

NORTH EAST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

6TH FEBRUARY 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Lancaster in the Chair
Councillors Dowson, S Hamilton, Kendall,
Rafique and Wadsworth

76 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Dowson declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 11, Well-Being Budget 2005/06, with reference to the application from Groundwork, Leeds for capital funding of £6,950 towards the costs of the proposed improvements to Cowper Street Community Garden, in her capacity as a Director of Groundwork, Leeds.

(Councillor Rafique joined the meeting at 4.03 pm, during the consideration of this item).

77 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Harker, Harris and Lobley, Randal Brown, Director of City Services and Neil Bowden, Youth Service.

78 **Minutes – 5th December 2005**

RESOLVED – That subject to an amendment in respect of Minute No 71, Well-Being Budget 2005/06, to indicate that Councillor Hamilton wished to record her vote against the amount of money (up to £15,000) awarded to North Leeds Cricket Club, the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2005 be approved as a correct record.

79 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Carrholms – Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (Minute No 68 refers)
Further to the representations received at the last meeting, and the subsequent consideration of this matter by the Committee's Community Safety Working Group at its meetings on 7th December 2005 and 17th January 2006, the Chair indicated that local residents were still not happy with the prospect that the ginnel in question was presently unlikely to be permanently closed, and the matter would be re-considered by the Working Group at its next meeting.
- (b) Cumulative Impact Policy for Chapel Allerton (Minute No 70 refers)
The Chair stated that the Committee's recommendation had been approved at the Council Meeting on 11th January 2006.
- (c) Well-Being Budget 2005/06 – HOST Media Centre bid – 'Developing Opportunities through New Media' (Minute No 71 refers)
In response to a Members' query, the Chair reported that the site visit to HOST referred to in Minute No 71 had taken place on 20th December 2005, and Members would note that on Page 29 of today's agenda, it was being recommended that this particular application be

re-considered at the March Area Committee meeting following some suggestions made by Members at that site visit.

80 **Open Forum**

In accordance with the powers contained in the Area Committee Procedure Rules for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of Area Committees, the Committee received the following representation:-

(a) Talbot Fold Play Area

Mr Stuart Clarke, a local resident, addressed Members regarding the closure of the Talbot Fold play area following problems with anti-social behaviour associated with that area. He felt that the play area was a valuable resource in the area and that more could have been done to address the problems, rather than close the play area.

The Chair and Councillor Kendall responded to Mr Clarke's comments. This was a long-standing problem area, and extensive consultation had taken place regarding the best solution before closure had been decided upon. However, the Chair gave an undertaking to look again at the issue, in consultation with the Ward Councillors, and to let Mr Clarke have a formal response to his representations.

81 **Implementing the 10 Year Strategy: Children's Centres Plan**

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Director of Learning and Leisure updating Members regarding the implementation of the Council's 10 year plan for the development of Children's Centres across the City, with particular reference to developments in the Committee's area.

Sally Threlfall, Learning and Leisure Department, attended the meeting and responded to Members' queries and comments. In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- The definition of the areas served by different Centres, set out in the table on Agenda Page 9, was questioned, and it was agreed that the table needed to be amended to reflect the reality on the ground;
- It was established that the proposed Scott Hall Early Years Centre would be developed adjacent to the Potternewton Primary School and that the Carr Manor Centre would be housed in the Sixth Form Block at Carr Manor High School, currently occupied by the nursery unit. With regard to space problems at Roundhay High School, it seemed likely that the Children's Centre would be developed on the Kerr Mackie Primary School site, but this was Phase 3 of the Plan, and would be the subject of consultation with Ward Members.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and the Area Committee be kept informed of progress with regular update reports.

82 Area Delivery Plan 2006/07

The North East Area Manager submitted a report setting out the detail of the Committee's proposed Area Delivery Plan for 2006/07. At its meeting on 17th October 2005, the Committee had approved the format and priority themes for the 2006/07 Plan, and since then the Area Management Team Officers, in consultation with Ward Members and service providers, had been working up the Plan to produce the more specific document before the Committee today. Any further comments Members wished to make should be submitted by the end of February at the latest, after which all Area Delivery Plans would be submitted to the Executive Board for formal approval.

In brief summary, the main points of discussion were:-

- The work of the new Youth Development Worker, who had just started;
- The valuable work done by the Working Groups established by the Committee;
- Alley and ginnel initiatives – whether the Committee should establish a specific fund associated with this work, as some other Area Committees had done;
- It was explained that the Area Delivery Plan provided, in effect, a blueprint for the kind of initiatives which the Committee would like to see developed over the next year. To a degree, this involved the Committee being proactive in terms of committing some Well-Being Budget monies in order to achieve its priorities, instead of merely reacting to approaches from others, but it also involved engaging the Council's partners, both statutory and non-statutory, in delivering the Committee's preferred outcomes;
- Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team. It was reported that ENCAMS was still processing its reports, for instance in conjunction with Friends of Potternewton Park and also the Queenshill area, but not yet the Beckhills area, and Hannah Rees undertook to supply Councillor Dowson with further information;
- The development of the Chapeltown Road Investment Plan;
- The limitations of the Town and District Centre Improvement Plan in terms of the UDP definition of a Town or District Centre, and the scope for the Committee to possibly utilise some of its capital Well-Being Budget to support other improvements it might wish to see implemented.

RESOLVED – That subject to the above comments and requests for further information, the report be noted.

83 Well-Being Budget 2005/06

The North East Area Manager submitted a report regarding the Committee's capital and revenue Well-Being Budgets, and setting out the recommendations of the Committee's Well-Being Budget Working Group in respect of the applications before the Committee this evening for determination.

Hannah Rees undertook to supply Councillor Dowson with further information regarding whether or not all the allocation in respect of the Chapel Allerton Festive Lights had been expended.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted;
- (b) That the following decisions be taken in respect of the applications before the Committee today for consideration:-

REVENUE-LARGE GRANTS

- (i) The Chapel Allerton Guide - £1,600 (equivalent to 4 pages) – Approved.
- (ii) Beckhill Approach seating £3,000 – Approved.
- (iii) Carr Manor High School – XL Club - £950 – Approved.
- (iv) Hibiscus Association - £21,515 – Refused.
- (v) HOST Media Centre - £31,965 – Deferred to March meeting.

REVENUE-SMALL GRANTS

- (i) Leeds Young Authors - £500 – Approved.
- (ii) If Tiin Welfare Association - £446 – Refused.
- (iii) West Yorkshire Police – glass tint readers - £168 – Approved.

CAPITAL-LARGE GRANTS

- (i) Cowper Street Community Garden - £6,950 – Approved.
- (c) That the £8,000 revenue grant offer previously made in respect of Chapeltown Community Radio be withdrawn in the light of the changed circumstances, and the group be encouraged to submit a fresh bid for funding to a future meeting.

84 Reports of Area Committee Working Groups

The NE Area Manager submitted a report outlining the main issues discussed at recent meetings of the Community Safety Working Group held on 7th December 2005 and 17th January 2006.

The Chair indicated that the proceedings of the Youth Issues Working Group meeting held on 3rd February 2006 would be submitted to the March Area Committee meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

85 Area Actions and Achievements and District Partnership – Progress Report

The NE Area Manager submitted a report updating Members on the actions and achievements of both the Area Committee and the Area Management Team and the work of the District Partnership.

In brief summary, the main points of discussion to arise were:-

- Redevelopment of the Hayfield site. It was explained that eventually, as part of the longer-term Chapeltown Development Plan, action would be taken regarding the old shop fronts bordering on the site of the new Joint Service Centre, but unfortunately this was not to the same timescale as the development of the new Centre;
- Further information was requested in due course regarding the effectiveness of the Truancy Sweeps referred to on Agenda Page 53;
- Further information was also sought regarding the base for the two Young People's Drug Workers also referred to on Agenda Page 53;

- Improvements in Chapeltown (IMPACT) – a report would be submitted to the March Area Committee meeting, and the Area Manager would also be arranging a separate briefing for Chapel Allerton Ward Members;
- School attendance and achievement figures. With regard to a representative of Education Leeds attending the next Youth Issues Working Group meeting to discuss concerns regarding the transition from primary to secondary education, it was suggested that Area Committee Members be provided with a copy of a recent report on this issue produced by the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People);
- Neighbourhood Watch Groups – Hannah Rees to pursue the issue of the supply of publicity packs for Members to take to Ward surgeries and events.
- 7 Grange Terrace, Chapeltown – use by community groups. Hannah Rees thought that possibly £1,000 had been set aside to allow local community groups to use this facility, but she would check on the latest situation and report back to the Ward Members, including how the facility was publicised.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

86 Area Committee Forums – Feedback

RESOLVED – That the notes of the Chapeltown Forum meeting held on 12th January 2006 and the Oakwood Forum meeting held on 17th January 2006 be received and noted.

87 Appointments to Outside Bodies – Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

RESOLVED – That Councillors Dowson and Rafique be appointed to attend the AGM's of the Meanwood Valley Urban Farm.

88 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 27th March 2006, at 4.00 pm, HOST Media Centre.

The meeting concluded at 5.22 pm.