

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors J Bowden, J Dowson,
S Hamilton, Z Hussain, L Martin and
M Rafique

37 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

38 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

39 Late Items

There were no formal late items.

40 Declaration of Interests

No interests were raised.

41 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor France-Mir and Councillor Taylor.

42 Open 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.

No matters were raised by members of the public.

43 Minutes of the previous meeting - 27 November 23

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday, 27th November 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

44 King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships introduced a report that provided information regarding the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) and the King's Award for Enterprise (KAE) schemes.

The report asks members to identify groups/organisations who might qualify for the schemes and exploring whether there are any ways the Lieutenancy can help the committee in the work they do with the local community.

The Deputy Lieutenants for West Yorkshire attended the meeting and explained that the cost of applying for the award is free, and the lieutenancy are looking at liaising with local community groups and organisations. Members were asked to provide any local group names, and/or contact details to the lieutenancy so that they can get in contact with them and provide them with some information regarding the award, as well as the criteria.

The award is not easily obtained and provides organisations and businesses the use of the logo on all correspondence and use for their own benefit. The award is seen as a 'prestige' and will potentially help organisations and groups obtain additional funding from other sources.

Organisations such as DAZL Dance and Friends of Roundhay Park have previously won the award.

Members were asked to get in contact with Ms Baker if they had any organisations and groups in mind for the lieutenancy to contact, to recognise the work of organisations and groups across Leeds.

Ms Baker can be contacted on the following email: susan.baker@ntlworld.com and/or at the following address: West Yorkshire Lieutenancy Office, Bowcliffe Hall, Bramham, Wetherby, LS23 6LP.

The scheme is open 1st June until 15th September 2024.

In responding to questions from Committee Members, the following was confirmed:

- A lot of groups and organisations never heard of the scheme, and it has been running for quite some years. The lieutenancy has been looking for ways to promote the scheme and felt local ward members are best placed to suggest local groups and organisations.
- The application to nominate a group or organisation is considered straight forward. It must be somebody not involved in the organisation to nominate the group or organisation. All the groups put forward are checked for eligibility, and the lieutenants will visit the groups and spend some time with them going through the criteria and checking their governance arrangement and accounts etc. Once everything has been checked over, the nominations go to a central committee based in London, and the announcement of the winners ties up with the Kings birthday on 14th November 24.

- The Deputy Lieutenants cannot put forward any nominations as they're the ones who will be doing the assessments against the criteria.
- Councillors are not asked to support the application process, unless they are personally involved with the group or organisation. If they do decide to support the group or organisation, they must explain how they have personally benefitted them in a personal capacity, or a family member.
- The group or organisation must be volunteer led but can have paid staff working for them.
- Nominations are assessed nationally, and the award is considered difficult to get. But once this has been achieved, it is a prestigious award and groups must be exceptional to receive it.
- Organisations must be well governed in terms of the criteria and eligibility. If groups are unsuccessful, they can re-apply in the next 3 years.
- To apply for the award, somebody must nominate the group, and 2 letters of support must be put forward.

The Chair thanked the Deputy Lieutenants for attending the meeting and the Committee shared their appreciation for the work the lieutenancy is doing in recognising local volunteer groups and organisations.

RESOLVED – To note the verbal update and comments during discussion of this item.

45 Inner North East 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 2023/24.

Projects as outlined in the submitted report were discussed and agreed as follows:

Project	Organisation	Ward	Amount	Decision
Meanwood Park Comm Tennis Programme (Children's Lessons)	Leeds Community Tennis Programme (LCC)	Moortown	£700.00 (YAF) 2024-25	Approved
Roundhay Park Summer Tennis Camps (Children 8-12)	Leeds Community Tennis Programme (LCC)	Roundhay	£1,000.00 (YAF) 2024-25	Approved

The following information was highlighted:

- Wellbeing Budget Position 2023/24. The remaining balance stands at £7,439.79.
- No projects have been considered and approved by DDN since the last Community Committee meeting.
- Since the last Community Committee meeting on the 27th of November 2023 the following project was declined - Meanwood Park Community Tennis Programme (Adult's Lessons).
- Ward Pots Budget 2023/24. The remaining available balance overall stands at £35,138.76. A breakdown per ward was provided as per Table 2 of the submitted report.
- Youth Activities Fund 2023/24. There is a remaining available balance of 0.71.
- Capital Budget 2023/24. There is a remaining available balance of £12,348.
- Community Infrastructure Levy Budget 2023/24. There is an overall remaining balance of £75,481.55. A breakdown per ward was provided as per Table 5 of the submitted report.

RESOLVED – To note/consider:

- a) Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) (paragraph 20).
- b) Wellbeing/YAF proposals for consideration and approval (paragraph 24 - 25).
- c) Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 26).
- d) Details of the projects Declined (paragraph 27).
- e) Details of Skips & Ward Pots (Table 2) (paragraph 28).
- f) Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 3) (paragraph 29 - 31).
- g) Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4) (paragraph 32).
- h) Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5) (paragraph 33).

46 Inner North East Community Committee - Update Report

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

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

The following was discussed:

- Proactive work is being carried out to increase uptake with flu and Covid-19 vaccinations, to reduce hospital admissions.
- An overview of ASB cases in the last 3 months as per the statistics in the submitted report. It is noted that generally cases decrease in the winter months and increase again in the summer months.

- There is on-going work with partners to tackle issues associated with Roundhay park, in terms of parking, BBQs and picnics.
- 2 Premises Closure Orders have been granted in the last quarter in Beckhill Fold and Harehills Avenue to give neighbours respite, they have been extended for a further 3 months pending full possession proceedings.
- The last Housing Advisory Panel (HAP) meeting will be held in March 2024. Councillor Dowson explained that these meetings provide residents with the opportunity to ensure the housing and estates they live in, are well looked after. There is something in the pipeline for residents to remain involved in the process, but further clarity is awaited.
- A representative from Meanwood Valley Partnership attended the meeting and provided some information on the Meanwood Walking Festival. She explained they are trying to do a walk every month, and the recent walk was successful with Councillors Shahzad and Hamilton attending. Several bags of litter were collected and the joint effort in clearing the litter was acknowledged. Members commented on the joint effort between volunteers and the 'Litter Free' movement in Leeds.
- A member commented that Tropical World, and the Butterfly Conservation are dedicating wildflower meadows, to benefit butterflies and moths. An update on this can be provided at the next meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report and comments during discussion of the item.

47 Any Other Business

Representatives from local organisations attended the meeting, and provided the following information:

Girlguiding Leeds – it has been difficult recruiting volunteers recently, and there is a focus to recruit adults. There are 100 more volunteers this year, than last year but more is needed. Some of the youngest volunteers are aged only 4 years old, and there are children looking at litter and street lighting to make sure everything is ok for their community. It was acknowledged that the cost of transport has increased significantly and Girlguiding are trying to think more creatively and locally, as they are unable to get people to events. Funding has helped pay for new merchandise, and a new logo, which has helped create something 'bold' and assisted with recruitment. Girlguiding allow people to borrow toolkits and screwdrivers, to help girls learn life skills you wouldn't learn elsewhere.

Meanwood Valley Partnership – there is a series of events in July 2024, that will bring together voluntary groups in Meanwood. There will be a series of workshops taking place, as part of the summer festival and will take place locally. They thanked the Committee for funding Meanwood lights and explained they have received grant claims to develop a community garden.

PHAB Leeds – the organisation is flourishing and is for all disabled and abled people in any part of Leeds. Anne explained that she is the oldest volunteer at PHAB, and they are currently looking for some more volunteers to join. PHAB take in people who are going into a carer's profession, and only last week, got some new volunteers aged 16-18 years of age. PHAB offer a range of activities such as bingo, dance, music, and pool. There are also outings and residential visits.

The Committee thanked all the volunteers for the amazing work they are doing, and for the community.

48 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2024/2025

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to consider agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

The following dates and times were proposed to the Community Committee:

- Mon, 17 June 24, 6pm
- Mon, 16 Sept 24, 6pm
- Mon, 25 Nov 24, 6pm
- Mon, 17 Feb 25, 6pm

It was noted that the June date may clash with Eid Al-Fitr. Therefore, dates are subject to change further to additional consideration.

RESOLVED – To agree the above.

49 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting is proposed as June 2024. An exact date, time, and venue is TBC.

The meeting ended at 19:25.