lane, Scarcroft LS14 3JQ • Linton Bridge LS22 5LZ • The Avenue, Collingham LS22 5BU • HGVs on A659 Collingham • Proposed 'ELOR' route impact on villages of Scholes and Barwick
15:45pm	**** RETURN TO CIVIC HALL ****

14. Themes discussed during the course of the three hour visit included:

- the work of the local voluntary & community sector
- children and young people
- community cohesion
- development & planning
- flooding
- traffic congestion and the infrastructure needs of the area

The Wetherby Ward visit is scheduled for 31st January 2017.

15. A site allocations drop in event was held on 20th October at the John Rylie Centre in Barwick-in-Elmet. This consultation formed part of the re-visited site allocations consultation for the Outer North East area: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Site-Allocations-Plan-Revised-Publication-Draft-Outer-North-East.aspx> . It is hoped that the revised site allocations plan will go the council's development plans panel early in the New Year.

16. An Emmerdale Stakeholder Panel meeting was held on 5th October. This panel considered 17 projects that had been put forward by eligible groups and organisations since the panel AGM in July.

17. The purpose of the panel is to help steer and allocate the S106 funding stream that has arisen to help mitigate any impact that the Emmerdale film set may have. The new Chair, Cllr Rachel Procter, has resolved to utilise this funding stream to its full potential over the coming years to best benefit not only the Harewood estate and its environs, but also the wider Harewood Ward.
18. Work on the Moor Allerton hub revamp is edging towards completion. The final elements of the ground floor work will re-commence w/c 21st November. A passenger lift which will make the building DDA compliant (this will be where the current book lift is located) is also being installed. As this takes place there will be some minor disruptions to customers (posters are being displayed in advance informing them of this). However the Hub Manager has assured Ward Members that this shouldn't affect either the speed or the quality of the customer service they receive.



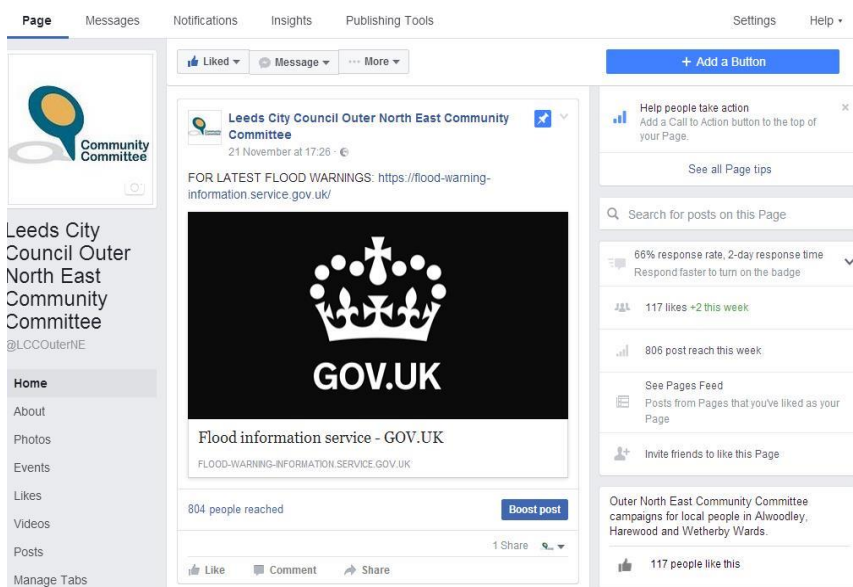
Caption: Moor Allerton Hub which is currently undergoing a revamp

19. The Alwoodley Family of Schools drama project, supported and funded by Ward Members, continues to provide exciting opportunities for local children to experience first-hand all aspects of the production process including filming & photography, storytelling & script writing as well as a back stage tour of the City Varieties Theatre.



Caption: Practitioner Emma Gordon from Next Generation Arts with pupils from Highfield Primary School

20. Information on Linton Bridge, which has been closed since 27th December 2015 is regularly updated via the following link: <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/Linton-Bridge.aspx> . It is expected that the bridge will be full re-open in Summer 2017.
21. Since the last meeting in September, members of the Communities Team (ENE) have been managing and populating the Facebook page that has been established for the Outer North East Community Committee as a means for communicating with partners, 3rd sector organisations and local residents.
22. At the time of writing the Outer North East Facebook page has 119 Likes. Since the September Community Committee, the Communities Team have posted over 38 items that have had a reach of over 1,897 (although it should be noted that this will include a high proportion of re-visits to site from the same people).
23. An example of the potential of social media as a means for community engagement is highlighted below.



Caption: This post from 21st November on the subject of flood warnings very quickly managed to get a reach of 804 people.

Conclusion

24. There are a number of actions on-going to achieve the Community Committee priorities and fulfil its work programme but despite this, the Community Committee recognises that there is still a significant amount of work to be done.

Recommendations

25. That Members note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

Background information

- Link to the Facebook Page for the Inner East Community Committee: <https://www.facebook.com/LCCOuterNE>

- Link to the Your Community Twitter Page: https://twitter.com/@_YourCommunity