

## INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

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

Councillors H Bithell, C Gruen,  
T Hinchcliffe, J McKenna, A Parnham,  
K Ritchie, A Rontree and F Venner

### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

Jonathan Butler, Stephen Garvani, Steve Harris, Catherine Hyde, Stephen McBarron, Lorraine Cooper, Rhea Bentley, Mark Rollinson and Tamsin MacDonald

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

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

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

There were no exempt items.

#### **16 Late Items**

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 10 - Inner West Community Committee - Finance Report and Agenda Item 11 – Inner West Community Committee Update Report.

#### **17 Declaration of Interests**

No declarations of interests were made at the meeting.

#### **18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Co-opted Member Jack McLean.

#### **19 Open Forum / Community Forums**

In accordance with the Community Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed a period of up to 10 minutes for members to make representations or ask questions within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

A resident of Armley addressed the Community Committee and raised concerns in relation to 10 stone steps on Canal Road which required some

form of handrails. She had attended the March 2023 meeting to raise the same concern, however, this work had not been done.

The Chair advised the resident that the Highways Team had been informed of the request and it would be followed up.

The Inner West Youth Committee were also in attendance for this item.

The Advanced Youth Work Practitioner had brought along two young people, Charley from Kirkstall and Harvey from Bramley.

Charley and Harvey informed the Community Committee about the activities they had been involved with over the last few months. These included a Clip and Climb Team Building at the end of May, a Youth Committee meeting where they had discussed the local councillors and what they do for the areas of the Inner West, visited Kirkstall Valley Development Trust in July, and attended the Barca Bramley Fun Day in August.

As part of the Barca Bramley Fun Day they had undertaken a short survey with 27 young people to find out the views of young people in the Inner West area. The Community Committee were provided with information from the survey, and it was noted that this information would be sent to the local councillors.

The survey had asked the young people about:

- How satisfied were they with the area they lived in.
- How clean the area was.
- What things there were to do in the area.
- Anti-social behaviour
- Racism
- Cost of Living
- Recycling

At the end of the presentation the Community Committee gave a round of applause and thanked Charley and Harvey for speaking so well.

Responding to questions from the Community Committee members, Charley and Harvey provided the following information:

- Charley said that he enjoyed walks in Hawksworth Woods, but there was an issue with litter and dog poo. This was noted. It was suggested by the young people that more litter bins could be provided. The Councillors said it would be useful if the young people were able to let them know where the bins were most needed.
- The Bramley & Stanningley Councillors had met Harvey before and said he was an inspiration to the young people of Bramley with his help at the Bramley Care Bears. He was also asked which events he had most enjoyed and what he would like to see more of. In response he said he had enjoyed the events put on by Barca and he would like more green spaces and parks.

- It was noted that there had been a number of arson attacks in Armley Park and one of the co-opted members for Armley asked if she could attend one of the Youth Committee meetings. She was also a member of Friends of Armley and Gotts Park and wished to ask the young people what could be done to improve the park and make it safer. It was noted that members of the Community Committee would be welcome to join the Youth Committee meetings to discuss issues.
- In relation to when activities are put on for young people, Harvey and Charley said it was good in the summer holidays but lots of people go on holiday at this time so not as many people attend. In their view it was better to have activities during half term when not so many people are away.
- It was noted that the Councillors were impressed with what the Advanced Youth Practitioner had done with the Youth Committee and how she had engaged with the young people. They welcomed the Youth Committee to the meeting as it provided them with useful feedback.

The Chair said it was a privilege to have the young people attend the Committee and hear what they had to say. She thanked them for what they had done so far. It was suggested that the Councillors attend the Youth Committee on a rotational basis, so that the young people could learn more about what Councillors do and for Councillors to find out what the young people in their area are doing. It was also thought that this was a good opportunity for young people to raise any concerns or issues in their area and for the relevant services to be invited to attend the Community Committee.

## **20 Minutes - 4th July 2023**

**RESOLVED** – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023, as a correct record with the following amendment:

Minute 12 – Inner West Community Committee Update Report.

The Resolution should have noted that Environment Sub-group appointments were for Cllrs A Rontree and T Hinchcliffe.

## **21 Matters Arising**

Clarification was provided on the Minimum Conditions as agreed at the meeting held on 4th July 2023

## **22 Co-optees Report**

The report of the City Solicitor invited Members to consider appointing co-optees to the Community Committee for the duration of the 2023/24 municipal year.

The report had requested Members to consider the following people as co-opted members:

Armley Ward

- Lorraine Cooper

- Rhea Bentley
- Mark Rollinson
- Gael Impiazzi

Kirkstall Ward

- Tamsin MacDonald

Members were informed that prior to the meeting Gael Impiazzi had withdrawn her nomination. However, there were still 3 nominations for the Armley Ward to be considered. It was noted that at the previous meeting held in July, Catherine Hyde had been appointed as a co-opted member for Armley.

Members were reminded that at a previous meeting the Members had made the decision to co-opt 3 members for each of the wards represented in the Community Committee area. At the Chairs Brief it had been suggested that each of the Armley nominations be asked to provide a brief background on themselves to assist Members decisions on who to appoint given the unusual high numbers for nomination to one ward.

The 3 remaining Armley nominees gave a short background on themselves.

The Chair suggested that given the unusual position of having more nominations for co-opted members for Armley than had been previously agreed and the fact that one person had withdrawn their nomination, with the agreement of the other Community Committee Members, Armley should appoint 4 co-opted members on this occasion.

The Community Committee were in approval of this suggestion.

**RESOLVED** – To appoint the following people as co-opted members of the Community Committee:

Armley

- Lorraine Cooper
- Rhea Bentley
- Mark Rollinson

Kirkstall

- Tamsin MacDonald

## 23 Inner West Community Committee Finance Update 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 2023/24.

The Locality Officer presented the report informing the Committee of the following points:

- There was currently a remaining balance of £39,096.63. A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 1.

- Members were asked to consider the projects listed in the submitted report at Paragraphs 21 to 27. At this point in the meeting Cllr Gruen declared an interest in the application for Bramley Basketball @ Leeds West Academy as she is on the Board of Governors for this academy.
- Members were advised that since the last meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July the following projects had been approved via delegated decision:
  - Kirkstall Christmas Lights – Leeds Lights - £3,057.00
  - Community Events in Armey and Gotts Park Top up – Friends of Armley and Gott’s Park - £531.00
  - Litter Bins for Bramley – LCC Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team - £2,490.10
  - Armley Extravaganza – New Wortley Residents Association - £1,000.00
  - Bramley Christmas Tree – LCC Forestry - £1,330.00
  - LS12 Creative – Inner West - £1,978.40
- It was noted that 1 project had been declined – as at Paragraph 29
- Members were advised that monitoring information would be provided at the next meeting.
- The Community Committee was advised there was a remaining balance of £27,379.87.12 in the Youth Activity Fund. A total of £48,944.88 had been allocated to projects, as listed in Table 2.
- Table 3 in the submitted report showed the Small Grants allocations and Table 4 provided a list of the Skips provided by the Committee.
- A capital budget of £12,739.03 is available to spend. Members were asked to note the capital allocation summarised in Table 5.
- Table 6 provided information on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and it was noted there was currently a remaining balance of £98,350.

Members were advised of the following points in consideration of the projects listed at Paragraphs 21-27:

- Cllr Gruen had negotiated a reduced amount for the Bramley Lantern Parade from £2,000 to £1,600.
- The Inner West Youth Summit was the same price as last year and included food.

Members discussions included:

- Cost of painting at the Bramley Falls Park Playground.
- An email had been received in relation to Christmas Tree prices. It was noted that the email should be provided to the Locality Officer who would deal with this issue.
- Cllrs McKenna and Parnham had visited LS12 Creative in Armley and had been impressed with the work of the group. He wished to put forward a project from this group for the Wythers estate.
- Kirkstall Ward Members informed the Committee of a highways scheme for the Kirkstall area in relation to parking at Kepstorn Close. They asked for the approval to spend £25,000 from the CIL budget on the scheme and for this to be taken as a delegated decision. The Committee were advised that the Kirkstall Ward was in need of additional parking and there were a couple of schemes being

considered, with this being the cheaper scheme. The Committee was of the view that the CIL budget should be used for the highways scheme at Kepstorn Close.

- Whilst discussing CIL money it was noted that a highways scheme in Armley was put forward prior to Covid but had not gone ahead and the Armley Ward Members asked if this could be looked at again.
- It was suggested that information in relation to CIL be provided to co-opted members.
- Members requested a breakdown of where the CIL money had come from within the Inner West area.

**RESOLVED –**

- To note details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1)
- Approval of the following: (paragraph 21)

Project	Organisation	Amount	Ward	Outcome
Bramley Lantern Parade	Creative Communities Leeds CIC	£1,600 (Wellbeing)	Bramley & Stanningley	Approved
Discover Wellbeing	Barca Leeds	£10,000 (Wellbeing)	Bramley & Stanningley	Approved
Inner West Youth Summit	Communities Team	£2,250.00 (£750.00 per ward) (Wellbeing)	Armley, Bramley & Stanningley & Kirkstall	Approved
Bramley Falls Park Playground Painting	LCC Parks & Countryside	£2,880.19 (Capital)	Bramley & Stanningley	Approved in principal but requested a breakdown of costs
Bramley Basketball @ Leeds West Academy	Youth Services WNW	£1,330.00 (YAF)	Bramley & Stanningley	Approved
LS12 Creative - Armley		£5,847.00 (YAF)	Armley	Approved in principal but requested feedback from Interplay on costs to attend activities

- To note details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 23)
- To note the monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 27)
- To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2)
- To note details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Tables 3 & 4)
- To note details of the Capital Budget (Table 5)

h. To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 6)

## 24 Inner West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought to members' attention an update of the work which the Communities Team had been engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee.

The Locality Officer presented the report informing the Committee of the following points:

- The employment figures for the Inner West were provided at Paragraph 10 of the report. It was noted that these figures were presented to the Community Committee every six months.
- The Armley Festival would be taking place on Armley Moor on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Members discussions included:

- Armley Prison had given permission to install some play equipment at Oak Road Recreation Ground (known locally as Jailey Field). Discussions were taking place to look at funding. It was noted that permission had been sought as the area abuts the prison walls.
- It was noted that the Children and Young Person Sub-Group had met to discuss invitations to a future meeting of services as listed in the submitted report to address concerns raised by young people who had attended the Youth Summit.
- Members were requested to advocate events in the ward for Bonfire Night.
- SEND Next Choices Event had taken place in June. Cllr Hinchcliffe said he would arrange for a members' briefing session on this event.
- Cllr Ritchie thanked the local housing officers for their help and work during the recent estate action day in Bramley to remove unwanted items from gardens.

It was suggested by one of the co-opted members that future update reports could include details in relation to how successful events in the area have been, and information on action days and how much was removed.

It was noted that on this occasion 31 people attended the Community Committee.

**RESOLVED** – To note the content of the report.

## 25 Date and Time of next meeting

**RESOLVED** - To note the next meeting of the Inner West Community Committee will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 at 6pm, in the Kirkstall Ward. Venue to be confirmed.

*The meeting concluded at 19:10*