

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor A Hannan in the Chair

Councillors J Akhtar, E Flint, T Goodall,
J Heselwood, J Pryor and I Wilson

25 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

26 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

27 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information published and circulated in relation to Agenda Item 8 – Finance Report and Agenda Item 9 – Update Report.

28 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Hannan declared that he works at the Cardigan Centre, as members of the Cardigan Centre were attending the Community Committee meeting to present as part of the discussion item on Celebrating the Contribution of Elders Groups and Residents Across The Inner North West area, and to show how the Community Committee had supported projects at the Cardigan Centre.

29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Brooks and Marshall-Katung.

30 Minutes -25th September 2024

RESOLVED – The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th September 2024, be approved as a correct record, after a slight amendment to Minute 23 – Open Forum in relation to the Woodhouse Ridge Voluntary Action Group to include ‘That a householder had undertaken excavations which had caused issues with a gas pipeline, with the gas pipeline then having to be redirected’.

31 Matters Arising

Minute 18 – Minutes of 17th July 2024 - It was noted that at the September meeting Cllr Goodall had been appointed to the Leeds Student Medical Practice LCP. However, this had been omitted from the previous minutes.

Minute 23 – Open Forum – It was noted that the gas pipeline which had been damaged at Woodhouse Ridge had now been redirected. A meeting was to

be arranged for the new year to meet with residents living near Woodhouse Ridge to discuss their concerns.

32 Open Forum

Residents raised concerns in relation to the noise nuisance support being received by residents. It was noted that residents had been calling the Noise Nuisance Team, but they did not often call back until hours later or were requesting access to the caller's property to listen to the noise, which could be heard from the street without having to access homes. It was the view that most calls in relation to noise were between midnight and 2am, however the Team for some reason did not appear to be covering this period. Members recognised that the University had provided significant input into this issue, but there was a need to meet with them to discuss what had worked and what was now required. It was noted that the number of reports had reduced and that it was a minority that were causing issues. The community were still welcoming students to the area providing them with information about the area and the expectation of respect for the area that residents required. The Committee were informed that the University has a new Vice Chancellor and Cllr Pryor was hoping to arrange a meeting with them to discuss issues.

In relation to a new crossing, residents were informed that this had not been put in by the University, but by Highways due to the number of incidents to pedestrians and cyclists at that spot.

Issues were raised in relation to parking on Alexander Road and Queens Road as parking was restricting access along these routes. Residents were requesting that double yellow lines be put along one side of the road to allow residents to park only on one side allowing traffic to flow.

Graffiti is an issue across LS6 which makes the area unsightly. Residents were advised that following the meeting with Alison Lowe in the summer a meeting with local organisations had taken place in November to start planning a new long-term initiative to tackle graffiti in the area. Hyde Park Source has taken the lead and submitted an application for funding to the West Yorkshire Mayor's Office in order to kickstart the project. A further meeting will take place in the New Year, and another update will be given at the next community committee meeting in March.

Concerns were raised in relation to the cuts in services for older people in the area and the impact that this would have. The Chair encouraged those concerned to contact their Ward Councillors so that they were aware of which services and the impact for the Inner North West area, so Members could address concerns with the Executive Board.

33 Inner North West 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 2024/25.

The Locality Officer presented the report and provided the Community Committee with the following information:

- Members of the Community Committee had met earlier in the week to discuss the new applications in full. These were read out and decided on by Members as set out below.
- Members were advised that there was currently a remaining balance of £9,050.87 in the Wellbeing Fund, with a breakdown of projects listed in Table 1 of the submitted report.
- Projects agreed via Delegated Decision Notice since the last meeting held on 25th September were:
 - Lovell Park Fencing (Capital) £9,564
 - Leeds Hyde Park Football Club (CIL) £4,784.98
 - Meanwood Valley Partnership Christmas Light Switch On (CIL) £1,500
 - Oblong Community Project (Wellbeing) £4,000
- The Youth Activity Fund has a remaining balance of £2,752.61 and a breakdown of projects funded was set out at Table 2 of the report.
- The Inner North West Community Committee has a remaining balance of £84,669.19 to spend, as a result of capital injections and project spend. Capital allocations were listed at Table 4 of the report.
- The remaining balance for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is £590,939.82, with projects supported to date listed in Table 5 of the report. Members considered new applications as set out in the submitted report and made decisions as set out below.

RESOLVED -

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position and new applications listed (Table 1) be noted and determined as follows:
 - Opal: Funding requested for Members Christmas Party and Christmas Hampers £885. This application is 50% INW and 50% ONW - £885 - APPROVED
 - Shantona: Funding requested to run 12 weekly mental health and wellbeing sessions at Little London Primary School following the successful trial. £2,438 - APPROVED
 - Little London Football Club £1,530 - APPROVED
- b. The minimum conditions (paragraph 13) be noted.
- c. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 17) be noted.
- d. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position and new applications listed (Table 2) be noted.
- e. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget and new applications listed (Table 3) be noted.
- f. Details of the Capital Budget and new applications listed (Table 4) be noted.
- g. Details of Community Infrastructure Levy (Table 5) be noted and determined as follows:

- Heart Centre: Funding Requested to Upgrade boiler and Front Door to improve overall sustainability of the building - £8,400 for front door – APPROVED – Meeting to be arranged with Management of the Heart Centre to discuss further.
- St Paul's Church: Funding requested to help match fund renovation of the hall roof - £100,000 - APPROVED
- SID Purchase: Funding requested for purchase of new SID Device for Wynford Avenue, Weetwood - £5,000 - APPROVED
- Bedford Fields Community Forest Garden: Funding Requested for Garden Improvements - £19,203.80- APPROVED

34 Inner North West Community Committee Update Report

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

The Chair invited Members to update the Community Committee in respect of their work in the community and in their Champion Roles.

Cllr Heselwood in her role on the Leeds Bradford Airport Consultative Committee informed the Committee that the airport was due to start community engagement in the first quarter of 2025. This would provide information on the plans for the airport and to answer any questions posed from residents.

Environment & Community Safety

Cllr Akhtar informed the Committee that in relation to the bins left on the streets this was still an ongoing issue which was being addressed, but with limited resources.

A meeting had taken place in November with local organisations to kickstart some work on graffiti a report will go to the Environment Sub-group in January.

Children and Families

Cllr Flint informed the Committee that the Youth Summit had taken place with primary aged children from across the Inner North West area and had been successful. The Children had met with the Lord Mayor and engaged well on issues in relation to climate change. The sub-group are looking to engage with sixth form pupils for the next youth summit.

Climate Action

Cllr Wilson informed the Committee that he is encouraging parents and pupils to walk or cycle to school and requesting support for this. It is also proposed

that the sub-group is to look at actions from the community as to what is being done to support climate change.

Employment, Skills and Inclusive Growth

Cllr Pryor updated the Committee on the work of the sub-group in relation to getting information out to the Community Committee area in relation to jobs, apprenticeships and where to go to extra skills.

It was noted that an update had been received as supplementary information in relation to Cleaner Neighbours. Copies of this were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the discussions.

35 Discussion Topic - Celebrating the Contribution of Elders Groups and Residents Across the Inner North West

The Chair of the Inner North West Community Committee introduced the discussion topic for the meeting, which was to celebrate the contribution of elders' groups and residents across the Inner North West area. Several organisations and groups working with older people had been invited to the meeting to lead a discussion on their work.

Vandan Group – Cardigan Centre

This group has been going for 20 years, everyone is welcome and the aim is to help women socialise, learn new skills and build confidence. The group work with other groups to create art works, learn English and assist with tasks such as shopping trips. At the meeting of the group, they provide snacks, coffee and a space to talk and socialise. The group has become so popular that there is now a waiting list to join, as the room is not big enough to take everyone. The Cardigan Centre is an ideal location for such groups, as it has good transport links and a car park. The group are looking for funding for a paid worker to assist with more activities. This was noted by the Chair for further discussions with Councillors and the Locality Team, as funding was limited but other options may be available.

The group had brought along some of the artwork that they have created, and the Committee was encouraged to look at this.

Elders Connect Group – Cardigan Centre

This group meets every Tuesday and was started in 2019. The aim of the group is to help remove social isolation, bring new skills and for exercise sessions.

The group provide a warm space with tea and coffee. This is a diverse group, and all are welcome to attend and even get some younger people attending. The staff are good, and it is friendly, like a family. The activities include health and safety, mental wellbeing, craft sessions, projects in the community, exercise classes such a pilates and trips have been organised to the art gallery and Bridlington.

The Committee were informed that the group had received some air fryers, so the group were learning new skills and new recipes.

The Group had brought along photographs of the group involved in activities for all to look at.

OPAL – Older People’s Action Leeds

This is a care service with the aim to reduce loneliness and isolation. Activities include exercise sessions, lunch clubs and recently line dancing. OPAL has 14 staff and approximately 100 volunteers offering 10,000 hours per year. OPAL can provide support for those with higher needs, such as emotional support and memory loss.

OPAL are in a former public house which needed refurbishment which has been undertaken and now provides a welcoming space for the community including families who use the café, which has a good selection of food and drink. The premises are also used by Ward Councillors for surgeries, the Police for PACT Meetings, and nurses who provide wound and catheter care. Other groups who use this space are brownies, youth clubs, dietician and Active Leeds.

The building has become more sustainable using solar panels which the Community Committee had contributed towards.

The Chair noted that many of the groups in the Inner North West could not survive without the support of volunteers and he praised the work that they do for the community.

Sankar Group – Cardigan Centre.

This group had been going for 8 years and was formed by members of the community after attending similar groups. It is based in the Cardigan Centre and offers a space for socialising and activities. It is easily accessible due to good transport links. The name Sankar means – Respect, Good, Knowledge and is a greeting.

St Chad’s Church and Community Centre

St Chad’s Church and Community Centre is centred around worship and the facilities offered are wide ranging and attract a variety of age groups.

The Mothers Union meet here, and this is open to everyone and is family orientated to offer a variety of support.

The Knit and Natter group meet once a month and as part of their activities produced A poppy display for Remembrance Day.

There are several smaller groups which meet weekly, and these include:

- The fellowship Group
- The friendship Group
- Pastoral Support
- Green Team

The Green Team has a focus on the environment managing the land surrounding the church, the community centre and the burial grounds. The Green Team also includes younger members of the community who are interested in the environment.

The Luncheon Club has been going for 40 years and is run by volunteers. They had hosted a Christmas function and those who had attended ranged from 70 to 95 years of age. They had provided a healthy 2 course meal with tea, coffee and biscuits. The local school children attended to sing for the group.

The Luncheon Club is a place to socialise for those who live on their own, although there are some couples attend too. It was noted that currently there were issues with funding, and without the support of the volunteers the club would not be able to function.

The Chair was of the view that more support was needed to provide digital support to older people to give them more confidence going forward.

The Chair invited all those attending to take time to look at the displays brought in and circulate with members of other groups to discuss activities.

The Chair thanked all the groups for their attendance and praised the work that they are doing and that it was important that the elders in the community were supported.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report and the discussions.

36 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting of the Inner North West Community Committee will be on Wednesday 19th March 2025, at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed.

CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENT

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the work they do in the community.

He wished everyone a happy festive time and Happy New Year.

The meeting concluded at 19:50.