

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors K Brooks, A Garthwaite,
C Howley, C Knight, A Marshall-Katung,
J Pryor and N Walshaw

1 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

2 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

3 Late Items

There were no late items. Supplementary information for Agenda Item 8, Inner North West Finance Report had been published and circulated prior to the meeting.

4 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

5 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Bentley.

6 Open Forum

In order to facilitate the Open Forum whilst Community Committees were being held remotely, the process had been adapted so that members of the public were able to submit written representations in advance of the meeting on any matter which fell within the Committee's terms of reference.

The following submissions had been made:

Sylvia McLellan:

- Do you have any plans for dealing with broken glass and graffiti around Ash Road area?
- Are there plans to start charging students Council Tax ...due to continual amounts of rubbish left?

- Is there a possibility of parking permits for residents who live around the stadium area?

In response it was reported that with regards to broken glass this needed to be reported and Cleansing would be able to clear this up. The Universities did ask students to be responsible but not all these problems may be related to students.

There had been an Anti-Graffiti Group meeting and one would be held again as soon as possible. The police had been involved and some arrests had been made and not all culprits were local. There were some obstacles and time delays in getting graffiti removed including getting the permission of landowners/homeowners where it was on private property.

The issue of Council Tax for students was central government policy and not under the control of the Council.

Parking permits would be re-visited when a formal public meeting could be held. There were many complex issues to review.

Sam Mustafa:

- What can be done to deal with anti-social behaviour from HMOs and flats?
- Landlords do not enforce action, University doesn't take effective action, LASBT Overwhelmed
- Resident health and wellbeing is suffering

In response it was reported that there was a lot of ongoing work with the Universities, Student Unions, the Council and the police. Issues had worsened due to the pandemic and closure of bars. The universities had funded extra patrols in the area. There had been fines and fixed penalty notices issued. People suffering from persistent noise disturbance could request noise monitoring equipment that would assist in providing evidence of anti-social behaviour.

Yacob Ahmed (There had also been several other submissions regarding the Low Traffic Neighbourhood Scheme in Headingley and Hyde Park) :

- The introduction of the LTN comes at great detriment to the wellbeing of the community, and is detrimental to emergency response time
- Thorough and effective consultation is required for such radical changes , not via website
- Everyone's needs have not been considered
- MPs (Benn, Sobel) were not considered ,
- Petition of 1000 signatures to reverse the LTN changes

Headingley and Hyde Park Ward Councillors responded and informed the meeting that they had done a walking tour of the area and had upcoming meetings with Highways to see what could be amended. There had been a

two to three month consultation in the lead up to this scheme and these were legal traffic orders that would take some time to amend. It was advised to submit comments via the Connecting Leeds website.

Further issues highlighted included the consultation of emergency services and consultation with community and faith groups.

It was requested that Little London and Woodhouse Councillors be kept involved with any further discussions.

7 Minutes - 12 March 2020

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

8 Inner North West Community Committee Finance Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities presented 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 2020/21.

Marcia Cunningham, Localities Officer presented the report.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- Wellbeing budget position – this was currently £2,884.09
- Table 1 – details of projects agreed this year - there had been some funding returned as it had not been possible to provide the projects due to the pandemic. These were the Eatwell Café, Wellbeing Group for Women and Mums Time to Shine
- Covid 19 Spending – an additional £10,000 had been set aside towards tackling the pandemic in the area – £5,809.95 remained and a ward by ward breakdown was given.
- Details of DDNs since the last meeting of the Committee.
- Projects for funding:
 - Art Camp UK - Xmas Camp Extravaganza – £700 requested
 - North West One Family Services Team - Home Learning Project - £1,500 requested
 - North West One Family Services Team - Chatterbox Language Packs - £750 requested
 - Cultural Arts Heritage Circle - Nubian Noire £197 requested from Little London & Woodhouse Ward
 - Mental Health First Aid Training - £1,850 requested
- Members discussed the applications. Further to the request from Cultural Arts Heritage Centre it was reported that a similar event was funded earlier in the year although it was unsure whether this event took place due to the lockdown. There were also concerns regarding the funding of projects whilst Tier 3 restrictions still applied.

- Youth Activities Funds – remaining balance was £442.60. Some projects had not yet commenced and there was the possibility of funds being returned.
- Small grants and skips budget - £1,227.13 remained.
- Capital Budget - £15,298.32 remained.
- Community Infrastructure Levy budget - £40,778.62 remained.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That monitoring of funded projects be noted.
- (3) That details of the Youth Activities Fund position be noted.
- (4) That details of the Small Grants & Skips budget be noted.
- (5) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (6) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.
- (7) That the following projects be approved:
 - Art Camp UK - Xmas Camp Extravaganza – £700
 - North West One Family Services Team - Home Learning Project - £1,500
 - North West One Family Services Team - Chatterbox Language Packs - £750
 - Cultural Arts Heritage Circle - Nubian Noire - £500 suggested and agreed in principle from subject to further information being sought.
 - Mental Health First Aid Training - £1,850

9 Inner North West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities brought Members' attention to an update of the work which the Communities Team was engaged in, based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunity for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Marcia Cunningham, Localities Officer presented the report.

The Children's and Families Sub Group had met in November to discuss the Youth Summit which would be held in the New Year. This would be a virtual event. YAF funding was also discussed and it was proposed not to have the usual funding round for next year due to the problems with the provision of events this year.

It had been agreed at the Community Committee Chair's forum that the Youth Summits would be held during January to March. Members expressed concerns that engagement would be preferable later in the year when it was possible that face to face meetings could be held.

There had been meetings of the Environment Sub Group where the problems with graffiti had been discussed. There had also been discussions regarding noise nuisance with the anti-social behaviour team and the police.

Further issues highlighted in the report included updates on Health and Wellbeing; Housing; spending from the Covid 19 Funds and the social media update.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 11th March 2021 at 6.00 p.m.