

OUTER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors P Alderson, B Anderson,
C Anderson, C Campbell, D Collins,
R Downes, B Flynn, G Latty, S Lay,
J Shemilt and J Taylor

39 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

40 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no exempt items.

41 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to Agenda Item 8 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Update Report. This had been circulated to Members.

Members were also notified that with the Chairs agreement an item had been tabled in relation to Agenda Item 8 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Report. Minute 46 refers

42 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS'

No declarations of interests were made at this point in the meeting.

However, Cllr Alderson declared that he was a member of Guiseley Lights CIC during consideration of Agenda Item 8 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Report.

43 Apologies For Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CHAIRS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS FOR CLLR LATTY

The Chair advised the Community Committee that this would be the last Community Committee meeting that Cllr Latty would serve on. He said that Cllr Latty had served the Council for 22 years and was now retiring at the age of 85.

Over the past 22 years Cllr Latty has sat on most Committees, Panels and Boards and Chaired this Community Committee and the CIT. He has been a

distinguished Councillor doing a lot for his ward of Guiseley and Rawdon and for the Council.

He wished him a long happy and healthy retirement. He invited other Members to say a few words.

Cllr Campbell said that Cllr Latty would be missed as a member of Plans Panel and Community Committee as he had done a tremendous amount of work for the ward. He said that Cllr Latty was an easy person to work with and always supportive, he would be a loss to the Guiseley and Rawdon ward.

Cllr Lay said that he had worked on the Health and Adult Social Care sub-group with Cllr Latty, he had found him always supportive, kind and that politics had not been an issue for him, he just wanted what was best for the community. He also highlighted the fact that Cllr Latty had instigated the Isolation App for use in Leeds which had come out of an idea formed at the sub-group. The App had made an impact across the city in alleviating isolation and loneliness. He wished Cllr Latty a healthy and happy retirement.

Cllr Downes said that politics had not got in the way when there was an issue to be dealt with. He said that Cllr Latty's energy in the work that he had undertaken was a tribute to him. He was well respected in Guiseley and epitomised working well together.

Cllr Taylor thanked Cllr Latty for his support whilst he was working as a casework for Andrew Stuart MP. He said that Cllr Latty had been very welcoming when he became a Councillor. He said that the people of Guiseley would miss him, he had made good contributions to the Council and the Conservative Group.

Cllr Alderson – Said that he was pleased to have worked with Cllr Latty, who had shown him support when he became a Councillor. He said Cllr Latty had dedicated himself to work in Aireborough and the ward would miss him. He hoped he would be able to continue with the good work, as Cllr Latty had.

Cllr B Anderson said that Cllr Latty was his own person, a proud Councillor and right for the area. He said that Planning would not forget his love of chimneys as in his view they added to the design of the house. He said that Plans Panels would miss his knowledge on planning issues.

Cllr Shemilt gave her sincere thanks for all that Cllr Latty had done and wished him well in his richly deserved retirement.

The Chair in closing the comments also added that Cllr Latty had been Lord Mayor of Leeds in 2018-2019. He knows that Cllr Latty had mixed feels for this position as he had to give up some of his work in the ward. However, he had taken on the role with his customary vigour as with all the work he had done.

Cllr Latty responded by thanking all the Members for their kind words and for a 'cracking' 22 years as a Councillor. Although, he did have a word of caution for anyone becoming Lord Mayor, saying that the role was hard work and draining.

The Committee showed their gratitude for Cllr Latty with a round of applause.

44 Minutes - 15th November 2021

Members requested slight amendments to minute 34 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Report. These were to note:

- That the improved footway provision was at Horsforth and that the funding was to provide overlaying.
- That funding had not been approved for the playground at Newlathes as funding had been provided from elsewhere

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021, be approved as a correct record.

45 Matters arising

In relation to Minute 35 – Climate Emergency Update Members had requested further information in relation to the solar panels at Aireborough Leisure Centre. It was noted that Members had not received this.

46 Open Forum

On this occasion there were four members of the public in attendance at the meeting, three of whom wished to address the Community Committee.

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules the Chair invited them to speak.

Mr Clive Woods spoke of his concerns in relation to the A65 specifically the congestion at Horsforth roundabout which led to queuing traffic. He informed the Committee that he had raised his concerns in November 2017 at a meeting where the Chief Officer for Highways had been attending. He was advised at that meeting that the new signalling system would improve the traffic flow. However, this had not been the case with standing traffic and buses still an issue on this section of road.

He has been made aware of a proposal for a new scheme which aims to improve traffic flow towards Rodley roundabout and includes widening to footpaths on this stretch of road for pedestrians.

Mr Woods was of the view that this proposed scheme would not improve matters but could make them worse. He requested that the Community Committee undertake a survey for the A65. He said that he had suffered years of frustration and now uses his car much more than the buses, as the buses are unreliable.

Cllr Taylor responded saying that the Members did not disagree with the issues raised on this section of road. However, Members had been contacted by Highways in relation to the new proposals. It was the aim that improvements would alleviate traffic from Horsforth to Rodley, thereby improving the flow of traffic round the roundabout.

The Chair invited Mr Woods to attend the next meeting of the Transport sub-group where officers from Highways would be in attendance to address the issues he had raised.

Dr David Ingham spoke to the Committee in relation to his concerns about double parking on New Road Side between the JCT roundabout and the crossroads which was causing a hazard.

Dr Ingham also raised concerns in relation to the usage of Apperley Lane which he said had increased six-fold. He had been requested by businesses in the area to look into this and to request a pedestrian crossing for this area.

The Community Committee advised Dr Ingham that he would need to email Highways with his request for a pedestrian crossing. Dr Ingham was also invited to the next Transport sub-group meeting.

Cllr Latty said that he would be supportive of a crossing in the area.

Mr Robert Turner addressed the Community Committee to raise his concerns in relation to Park Road. He said that the congestion on Park Road was getting worse by the month. Air quality measurements were showing dangerous pollution levels at around 40ppm of NO₂ which is considered high for residential areas.

He said that getting out of junctions onto Park Road was getting difficult with the junction at Old Hollins Hill particularly perilous at times.

Mr Turner also raised the issue that the 'Keep Clear' road marking outside Morrisons had either been removed or worn away and that the traffic lights may need synchronising for better traffic flow. He said that the B6153 was a busy B road, maybe the busiest in Leeds.

Mr Turner also highlighted that the warning sign for Old Hollins Hill bend does not alert new motorists to the area of a side road.

The Chair advised Mr Turner that the 'Keep Clear' road markings were now back in place.

The Chair invited Mr Turner to attend the next meeting of the Transport sub-group.

47 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Update Report

Prior to the start of this item, Cllr Collins thanked the Outer North West Locality Officer for his work in ensuring that the tyres were removed from the beck in Horsforth.

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 2021/22.

Members were informed of the following points:

- The remaining balance of the Wellbeing Fund is £67,777.89. Members were advised that Adel & Wharfedale have £13,465.75, Guiseley & Rawdon have £7,195.47, Horsforth have £4,706.38 and Otley & Yeadon have £42,410.29 available to spend. Table 1 of the submitted report showed a breakdown of projects funded. A proposal to return £1,500 from the Horsforth small grant and skips budget back to the Horsforth Wellbeing Balance was approved.
- Members were requested to consider the following projects:

Project	Organisation	Ward covered	Amount	Outcome
New club house and court resurfacing	Bramhope Lawn Tennis Club	Adel & Wharfedale	£7,000	Approved
Refurbishment of outdoor fixed cricket nets	Pool Cricket Club	Adel & Wharfedale	£3,504.04	Approved
War Memorial / Cenotaph Refurbishment	Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council	Adel & Wharfedale	£2,859.58	Approved to be taken from 2022-23 budget
Guiseley Theatre new lighting	Guiseley Theatre CIC	Guiseley & Rawdon	£12,000	Approved in principle prior to meeting with the organisation
Site Based Gardener	Parks & Countryside & Cleaner	Guiseley & Rawdon - £7,917.60 Horsforth - £6,196.40	£14,114	Guiseley & Rawdon Approved in Principle but requested a meeting with Parks and Countryside Horsforth - Declined
Nunroyd Park – Cricket Ground and park spectator/ seating area	Green Lane Cricket Club	Guiseley & Rawdon	£5,988.03	Approved – plus condition that the seats remained out for all users

				of the park
Global CPAD Campaign	Public Access Defibrillators UK	Guiseley & Rawdon	£4,500.00	Approved funding for 2 locations at Silverdale Avenue and Tranmere Park
Guiseley Lights	Guiseley Lights CIC	Guiseley & Rawdon	£730	Approved
Community Defibrillators in Guiseley and Rawdon	Communities Team (Ringfence)	Guiseley & Rawdon	£800	Approved
Summer Bands in Leeds Parks 2022	Leeds International Concert Season	(£975 Guiseley and Rawdon) & (£650 Otley and Yeadon)	£1,625	Approved
Otley and Yeadon CCTV for 2021/22	Leedswatch	Otley and Yeadon	£8,000	Approved
Horsforth CCTV for 2021/22	Leedswatch	Horsforth	£2,000	Approved

- Since the last meeting on 15 November 2021 the following projects have been considered and approved by DDN:
 - Jungle Kids Christmas Camp £1,020.00
 - Friday Night Live £4,590.00
 - Poetry Workshops in Ralph Thoresby School £600.00
 - Summer Holiday Camps £1,793.50
- At the Chairs discretion a further two applications were tabled for Member's consideration. Members agreed that the following projects be approved by Delegated Decision Notice after the meeting:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Outcome
Construction of Arthington Cricket Pavilion	Arthington Cricket Club	Adel & Wharfedale	£30,000 (Proposing £6,065 to come out of capital and £23,935 to come out of wellbeing 2022/23 budget)	Approved by DDN
Toilet Refurbishment with Disabled Toilet	Pool Sports and Social Club	Adel & Wharfedale	£5,000 (Proposing £5,000 to come out of	Approved by DDN

			capital)	
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- There is a remaining balance of £25,509.24 in the Youth Activity Fund. A full breakdown of the projects was listed at Table 2 of the report. The Children and Families Sub-Group met on the morning of 7th March to consider the following projects:

Project	Organisation	Amount	Outcome
Aireborough Leisure Centre- Fun Swims	Aireborough Leisure Centre	£3,379.00	Approved
Breeze Leeds (Ringfence for 4 summer events)	Breeze Summer Events	£14,598	Approved
Young People Group	Codswallop CIC	£13,110.00	Deferred as the sub-group requested a meeting prior to processing new applications
Aireborough Community Summer Activities 2022	Guiseley Community Foundation	£4,502.40	Deferred as the application was not complete
Rhinos Roar	Leeds Rhinos Foundation	£7,500	Deferred for the sub-group to meet with the applicant
Outer North West - road safety	West Yorkshire Police Cycle Champions	£1,760	Approved
ONW Holiday Projects 2022-23	Youth Service – Outer North West	£3,310	Approved in principle that activities would take place across all 4 wards

- The Small Grants and skips, has a remaining balance of £4,157.35 available to spend. Projects and skips allocated was listed at Table 3 of the submitted report.
- The Community Committee has a capital budget of £51,373 available to spend, as a result of new capital injections. Members were asked to note the capital allocation broken down by ward and summarised in Table 4.
- The Community Committee is asked to note that there is £252,022.97 total payable to the Outer North West Community Committee with £213,829.97 currently available to spend. The breakdown is as follows Adel & Wharfedale £69,322.76, Guiseley & Rawdon £142,274.86 and

Otley & Yeadon £2,232.35 which is detailed in Table 5 of the submitted report.

Member's discussions included:

- The need for discussions to be had with organisations prior to the start of refurbishment applications to ensure that the refurbishments were compliant with the Climate Emergency Policies as set out by the Council. This would include such items as LED lighting and heating systems.
- It was noted that allocation for budgets had not yet been set for the next financial year.
- Members had met with Parks and Countryside and Cleaner Neighbourhoods. Members aired concerns that they did not feel they were getting what they paid for through funding of a site-based gardener. They had been led to believe that the site-based gardener was to add 'polish' to the work already undertaken by Parks and Countryside and the Cleaner Neighbours Team but were of the view that they had not seen any signs of the 'polish' that was expected. They were disappointed with the outcome of the meeting. It was the view of the Members that they should request in writing what they would get from the site-based gardener, it was the view that previous funding was not value for money. Members in other wards said that they used community groups to assist with maintaining green spaces. Members raised concern that the Administration were not consistent in their approach to green spaces across Leeds. It was the view of the Community Committee that there was a need to look after the 'gems' in the city such as Golden Acre Park
- Members discussed at length the need to have defibrillators in certain locations of the Outer North West. It was recognised that the local volunteers known as Defibrillator Guardians worked well to ensure that they were always ready to use. However, there was a concern about how these should be maintained and the ongoing costs for the battery pack and consumables required for the defibrillators. Members suggested a meeting with the local Defibrillator Guardian to gain clarity of future maintenance.
- Members had met with LeedsWatch in relation to the CCTV cameras located in Horsforth, Otley and Yeadon. It was the view that these should not be funded by the Community Committees. It was noted that whilst in discussion with LeedsWatch the cameras had remained operational at all sites. The local ward councillors had received assurances that the cameras would be upgraded. It was suggested by Members that pressure should be put on the Police to enhance their system, so that the data collected from the cameras was easily accessible.
- Members requested that CIL funding was shown in future with a breakdown not only by ward but included the breakdown of CIL money received by the Parish and Town Councils.

RESOLVED –

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) to be noted

- b. Wellbeing proposals be considered with the outcome details as set out above
- c. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 33) be noted
- d. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 34) be noted
- e. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) be noted with the details of projects as set out above (supplementary information)
- f. Details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Table 3) be noted
- g. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4) be noted
- h. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5) be noted

Cllr Flynn left the meeting at 14:30 during consideration of this item.

48 Outer North West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated the Community Committee of the work which the Communities Team is 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.

Updates were provided by the Community Committee Champions: *Children and Families* – Cllr Flynn had submitted a briefing note for the update report but had left the meeting prior to this item. Therefore, Cllr Lay advised the Community Committee that the sub-group had met earlier in the day to discuss Youth Activity Projects for 2022/23. He advised the Committee that the criteria for the Youth Activities Fund had changed. It was the view of the Committee that Youth Activity Fund was for universal projects, and they were concerned that projects that provided targeted work with vulnerable children could not apply. He suggested that the Chair may wish to raise a concern at the Community Chairs Forum that there was now a gap in provision for vulnerable children with funding aimed at targeted projects. It was also noted that the age range means that some organisations are unable to access Youth Activity Funding.

Members also discussed the need for monitoring of projects before more funding is provided to organisation who have requested funding previously. Members suggested that where a request for funding was over £5,000 that the organisation should meet in person to discuss proposed projects.

Environment and Community Safety – Cllr B Anderson advised the Committee that discussions had taken place with Parks and Countryside about budget changes and the promotion of the officer within that section. It was not known who would replace him. It was noted that the Council now seemed to be getting back to normal working.

Excellent information had been provided in relation to gullies in this area and the officer was aware of all issues.

He had met with the local Inspector to discuss community safety. A briefing was to be arranged with LeedsWatch to provide information in relation to the work that they do.

Transport – Cllr Wadsworth informed the Community Committee that the Transport sub-group had met on 25th February 2022, with WYCA in attendance. They had discussed at length the issue of public transport not only for the Outer North West area but on a city-wide scale. Concerns had been raised in relation to First Bus especially around funding.

The group had also discussed park and ride including proposals for the one at the airport.

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care – Cllr Latty had nothing to report.

Employment and Skills – Cllr Downes, acknowledged that a lengthy update had been provided as part of the submitted report. It provided information in relation to Universal Credit, impact of covid on the hospitality and health and social care sectors. It was suggested that Cllr Downes call a meeting of the sub-group with one Member from each ward attending to discuss the update report.

Richard Marshall, Housing Manager for the Outer North West was in attendance at the meeting and invited to address the Committee. He informed the Committee that housing staff are now hybrid working, with rent collection a priority.

It was recognised that during the pandemic voids had increased due to repairs not being able to take place, this was now ongoing. Energy improvements works are being undertaken on housing stock including insulation and decarbonisation works.

It was noted that the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team had been to tidy communal areas around Regent Crescent and Regent Close. The Committee was advised that estate walkabouts had now resumed as normal with Members and the public allowed to attend, Members were also advised that the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team were invited to these.

Detailed updates had been received from Housing, Public Health and Safer Leeds in relation to CCTV.

Members were requested to note the social media pages

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

Cllrs Shemilt and Taylor left the meeting at 15:55 during this item.

49 Dates, Times and Venue Report

The City Solicitor submitted a report requesting Member's consideration on proposed dates and times for the Outer West Community Committee for municipal 2022 – 2023.

Members were informed that the proposed dates were set out at paragraph 7 of the submitted report. It was noted that the Community Committee currently meets on a Monday at 1:30pm and the dates proposed reflected this pattern.

Members had a brief discussion about the length of time between the November and March meetings but decided to leave them as proposed for now with an option to add another if required.

RESOLVED – To agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2022/23 municipal year as:

- Monday 27th June 2022 at 1:30pm
- Monday 12th September 2022 at 1:30pm
- Monday 14th November 2022 at 1:30pm
- Monday 6th March 2023 at 1:30pm