

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor A McCluskey in the Chair

Councillors P Carlill, A Carter, K Haigh,
D Seary, T Smith and C Timmins

15 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

16 Chair's Opening Remarks

Councillor McCluskey, Vice Chair assumed the Chair for the meeting. He informed the Committee that Councillor Mark Swards, Outer West Community Committee Chair had now resigned from the Council following his election to parliament in July 2024. Councillor McCluskey passed on a message from the former Councillor Swards thanking Members and Officers for their support over the past two years and wishing everyone all the best for the future.

17 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There was no exempt information.

18 Late Items

There were no late items.

19 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

20 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Seary.

21 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.

On this occasion no members of the public wished to speak.

22 Minutes - 12 June 24

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 4th November, 2024

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

23 Matters arising from the Minutes

There had been a query with the Borough of Pudsey Charity regarding Community Appointments. It was agreed that Governance Services would investigate further and report back to Members.

24 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 2024/25.

The following was discussed:

- There was a current balance of £12,668.50 remaining in the Wellbeing Budget.
- Members agreed to return £6,000 to the Wellbeing Budget that had been previously ring fenced to Building Futures Together as funding had been secured from elsewhere.
- A request had been made to ringfence some funding for litter pickers. It was agreed that cost details for this be calculated and reported back to the next meeting.
- Funding application from Swinnow Community Centre for the Swinnow Community Café. £3,750.00 was requested and there was match funding of £10,000. Members were supportive of this application and it was agreed to fund this from the Capital Budget.
- Funding application from The Music Box Yorkshire CIC for Adult Music Engagement. £2,760 was requested and there was match funding of £2,100. Representatives of The Music Box were in attendance and in response to questions and comments regarding the application, the following was discussed:
 - The organisation had operated as a CIC for three and a half years. Accounts were available via Companies House and could be provided to the Committee.
 - Salaries were paid to the staff involved in the delivery of the project.
 - The funds would subsidise the overall costs of the services to be delivered.
 - The services could be provided to privately run care homes. The funding would be able to provide more entertainment and more choice for residents. There was some concern that this funding would replace what was already available and that it should only be used for additional services.

- The funding would be broken down to give £1,260 to the Adult Band Project for Adults and £1,500 for Musical Activities for Over 55s.
- With regard to the Adult Band Project for Adults it was reported that this was promoted within the community and at Community Events and currently had almost 200 participants.
- The Adult Band Project operated on a 'pay as you feel' basis.
- The organisation was constantly applying for funding from other sources.
- Further queries from the Committee included which care homes/providers would be targeted and further detail on the activities. It was suggested that the request should have been submitted as two separate applications. It was agreed to defer the application for the provision of further information and resubmission as separate applications.
- Funding application from Pudsey Greenside Greenway for Heritage Boards Greenside and Lowtown. This project had previously been approved in 2022 and following a delay the price had increased and a further £512.00 was requested. It was reported that the boards were already in place and that previous increases had been covered by MICE money. It was proposed that the application be refused.
- Youth Activities Funds – There was a remaining balance of £8,250.19.
- YAF funding application for the Music Box Youth Music from the Music Box Yorkshire CIC. £4,500 was requested for the delivery of two music based projects for young people in Pudsey and Swinnow. Representatives of the Music Box CIC gave the Committee an overview of the projects which involved up to 60 children each week and helped prevent anti-social behaviour. Members broadly supported the aims of the projects but there were concerns due to the limited funds available. Members discussed the possibility of finding other funding streams and the possibility of providing funds at a reduced rate. It was agreed to provide £1,500.00 to allow the first terms activities to go ahead.
- Remaining balance in the small grants and skips budget is £2,284.83. Members sought clarity on whether applications for skips could be submitted following some contrary advice that requests should not be submitted.
- There was £31,784.26 remaining in the Capital Budget
- Funding application from Calverley United FC for a machinery grant. £3,500 was requested and there was match funding of £1,585.34. Members were supportive of this application.
- A question was asked whether funds could be ringfenced in order to secure the Grade II listed Methodist chapel in Farnley that had fallen into disrepair. It was proposed to meet with interested parties and report back to the next meeting of the Community Committee.
- Final details of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Budget were still to be detailed.
- There was a CIL funding application from Pudsey Community Project for Pudsey Fartown Lower Hall Project. £34,000 was requested and there was £10,000 match funding. It was reported that a legal

agreement had not yet been agreed and it was proposed to defer the application.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:

- a) Minimum conditions (Paragraph 14)
- b) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position.
- c) That the following large grant application be approved:
 - o Swinnow Community Cafe - £3,750 (from Capital Budget)
- d) That the following large grant application be deferred:
 - o Adult Music Engagement
- e) That the following large grant application be refused:
 - o Heritage Boards Greenside and Lowtown
- f) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position.
- g) That the following YAF application be approved:
 - o The Music Box Youth Music - £1,500
- h) Details of the Capital Budget.
- i) That the following Capital Project be approved:
 - o Calverley United Fc – Machinery Grant - £3,500
- j) That the following CIL application be deferred:
 - o Pudsey Fartown Lower Hall Project

25 Outer West Community Committee - Update Report

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

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

It was reported that LeedsWatch would be attending the next meeting. Concern was expressed regarding the increase in burglaries in Calverley and Farsley and what preventative work could be carried out. It was also requested that a senior Police Officer attend as there were other nuisance and illegal activities to address.

Members expressed thanks to all that were involved in the Farnley Fun day and the Scarecrow Festival.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

26 Date and time of the next meeting

Monday, 4th November 2024 at 1.00 p.m.

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