

## **INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors G Almass, J Blake, K Groves,  
M Iqbal, E Nash, A Scopes, P Truswell and  
P Wray

### **1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals.

### **2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

### **3 Late Items**

There were no late items. However, some supplementary information was circulated to Members and published in advance of the meeting in relation to Item 8 (Minute 8 refers

### **4 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **5 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **6 Minutes - 4 March 2020**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held 4 March 2020 be approved as an accurate record.

### **7 Open Forum**

In order to facilitate the Open Forum item whilst Community Committee meetings are being held remotely, the process has been adapted slightly, so that members of the public are invited to make written submissions in advance of the meeting on any matter which falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

On this occasion a submission had been received from Ian Waterhouse, a local resident. The following submission was read out at the meeting:

‘Would the elected members for Beeston and Holbeck support an extension of the Leeds United Matchday On Street Parking Zone outward to Dewsbury Road rather than the current boundary of Beeston Road/Town Street? This question was raised at the Active Travel Network consultation earlier in the year and it was indicated that this was not within the remit of that project. On street parking on match days has always been a problem, more so recently before the pandemic, and if the Active Travel Network is implemented as indicated it will only exacerbate the issue.’

The Chair thanked Mr Waterhouse for his submission. Members recognised the parking issues in Beeston relating to match day and have heard through other forums that this is an issue and have been exploring a number of possible solutions with executive members.

The Chair noted that the Committee had received a submission regarding the closure of bowling greens in the city, however felt that it was not appropriate for the Inner South Community Committee, and Members would respond to the city-wide consultation taking place on this issue.

## 8 Inner South Community Committee Finance Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that set out the delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to consider the wellbeing applications submitted.

Three further Wellbeing Applications were submitted as supplementary information for Members consideration.

The projects set out in the report were discussed and agreed as follows:

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Wards</b>	<b>Amount requested from Wellbeing Budget</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Beeston Youth Theatre	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,625 (£1,260 YAF, £365 Revenue)	Approved
Ping in the Park (Hard Standing)	Beeston & Holbeck (£125), Hunslet & Riverside (£125)	£250 (Capital)	Approved
Playground signs for Cross Flatts Park & Cottingley Hall	Beeston & Holbeck (£140), Hunslet & Riverside (£70)	£210 (Capital)	Approved

Holbeck Street Nameplate Refurbishment Scheme	Beeston & Holbeck	£16,500 (Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Budget £5,000 / Revenue £11,500)	Approved
Inner South Activity Programme December 2020 - March 2021	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,280 (Revenue)	Approved

During discussions, the following matters were raised:

- Members sought more information on the Hunslet Club Vocational Training project, the Breeze Friday Night project, and the Clayton Ginnel Stopping-up Order project – specifically, when the projects would begin and whether projects required further assistance from Ward Members. The Localities Officer advised that an update would be requested on these matters and circulated to Members.
- A Member noted that since publication of the report, a project seeking funding had been submitted and subsequently declined. Members were advised that the application set out plans to hold a BAME workshop at the Market Place in the City Centre, which Members largely supported, however there were some concerns around the use of funds and the absence of other key information, and the project was declined on this basis.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted;
- b) That the wellbeing applications be approved as set out above;
- c) That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted; Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th December, 2020
- d) That the monitoring information of the Committee's funded projects be noted;
- e) That the details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position be approved as set out in the report;
- f) That the details of the Small Grants Budget be noted;
- g) That the details of the Community Skips Budget be noted;
- h) That the details of the Capital Budget be noted;
- i) That the details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted;
- j) That the details of the COVID-19 Wellbeing Discretionary Fund be noted;
- k) That the details of projects not started by October 2020, plus variations to projects (Table 8) be noted.

## **9 Inner South Community Committee Update Report**

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that provided a summary of the work undertaken by the Communities Team based on the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee. A Facebook engagement update was appended to the report.

Community Committee Champions provided updates for their respective areas and feedback from recent sub group meetings, as set out in the report.

A number of matters were discussed, including:

- Members were advised that, to date, seven defibrillators have been installed in the Inner South area, and the new defibrillator at the Hunslet Club had fortunately recently saved a life. It was noted that notification of installation of the remaining defibrillators would be sent to Ward Members once confirmed.
- Members noted a number of community engagement activities that had taken place recently, including a number of virtual events, Christmas markets, consultations and resident meetings to discuss the steps take to address specific local issues such as anti-social behaviour.

**RESOLVED – -** That the contents of the report be noted.

## **10 Domestic Violence and Abuse in Inner South Leeds**

The Director of Communities and Environment submitted a report that introduced a verbal update and presentation on domestic violence and abuse in the Inner South Community Committee Area.

Gerry Shevlin, Domestic Violence Programme Manager, was in attendance and delivered a PowerPoint presentation, which provided an overview of:

- Data related to reported domestic violence in the Inner South area, showing an increase in reports for 2020 and the highest volume of incidents in inner city wards;
- The impact of COVID-19 on reports of domestic violence, with initial decline in reports due to access barriers for 'front door' teams;
- A snapshot of current projects and interventions in the Inner South to address issues;
- The implications of the Domestic Violence bill due to be introduced in 2021;
- Moving forward, opportunities for Community Committee engagement.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- Members noted the importance of addressing cyber abuse, and sought more information on the steps taken to address the issue, particularly with children and young people, and were advised that the Education

Safeguarding Team provide training in school settings as well as a variety of online resources.

- In response to a query, Members were advised that often data relating to sexuality is not recorded correctly, which limits the ability identify domestic abuse within LGBT relationships. However, it is recognised that LGBT victims of domestic abuse are more likely to seek support from specific LGBT support groups and services than universal domestic violence support services.
- Members queried whether the accessibility of literature had been reviewed to ensure that people with additional needs are presented with appropriate information and guidance for domestic abuse. Members were advised that this would be reviewed in more detail.
- In recognising the limits to access of front door services in the city as a result of the closure of some facilities due to COVID-19 restrictions, Members sought clarity on how victims of domestic abuse can seek refuge in these times. Members were advised of the Safe Spaces Scheme, which was introduced as a result of lockdown, to provide access to support services through supermarkets and pharmacies across the city.

#### **RESOLVED –**

- a) That the contents of the report and presentation be noted.
- b) That a further updates be provided to the Community Committee in due course.

#### **11 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 2.00 p.m.