

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M Iqbal in the Chair

Councillors G Almass, S Burke, E Carlisle,
W Dixon, A Maloney, A Scopes, P Truswell
and P Wray

27 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

28 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

29 Late Items

There were no formal late items noted but there was supplementary information submitted in relation to item 8 - Inner South Community Committee Finance Report.

30 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Carlisle declared a disclosable pecuniary interest for Agenda Item 8, Inner South Community Committee Finance Report, as their spouse is employed by St Luke's Cares. The organisation had applied for Wellbeing funds. Councillor Carlisle left the meeting before the discussion of this application and took no part in the discussion or decision making.

31 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received for the meeting.

32 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th of September 2022 be approved as an accurate record subject to an amendment to minute 20 – Councillor Burke be appointed to the Middleton and Beeston LCP and the Beeston Cottingley and Middleton Partnership.

33 Open Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair.

Local residents in attendance reported issues with refuse collection in the Cottingley area as residents were told that waste contained within bin bags that were not in a physical bin would not be collected or removed, which was

noted to be an ongoing problem during and since the pandemic. Most residents can't access bins as they live in high rise flats and the number of bins provided are limited leading to them being blamed for mess and additional fly tipping and would like to come to agreement with the refuse collection department; Members were informed that resident had attempted to make contact with the department but had not received a response. It was also reported that refuse is often discarded out windows from the flats which poses danger and both issues had led to unhygienic conditions and attraction of vermin.

Members proposed to contact relevant officers and the Executive Member for Environment and Housing regarding attending a future Inner South Community Committee meeting to present their case and seek resolution to the bin collection issues. The waste being thrown from windows was noted to be a criminal offence and should be reported to the police.

34 INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund (YAF), Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (CIL) for 2022/23.

The Localities Officer introduced the report and outlined an amendment to the Hunslet & Riverside remaining CIL balance figure as £92,671.50 contained in table 6. A grant allocation of £1,500 with an additional £1,000 to be ringfenced and also £1,000 to pay for replacement defibrillator parts for Hunslet & Riverside were proposed and agreed, with the funding being taken from the wellbeing budget.

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

Project Title	Ward	Amount	Decision
Rise & Shine Youth Provision (Wellbeing/YAF)	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£9,120	Approved
Kick Start Bowling	Beeston & Holbeck and Hunslet & Riverside	£3,600	Approved
ParkPlay at Brickfield Park	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,750	Approved
Trentham Street Bin Replacement (CIL)	Hunslet & Riverside	£450	Approved
Leasowe Close	Hunslet &	£4,368.35	Approved

Planters (CIL)	Riverside		
Moor Close Perimeter Fencing (CIL)	Hunslet & Riverside	£2,948.85	Approved
Woodhouse Hill Road/Leasowe Avenue Fencing/barrier (CIL)	Hunslet & Riverside	£3,693.85	Approved
Leeds Dynamite Dance	Middleton Park	£6,163.60	Approved
Switch off and Park at The Ark – Drop in sessions	Middleton Park	£3,116	Approved
Slung Low's Warehouse Space for Youth Groups	Beeston & Holbeck	£5,000	Approved
South Leeds Life CIC	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£3,654	Approved
Skelton Grange Nature Connection – Inner South	Beeston & Holbeck, Hunslet & Riverside and Middleton Park	£2,690	Deferred
Santa's Christmas Grotto	Hunslet & Riverside	£1,566	Approved

The following was discussed:

- Although approved at the meeting, it was queried whether the cost for the Woodhouse Hill Road/Leasowe Avenue Fencing project could be reduced, a funding split with the Housing Advisory Panel will be sought.
- The Skelton Grange Nature Connection project was deferred to seek alternative commissioning arrangements as current proposals incurred a lot of work and high costs. A consultative meeting with all members was proposed to manage outcomes and expectations.
- South Leeds Life monthly newspaper was endorsed as an excellent community asset and platform however some concern regarding political neutrality was raised in relation to a recent article. The leader of the organisation was in attendance and apologised and outlined it was not intentional. They also outlined contingency plans for future issues of the paper.

RESOLVED –

- 1.) That the wellbeing applications be determined as set out above
- 2.) To note;

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to be held on Wednesday, 1st March, 2023

- a.) the content of the report, as per the update provided by the Localities Officer during the meeting regarding the figures for Hunslet & Riverside CIL budget
- b.) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- c.) Wellbeing ring fenced budgets for consideration and approval (paragraph 20 onwards)
- d.) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 35)
- e.) Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 45 onwards)
- f.) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- g.) Details of the proposed Small Grants Budget (Table 3)
- h.) Details of the proposed Community Skips Budget (Table 4)
- i.) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)
- j.) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

35 INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated members on the work in which the Communities Team was engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The Community Committee discussions included:

- Councillor Almass, the community champion for Children & Families provided an update on recent work. Thanks to everyone who had attended the Youth Summit was extended, where over 120 school children from all three wards learnt about democracy. Child Friendly Leeds, Youth Services, the RAF, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds 2023 were notable organisations that attended and the summit. Lunch was provided at the University where information on further education was provided. Later in the day a number of the children met with His Majesty King Charles III who was also visiting Leeds on the same day.
- Councillor Iqbal, the community champion for Environment & Community Safety held a safety sub-group meeting on the 31st October 2022. Updates were provided from Anti-Social Behaviour Team, West Yorkshire Police, Forestry, Waste Management, Parks & Countryside, Selective Licensing and The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team on any issues in the area and any workstreams.
- Councillor Burke, the community champion for Health and Wellbeing provided an update on recent work. Council and community involvement in the ongoing Vitamin D campaign was encouraged with proposed distribution of samples and information available for relevant public meetings. A project was also noted to be underway in which well being bags will be provided to those in need with a focus on products which improve the mental and physical health of people.
- The figures for recent crime statistics in the area from the Police, which were contained in the report, were noted as 2 months out of date and it would be helpful if they could be closer to the committee meeting day for an improved overview of the current situation.
- A suggestion was made regarding the information submitted by Public Health in the report, it would be helpful to breakdown vaccine figures

into categories of flu, Covid-19 and pneumonia and if the figures could be more specific to the Inner South area.

- Members advocated for information regarding front line services provision to be more accessible to vulnerable people; their health may be at greater risk with the increased pressures from the cold weather and the cost of living crisis.
- In addition to the Friends of Earth data on air quality, relevant council data will be a useful comparison, however, irregardless of differences in data members were of the opinion action to improve air quality in Inner South Leeds should be prioritised.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report, along with members comments be noted.

36 LUFC Kicks Presentation

The report of the Head of Localities provided the Inner South Community Committee with an update on LUFC Kicks and to gather input and support from elected members and residents. Michael Kinsey attended the meeting to give the Committee a presentation to raise awareness of the foundation regarding provision of activities and facilities within the community.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- The Premier Leagues Kicks programme engaged local communities through the power of sport and was now operational seven days a week across Leeds.
- Provision in Inner South Leeds included drop-in football sessions at Holbeck Community Centre, work alongside the Youth Service and other community work.
- There was a focus on Health, Participation and Education.
- Activities provided during the school holidays which included the provision of meals.
- Other foundation work included Women's and Girls football, Walking Football, Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing.

The following was discussed:

- Social action projects are essential for the personal development of young people in relation to project planning, communication skills and raising funds for local communities. This programme will assist with keeping youth out of trouble with incentives and benefits such as meeting Leeds United players and attending matches.
- With Leeds United being promoted to the Premier League, more funding will be available through the Football Association. Leeds United is an iconic brand and should be utilised for positive engagement and participation with the community and other local charities.
- The incentive for potential free tickets to attend a match is a reward for connecting with the foundation and making progress.

- Males are often less likely to access medical services if experiencing bad mental health, the organisation may be much more familiar and comfortable to them which may enable positive conversations.
- Collective work between the organisation, ward councillors and 3rd sector partnerships, who know their community best will create sound, collaborative working partnerships where information for those who could benefit most from the programme is accessible. Collaborative work was noted to be essential as often larger organisations may dominate smaller ones which would be a loss for the community.
- In response to a question from a member it was confirmed outreach to those in less seen deprivation, focused primarily in city centre areas, will be conducted through suitable venues and pathways such as schools.
- The programme will increase younger people's opportunity for making friends and networks and could be partnered with smaller, local football clubs.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and presentation, along with members commented be noted.

37 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED - To note the date and time of the next meeting as 1 March 2023 at 2pm