

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MARCH, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

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

36 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals received.

37 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no information to be considered at the meeting which was designated as being exempt from publication.

38 Late Items

There were no formal late items of business to consider, however, prior to the meeting, Members had been provided with supplementary information in the form of an additional Wellbeing application entitled, 'Manor Farm Estate Replacement of Handrails', to be considered as part of Agenda Item 8 (Finance Report). Minute No. 43 refers.

39 Declaration of Interests

Not a formal declaration of interest, but at this point in the meeting, Councillor Scopes brought to the Committee's attention the fact that he was currently a Trustee of Leeds United Foundation, and whilst there was nothing specifically relating to the organisation to be considered as part of the agenda, representatives of the Foundation were in attendance.

40 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence from the meeting were received.

41 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

42 Open Forum

Playing Pitch Provision – Cockburn School

Local residents raised a number of concerns regarding proposals to increase astro turf playing pitch provision at Cockburn School. Specifically, concerns included the management of increased traffic as a result of the proposals including the entry/exit arrangements from the site; potential impact upon flooding risk; the significant historical importance of parts of the site; where responsibility would fall for the maintenance and security of the site; and the impact of additional flood light provision both upon local residents and from an environmental perspective.

Members noted and acknowledged the concerns raised by local residents. In response, attendees received information and context regarding the proposals and how this linked to the increase in school place provision, which as noted, was needed in the locality. Further to this, regarding the actions that could be taken by local residents on this matter it was recommended that the local residents submit their concerns and comments as part of the planning process, so that they could be taken into consideration through that formal process, as appropriate.

Holbeck Residents Drop In Session

A local resident highlighted the above drop in session which was held on 1st March 2022, with the lower than expected turn out being noted.

43 Inner South Community Committee - Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report that set out the overall delegated budget position for the Community Committee and invited Members to note the latest position, as submitted, and determine the Wellbeing applications contained within the report.

Prior to the meeting, a further Wellbeing application had been submitted as supplementary information for the Committee's consideration, entitled, 'Manor Farm Estate Replacement of Handrails'.

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

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
6 Litter Bins for Beeston & Holbeck	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,260.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Holbeck Moor FC Childcare & Transport	Beeston & Holbeck	£4,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Emergency Food Parcels for the Needy	Beeston & Holbeck; Hunslet & Riverside	£5,000.00 (Wellbeing)	That £1,000 (Beeston & Holbeck Ward) and £2,500.00 (Hunslet & Riverside Ward) totalling £3,500.00 funding be Approved
Town Street Community Noticeboard (Beeston)	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,312.99 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Holbeck Lamp Post Banners 2022	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,743.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Holbeck Moor Subway Improvements	Beeston & Holbeck	£14,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Although the aims of the project were supported in principle, it was requested that prior

			to funding being allocated, officers undertake further work and return to the committee with proposals on more cost effective ways to complete the project.
Holbeck Moor Electricity Supply Standing Charge 2022/23	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Beeston Town Street Problematic Parking	Beeston & Holbeck	£1,000.00 (Wellbeing)	Although the aims of the project were supported in principle, it was requested that prior to the funding being allocated, further work be undertaken by officers and provided to Members, to ensure that Members are comfortable that the proposals are effective in addressing the current parking issues.
Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Newsletter Edition 3: Summer/Autumn 2022	Beeston & Holbeck	£412.00 (Wellbeing, via IS.21.04 Holbeck Priority Neighbourhood Budget)	Approved
Ensuring Children in Middleton are Supported to Thrive and Have Fun	Middleton Park	£2,327.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved
Beeston Community Youth Theatre	Beeston & Holbeck; Middleton Park	£6,038.00 (YAF)	That the matter be referred to the Children & Young People Sub Group for consideration, with it being noted that should the Sub Group be supportive, then the application would need to be formally approved at the next Committee meeting,

			or if urgent, via delegated decision, in line with the Committee's agreed 'Minimum Condition' arrangements.
Champions Soccer Saturday	Beeston & Holbeck; Hunslet & Riverside; Middleton Park	£3,606.00 (YAF)	That the matter be referred to the Children & Young People Sub Group for consideration, with it being noted that should the Sub Group be supportive, then the application would need to be formally approved at the next Committee meeting, or if urgent, via delegated decision, in line with the Committee's agreed 'Minimum Condition' arrangements.
Mini Breeze	Beeston & Holbeck; Hunslet & Riverside; Middleton Park	£10,950.00 (YAF)	Approved
Manor Farm Estate Replacement of Handrails	Middleton Park	£4,280.00 (Wellbeing)	Approved

Members highlighted the need for work to continue in reviewing the way in which Wellbeing funding was allocated, so that it looked to further maximise the benefit for the community and address inequalities as much as possible. Members also emphasised the need to continue to monitor how the allocated funding was spent and the positive impact it was having. Finally, Members acknowledged the range of information already received as part of this process but highlighted the need for the processes in place to continue to be developed in order ensure that all relevant information was sought from organisations applying for funding.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position, be noted;
- b) That the wellbeing proposals be determined, as detailed within the table above;
- c) That the details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision, be noted;
- d) That the monitoring information of funded projects, be noted;
- e) That details of the Youth Activities Fund position, be noted;
- f) That details of the Small Grants Budget, be noted;

- g) That details of the Community Skips Budget, be noted;
- h) That details of the Capital Budget, be noted;
- i) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget, be noted.

44 Inner South Community Committee - Update Report

The Committee received a report which provided an update on the key activities being undertaken by the Communities Team together with the work of the Community Champions, which was based upon the priorities identified by the Inner South Community Committee. In presenting the report, it provided the committee with an opportunity to discuss or seek further information on the range of actions currently being undertaken.

Regarding the Children and Families theme, the Committee received an update on the preparations for the next Youth Summit event, with a recommendation that the matter be discussed at the next Children and Young People's sub group meeting.

In discussing the issue of support for young people in respect of their mental health, it was requested that further information be provided to Members on this, with a suggestion being made that this could potentially be a theme which is incorporated into the Youth Summit. In conclusion, it was suggested that that this be considered further at the next Sub Group meeting.

Responding to comments made regarding the issues faced by some when transitioning from a young person to an adult and the support being provided in this area, it was suggested that this matter could be raised by the Children & Families Champion for consideration at the Corporate Parenting Board.

Members received an update on the work being undertaken in relation to Environment & Community Safety, with a request being made that representation from the Neighbourhood Policing Team / Inspector at future Committee meetings.

With regard to Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care, it was noted that the Health & Wellbeing Sub Group met on 1st March in order to agree its work programme for the coming months. Also, the Committee received an overview of the work being undertaken as part of the Vitamin D and Health & Wellbeing initiative, which is covered within Minute No. 45.

As part of the Committee's community engagement initiative, the Committee received an update on the Holbeck Residents Drop In session which was held on the 1st March, and noted a summary of the positive outcomes arising from it, despite the lower than expected turn out. Members also suggested that it may be beneficial to host similar events in other parts of the Inner South area.

Members discussed the continuing issues around ensuring that people received the appropriate support from across all agencies and employers to help them find work; assist them return to work; or help them increase their skills and experience in preparation for work. The scale of the challenges

faced were highlighted and how a co-ordinated, multi-agency approach was required to address such long standing issues.

A Member raised concerns regarding young people on a reduced school timetable, and the issues it raised, such as those in relation to safeguarding. In response, it was agreed that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee would write to the Executive Member for Economy, Culture & Education to highlight such concerns.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the contents of the submitted report, together with the comments made by Members during this discussion, be noted;
- b) That the Chair, on behalf of the Committee write to the Executive Member for Economy, Culture & Education to highlight the concerns raised during the discussion regarding young people on a reduced school timetable, and the issues it raised, such as those in relation to safeguarding.

(During the consideration of this item, Councillor Truswell left the meeting)

45 Inner South Health & Wellbeing Sub Group: Health & Wellbeing Survey Response Report

The Committee received a report which provided an overview of the work undertaken to date as part of the Vitamin D and Health and Wellbeing Campaign, and which provided an update on the outcomes from a health and wellbeing survey undertaken as part of various engagement sessions across the Inner South area.

With regard to the Vitamin D and Health and Wellbeing Campaign, the Committee received a verbal update on the aims of the campaign, the work undertaken to date and an offer to organisations across the Inner South area to become involved in the initiative.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the submitted report, together with the comments made by Members during this discussion, be noted.

46 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Report

The Committee received a report of the Head of Locality Partnerships which provided Members with an update regarding arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, provided further information which could be used for the organisation of community events to mark the jubilee and noted the work taking place in order to access the funding opportunities which were available to help deliver celebrations.

Members were invited to consider whether the Committee wanted to ringfence an amount of Wellbeing funding to support community celebrations. Also, it was noted that the Communities Team would continue to work with local Ward Members in the promotion of celebrations and in relation to accessing the funding opportunities which were available.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the submitted report, be noted.

47 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2022/23

The Committee considered a report of the City Solicitor which presented a draft schedule of Community Committee meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year for Members' consideration.

With regard to venues for meetings in the 2022/23 municipal year it was requested that the meetings continue to be held in each Ward in turn wherever possible, to ensure that the Committee meetings were spread across the Inner South area.

RESOLVED – That the Inner South Community Committee meeting dates for 2022/23 municipal year be agreed as follows:-

10.00am, Wednesday, 29 June 2022;
2.00pm, Wednesday, 7 September 2022;
2.00pm, Wednesday, 30 November 2022; and
2.00pm, Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

48 Chair's Closing Remarks

In closing the meeting, Councillor Gabriel, Chair of the Inner South Community Committee, informed those present that this was her final Community Committee meeting as a Leeds City Councillor, and as such, her final meeting as Chair of the Committee. Councillor Gabriel extended her thanks to all from across the Inner South area, from within the Council and from partner organisations who had supported her throughout her time as an Elected Member.

On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Gabriel also paid tribute to and thanked Councillor Groves, as it was also her final Community Committee meeting as a Leeds City Councillor.

In response, the Committee, together with members of the public present paid tribute to both Councillor Gabriel and Councillor Groves for their dedication and length of service to both the Council and the Inner South community.