

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, M Dobson,
J Gibson, M Harland, H Hayden, J Lennox,
J Lewis, M Millar and N Sharpe

28 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals.

29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information on the agenda.

30 Late Items

There were no late items.

31 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Field and S McCormack.

33 Minutes - 26 September 2023

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

34 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 remit of the Community Committee.

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

35 Lifelong Learning Centre

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships informed the Committee of a presentation from the Lifelong Learning Centre.

Fiona Chapel and Esther Bissell of the Lifelong Learning Centre were in attendance to give the Committee a presentation.

In introducing the presentation, it was reported that the Lifelong Learning Centre was based within the University of Leeds and supported mature students who may not previously have had the opportunity to study at degree level.

Further issues highlighted from the presentation included the following:

- Members were asked for help in connecting the centre to people and groups who could make benefit of the offers provided by the centre.
- The centre focussed on providing opportunities for adults who maybe had not had the opportunity to study for a degree in the past.
- The learning hub was based within the University of Leeds and provided support for adults with a focus on community outreach.
- The centre worked with many different partners including colleges and local and voluntary organisations.
- Information could be provided regarding pathways to education as well as the provision of guidance and advice including how to get financial support.
- The centre provided regular open days and taster courses that were aimed specifically at adult learners.
- The role of student volunteers.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

36 Community Safety

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships invited Members to discuss current community safety concerns in Outer East Leeds.

Georgia Taylor of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour team addressed the Committee. Latest figures for anti-social behaviour were highlighted. There had not been any emerging trends or issues across Outer East and reference was made to the planning in the lead up to the bonfire period and the diversionary activities provided by the Youth Service. Members were made of the drop-in sessions that had started at the Garforth Hub and it was asked that similar sessions be provided elsewhere.

Members thanked Georgia for her update and highlighted the success of the diversionary work during the bonfire period and how this demonstrated the success of partnership working.

Sergeant Tom Goringe updated the committee on policing issues in the area. There was an overall decrease in the amount of serious and acquisitive crime in Outer East Leeds although there had been a slight increase in Garforth &

Swillington. There was positive news with regards to anti-social behaviour and there had been success with Operation Dieselcrest in tackling nuisance with off road bikes. There had been the seizure of three bikes and one arrest during the past week. People were encouraged to keep reporting any further incidents. Further issues highlighted included the following:

- Use of the trojan bus which had plain clothes officers spotting crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Issuing of warnings to young people and their parents with regards to anti-social behaviour.
- Anti-social vehicle use – partnership work with North Yorkshire Police, Leeds City Council and use of the new Public Spaces Protection Order.
- Tackling serious organised crime and urban street gangs,
- There was now a dedicated officer working with the youth service and schools to support diversionary work.

Members thank Sergeant Goringe for the update.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

37 Outer 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.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- There was £15,779.82 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue budget. A ward by ward breakdown was given.
- Wellbeing projects for consideration.
- Monitoring information of applications funded by the Committee
- Delegated Decisions taken since the last meeting. Members expressed thanks for the work on the restoration of the Kippax War Memorial.
- Remaining balances in the Youth Activities Fund; Small Grants, Skips, Tasking, Capital, and Community Infrastructure Levy budgets.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the minimum conditions for delegated decisions as outlined in the report be noted.
- (2) That details of the change regarding the administration of Small Grants be noted.
- (3) That details of the Wellbeing budget position be noted.

- (4) That the following projects be approved:
 - Community Youth & Play Together - £2,450.00
 - GDGNS Money Buddies Service - £3,000.00
 - Pendas Noticeboard - £2,500.00
 - Barley Hill Public Space CCTV - £2,400.00
- (5) That monitoring information be noted.
- (6) That details of projects approved via delegated decision be noted.
- (7) That details of the Youth Activities Fund position be noted.
- (8) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (9) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

38 Outer East Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved 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.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Children & Families – Councillor Millar informed the Committee that the recent meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board had seen the agenda set by local looked after children. The findings of the My Health My School survey had been discussed and it was highlighted that there were disproportionate issues in relation to the use of alcohol, drugs and cigarettes for looked after children. There had also been the preparation of a good tips guide for social work with children in care.
- Community Safety – Councillor Harland made reference to the good partnership work across the area and the success of the Operation Dieselcrest. PACT meetings had not attracted many members of the public.
- Youth Service provision in the area – there had been a wide range of engagement in Youth Clubs and with the Youth Matters Groups. Activities had included a drama workshop with the University, trips to Flamingo Land and to see Oliver at the Playhouse. Diversionary work for bonfire night had included a visit to York Road Fire Station. Youth clubs remained well attended and further work included young people engaging with the police.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

39 Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday, 5 March 2024 at 6.00 p.m.

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Tuesday, 5th March, 2024