

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Amanda Carter in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, P Carlill, A Carter,
A Forsaith, D Seary, S Seary, M Sowards
and T Smith

30 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There are no appeals.

31 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There are no exempt items.

32 Late Items

There are no formal late items.

33 Declaration of Interest

Members did not raise any interests.

34 Apologies For Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

35 Open Forum / Community 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.

A local resident attended the meeting and raised an issue regarding the project for the Money Buddies sessions and concern that not all residents from Farnley and Wortley will be able to attend due to venue implications. It was confirmed that it is expected for there to be 1 weekly session based at Pudsey Community Hub, 1 alternating each fortnight between Farnley Community Centre and Farsley Library, as well as an additional session at Farnley Hillside Hall. The Localities Officer confirmed that he will confirm this position with the organisation for this project.

The local resident also raised concerns regarding there not being a dedicated community hub in the Farnley area. It was acknowledged that there is a

mobile hub in the ward, although members confirmed they will raise this with relevant services.

36 Minutes - 5 September 22

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held 5th September 2022, be approved as an accurate record.

37 Outer 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 2022/23.

Projects set out in the report were discussed, and agreed as follows:

Project Title	Wards	Amount requested	Decision
Heritage Boards – Greenside and Lowton	Pudsey	£1,600 (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Summer Bands in the Park 2023	Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey and Farnley & Wortley	£3,300 - £330 per concert, with x10 concerts planned (Wellbeing)	Agreed
Football and Cricket for Children	Pudsey and Calverley & Farsley	£500 (Small Grants)	Agreed
Calverley & Farsley Roundabout Basket	Calverley & Farsley	£2,000 (Capital)	Agreed

Members were informed of the following points:

- Since the last Community Committee meeting on 5th September 22, no projects have been approved by DDN.
- The total revenue funding for the Wellbeing Budget 2022/23 is £118,717.22, with a remaining balance of £13,164.37. A breakdown of projects can be found in Table 1 of the submitted report.
- The total revenue funding for the Youth Activities Fund 2022/23 is £82,934.37, with a remaining balance of £15,601.57. A full breakdown of projects and ring-fences is listed in Table 2 of the submitted report.
- Dazzle Dance – will be no longer running sessions from Farnley Community Centre due to on-going issues with the venue. In the process of speaking to other venues and members will be kept updated on any progressions.
- October Half Term Taster Sessions – all 3 days that were held, were successful. The sessions attracted around 60 young people, over the 3 sessions that were held. Positive feedback received from children, and they most enjoyed cooking and the DJ sessions. Will work with

children's champions and youth service on activities for the next sessions.

- An overview of the Small Grants approved as listed in Table 3 of the submitted report.
- There is a Capital Budget 2022/23 available to spend which stands at £19,270.06.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy Budget per ward and it was noted that the remaining balance for 2022/23 stands at £176,196.33.
- An overview of the Outer-West Covid-19 Discretionary Fund Balance. It was noted that any funds remaining at the end of the financial year, will be allocated back into the Wellbeing Fund.

Members discussed the following points:

- Assurances were sought that the next round of Half Term Taster Sessions are adequately financed. Members were also keen to see sessions delivered across the Outer West Community Committee area.
- Football and Cricket for Children project, and a general consensus that officers should look at doing work around the Chatsworth and Moorland estates to encourage more children to join.
- It was considered that the project for Calverley & Farsley Roundabout Basket should be implemented as soon as possible, to avoid anti-social behaviour related issues.
- Clarity was sought regarding a proposed development off Red Lane in Farsley and CIL contributions as a result of the development. The Localities Officer confirmed to seek information on the financial position.

RESOLVED: To –

- a) Note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1 of the submitted report)
- b) Agree the projects as listed in the table above
- c) Note details of the Youth Activities Fund position (Table 2 of the submitted report)
- d) Note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3 of the submitted report)
- e) Note details of the Capital Budget (Table 4 of the submitted report)
- f) Note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5 of the submitted report)
- g) Details of the Covid-19 Discretionary Fund Budget (Table 6 of the submitted report)

Cllr Forsaith joined at 13:30, during consideration of this item.

38 Outer West Community Committee - Update Report

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

The report also set out updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champions roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Members were informed of the following points:

- Further to the Adults and Health Dementia Strategy that was provided at the September Community Committee meeting, follow-up information was provided in relation to GP statistics and the location of various memory cafes and similar venues and can be found in the submitted report.
- It was reiterated that for the Money Buddies sessions, there will be 1 weekly session based at Pudsey Community Hub, 1 alternating each fortnight between Farnley Community Centre and Farsley Library, as well as an additional session at Farnley Hillside Hall with the additional funding.
- Local Plan on Climate Change Consultation. Residents and businesses are invited to comment on the second phase of the consultation to review the draft Local Plan. The survey link:
<https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/PDLPU1/>

Members discussed issues associated with speeding, particularly in the Farsley and Calverley ward; there has been a recent accident on Farsley Town Street. Members raised several issues relating to speeding, those being:

- Traffic calming measures not being effective
- Enforcement issues
- Cameras not being maintained
- Criminal behaviour relating to speeding and the action taken against individuals

Further to the issues outlined above, a suggestion was made that West Yorkshire Police, Highways, and a representative from West Yorkshire Causality Prevention Partnership.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report.

39 Age Friendly Strategy Report

The report of the Director of Public Health provided the Community Committee with a refresh of the draft Age Friendly Strategy & Action Plan 2022-2025 and provided an update on the Public Health approach to building winter resilience.

The Advanced Health Improvement Specialist and a representative from the Leeds Older People Forum attended the meeting, and provided members with an update on the following points:

- Around 1 in 3 people are aged 50 and over. The number of Leeds residents aged 80 and over will increase by about 50% in the next 20 years.

- Age Friendly Leeds is one of the eight priorities in the Best Council Plan 2020-2025. The vision for Leeds is that it is a place where people age well, older people are valued, respected, appreciated and seen as assets.
- The draft Age Friendly Leeds Strategy 2022-25 has been reviewed and refreshed which has been informed by The State of Ageing in Leeds report. The process has been overseen by the Age Friendly Board chaired by Cllr Jenkins. The role of the Board is to provide strategic leadership and set the strategic direction for the Age Friendly Leeds work programme and ensure that the objectives are being met.
- Leeds is a member of the World Health Organisation Age Friendly Cities programme and has used and adapted the framework to identify and address barriers to the well-being and participation of older people.
- The strategy sets out six key priority areas: housing; public and civic spaces; travel and road safety; active, included, and respected; healthy and independent ageing and employment and learning. Each of the priorities is headed by a domain lead. Domain leads have been identified and are working to implement the actions set out in the plan. The domain leads will feedback on a quarterly basis.
- There are a number of services in place to provide information and support on help and financial matters, including energy efficiency and heating advice.
- A number of grants have been commissioned throughout the city to assist older people during the winter period, as well as a food poverty scheme that looks at providing slow cookers, microwaves, oiled filled radiators and electric blankets.
- The Leeds Older Peoples Forum (LOPF) gives practical ways for the local community to become involved to strengthen the age friendly approach and Councillors were invited to support and encourage people and businesses to get involved in:
 - The Age Friendly Ambassador Programme
 - Becoming a Dementia Friend
 - Age and Dementia Friendly Businesses
 - The Come in and Rest Scheme
 - Leeds Older People's Age Friendly Steering Group

Members relayed the following comments:

- The age '50' is widespread and is not considered an 'old age', members suggested that a more holistic approach instead of labelling residents be looked at.
- Council departments must work together to implement the initiatives and strategies in the draft Plan.
- It was acknowledged that a lot of older people travel by public transport, and liaison with transport providers is a must to provide the support and access people need, Comments were also made regarding private transport being too expensive, and information displayed at bus stops being inaccurate.
- Members identified that the provision of technology and digital help is a step in the right direction to overcome exclusion barriers. There is a

barrier for people who want to be digitally included but cannot be due to the cost of living crisis.

Further to members questions, the following information was provided:

- In responding to the comment regarding '50' not being an old age, the Plan seeks to provide support for people that are aging and to change habits by implementing a preventative approach. It also provides people with the opportunity to refresh lifelong skills.
- Services such as Transport and Housing have several objectives in the Plan that they must meet and are held accountable if they do not.
- A representative from West Yorkshire Combined Authority is yet to be appointed to the Age Friendly Board, but once appointed, discussions can be had regarding ensuring that public transport is accessible to all.
- 100% Digital have undertaken some research that shows a key barrier in people being digitally included, is often fear and getting things wrong. The Plan seeks to build confidence amongst people.
- There is a map that shows where digital support can be provided to people, and this will be shared with members to provide their constituents. Further clarity as to whether iPad loan schemes are still operational will be clarified. It was also noted that there are a number of digital inclusion sessions being held across the city.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Note the contents of the report and updates provided at the meeting.
- b) Note the refresh of the Age Friendly Strategy
- c) Consider the work currently underway to support age friendly, winter planning and the cost-of-living crisis in local areas and how we could build on these further.
- d) Consider the needs of the local ageing population and how these needs can be addressed through local age friendly work.
- e) Consider how the work of Age Friendly Strategy and the community approaches lead by LOPF can be embedded within the work of the Community Committees.

40 Any Other Business

The Chair brought the Committees attention to the fact it was Mike Stevenson's last meeting as Outer West Community Committee Localities Officer. The Committee wished Mike well in his new endeavours and thanked him for all his help and work for the Outer West Community Committee.

41 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 15th February 2022 at 1 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 14.25.