

NORTH WEST (INNER) AREA COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 2008

PRESENT: Councillor J Monaghan in the Chair

Councillors B Atha, S Bentley, J Chapman,
P Ewens, M Hamilton, K Hussain,
J Illingworth, B Jennings, E Minkin and
D Morton

OFFICERS: Steve Crocker, Area Manager
Jason Singh, North West Area Management
Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management
Andrew Crates, Community Planner
Stuart Robinson, Chief Executive's Department
Sergeant Darren Bedford, West Yorkshire Police
Huw Jones, re'new

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Barrie Payne, Leeds HMO Lobby
Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby
Ken Waterworth, Kirkstall Valley Community Association
Sheila Waterworth, Kirkstall Valley Community
Association
Amanda Jackson, University of Leeds
Bill McKinnon, Friends of Woodhouse Moor
Janet Bailey, Friends of Woodhouse Moor
Emma Robertson, Hyde Park Source
Kevin Bunn, Hyde Park Unity Day
David Hollingsworth, Hyde Park Unity Day
Bea Horwood, Hyde Park Resident
Penny Bainbridge, Cardigan Centre
Lucinda Yeadon, Labour Candidate, Kirkstall
Mohammed Azam, Labour Candidate, Headingley
Jamie Matthews, Liberal Democrat Candidate,
Headingley
Ruth Coleman, Liberal Democrat Candidate, Kirkstall
Mick Taylor, Liberal Democrat Chair, Leeds West
Sue Buckle, South Headingley Community Association
John Dickinson, Weetwood Residents Association
Lee Davidson, Turnways and Laurel Bank Residents
Association
Evelyn Davidson, Turnways and Laurel Bank Residents
Association
Armit Roy, Local Resident
J E Kellers, Local Resident
Steve Harris, Kirkstall Festival and Local Resident

76 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the February meeting of the North West (Inner) Area Committee held at Milford Sports Club, Beecroft Street, Leeds 5.

He informed the meeting that Christine Addison had been appointed to the post of Head of City Projects and following a restructuring exercise, Steve Crocker had been appointed to the post of Area Manager for North West and West Leeds.

The Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, conveyed his thanks to Christine Addison for her valuable contribution to the area.

The Chair also referred to the recent promotion of Richard Coldwell, West Yorkshire Police and as a result David Bugg and Ian Croft had been appointed as North West Inner Area Inspectors. At the request of the Chair, Sergeant Darren Bedford outlined the new policing arrangements from 3rd March 2008.

The Chair, on behalf of the Area Committee, conveyed his thanks to Richard Coldwell for his work in the area.

77 Declarations of Interest

The following personal declarations were reported:-

- Councillor J Monaghan in his capacity as Friends of Hyde Park Picture House (Agenda Item 8) (Minute 82 refers)
- Councillor E Minkin in her capacity as Friends of Hyde Park Picture House (Agenda Item 8) (Minute 82 refers)
- Councillor B P Atha in his capacity as Friends of Hyde Park Picture House (Agenda Item 8) (Minute 82 refers)
- Councillor J Illingworth in his capacity as a cyclist and user of the A660 (Agenda Item 8) (Minute 82 refers)

78 Open Forum

In accordance with paragraphs 6.24 and 6.25 of the Area Committee Procedure Rules, the Chair allowed members of the public to make representations or ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee.

In summary the following issues were raised at the meeting:-

- Designated Public Places Orders
Janet Bailey, Friends of Woodhouse Moor raised her concerns about the Designated Public Places Orders currently in place within the City of Leeds and questioned their validity in relation to the illegal consumption of alcohol.

Following a brief discussion, the Chair agreed to send a letter to the appropriate Scrutiny Board requesting an inquiry into this issue.

- HMO Campaign

Dr Richard Tyler, Leeds HMO Lobby raised the following three issues:-

- that Leeds HMO Lobby was pleased that the Area Committee's initiative to lobby the Government for a change to the legislation on HMOs had been pursued by the Council
- sought Ward Member representation at the Councillors Campaign for Balanced Communities in Nottingham on 13th March 2008
- put forward a proposal that the 'Area Committee requests a meeting to be sought with Iain Wright, Planning Minister and a delegation of local MP's, Councillors from the NW (Inner) Area Committee, the City's Chief Planning Officer and community representatives to lobby for a change to the Use Classes Order '

Following a brief discussion, the Area Committee agreed to the delegation proposal and requested the Chair to write to the Chief Planning Officer on the above lines.

- Alders / BHS Appeal

Councillor J Illingworth made reference to the above issue and put forward the following proposal for the Area Committee to consider:-

"That North West (Inner) Area Committee urges the Planning Inspector to have regard to the Council and government policies and to consider first the convenience and safety of pedestrians, then public transport users and cyclists. It was not the policy of either organisation to secure ever increasing numbers of private cars".

Following discussion, the Area Committee agreed to the above proposal and requested the Chair to write to the Planning Inspector.

- Street Lighting in Hyde Park

Sue Buckle, South Headingley Community Organisation commented on the fact that the street lighting replacement scheme had begun to carry out some work in the area and that lights were being moved with no local consultation having taken place. Also that the works were causing a nuisance as old lights were being left propped against walls and pavements were being blocked off.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to discuss this matter at the next Streetscene Sub Group.

(Councillor B Jennings joined the meeting at 7.15 pm during discussions on the item relating to Alders/BHS appeal)

79 Apologies for Absence

A number of apologies received from members of the public were read out at the meeting.

80 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the minutes of the meetings held on 13th December 2007 and 17th January 2008 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the update on matters arising from the previous meetings be noted.

81 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Forum and Sub Group Update Report (Minute 58 refers)

Councillor E Minkin referred to the Area Committee Sub Groups and requested that, in future, a list of forthcoming meeting dates should be included within the committee papers for the benefit of Members of the Committee.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management responded and agreed to implement this request.

(b) Quarter Two Well-Being Monitoring Report (Minute 60 refers)

Councillor E Minkin informed the meeting that Hawksworth Wood Community Association had still not received their green bin as they had been informed by the Cleansing Section that there was a six week delivery period.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management agreed to look into this.

(c) Area Manager's Report (Minute 63 refers)

Sue Buckle, South Headingley Community Association informed the meeting that there would be a residents meeting on 20th February 2008 at Brudenell Primary school to discuss the community space provision at Royal Park Primary School.

(d) Ralph Thoresby High School and Tinshill Recreation Ground (Minute 66 refers)

Councillor E Minkin referred to the above issue and sought clarification as to whether resolution (c) had been conveyed to Jean Dent, Director of City Development.

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management responded and confirmed that correspondence had been sent to the Director of City Development.

Following discussions, Dayle Lynch agreed to email a copy of the response to Members of the Area Committee for their retention.

82 Well-being Report

Referring to Minute 59 of the meeting held on 13th December 2007, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the Well-Being budget.

The following documents were appended to the report for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- (a) Breakdown of revenue spend by theme 2007/08 (Appendix 1 refers)
- (b) Breakdown of capital spend by theme 2007/08 (Appendix 2 refers)

Dayle Lynch, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following issues:-

- West Yorkshire Trading Standards/Enforcement Project – the need for the Community Safety sub-group to consider further funding in terms of indentifying their future priorities
- Highways/Woodsley Road Environmental Improvements Project– the need for a meeting with senior City Development officers to discuss further mainstream funding opportunities to develop the area to it's full potential
- Parks and Countryside/Becketts Park Play Area Project - the need for North West Area Management to investigate Section 106 spend in relation to Phase 1 of the Filter Beds development
- Sandy Lane Footpath Project (2007/08) – clarification on progress made with regard to the creation order previously funded by the Area Committee
- the need for Highways/Streetscene Services to be informed that it was this Committee's policy that any funding given towards replacement of traditional stone paving must be only carried out in locations outside a Conservation area

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes those 'in-principle' decisions totalling £19,000 to fund projects in the financial year 2008/9 as outlined in Section 3.2 of the report.
- (c) That approval be given to fund those posts or projects to which no formal ongoing commitment had been made as outlined in Section 3.3 of the report.
- (d) That the revenue projects as detailed in Section 4.1 of the report be dealt with as follows:-

<u>Project</u>	<u>Delivery Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
• Hyde Park Festive Lights	Leeds Lights	Agreed £11,100
• Community Website	North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association	Refused
• Hyde Park Unity Day	Hyde Park Unity Day Committee	Agreed £5,000 for the next three years
• Kirkstall Festival 2008	Kirkstall Festival Committee	Agreed £5,000 for the next three years
• Seagulls Community Repaint	Seagulls	Agreed £11,000
• Burley Networking Together	Novas Scarman Trust	Withdrawn at the request of the organisation
• Design Statements	Planning Sub Group	Agreed £15,000 as a central pot
• A660 Cycle Lane Feasibility (Phase 2)	Leeds Cycling Action Group	Agreed £3,877
• Art house films at Hyde Park	Hyde Park Picture House	Agreed £6,000 for 2008/09 and £4,000 for 2009/10
• Parish Hall Upgrade	Wrangthorn Church	Agreed £5,000
• Rosebank Millennium Green Trust	Rosebank Millennium Green Trust	Agreed £5,000
• Bin Yard Project	Hyde Park Source	Agreed £6,000
• Woodhouse Ridge Maintenance	Woodhouse Ridge Action Group	Agreed £7,500 for 2008/09 and £7,500 for 2009/10

- Enforcement Project West Yorkshire Trading Standards Agreed £2,000

(e) That the capital projects as detailed in Section 5.4.1 of the report be dealt with as follows:-

<u>Project</u>	<u>Delivery Organisation</u>	<u>Decision</u>
• Al-Haqq Supplementary School- Refurbishment and Alterations	Al-Haqq Education Trust	Refused
• Woodsley Road Environmental Improvements	Highways	Agreed £40,000
• Festival Light Design Project	Leeds Lights	Agreed £3,100
• Access Ramp	Hyde Park Picture House	Agreed £5,000 (£2,500 Headingley and £2,500 central budget)
• Becketts Park Play Area	Parks and Countryside	Agreed in principle, pending Ward Member discussion and consideration to any capital overspend
• Spen Road/North Parade Railings	West Park Residents Association	Agreed £3,135
• Replacement Yorkshire Stone Paving	Streetscene Sub-Group	Agreed £10,000 central budget
• Grass Verge and Pathway Improvements Fund	Streetscene Sub-Group	Agreed £10,000 central budget

(f) That a report on city-wide Section 106 monies be submitted to a future Area Committee for consideration.

(Councillor K Hussain joined the meeting at 7.30 pm prior to discussion of the above item)

(Councillor D Morton joined the meeting at 7.35 pm during discussions of the Community Website project)

83 Forum and Sub Group Update Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report providing Members with full minutes and key messages from ward forums and sub groups that have taken place since the last Area Committee meeting.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following key issues:-

- the excellent work undertaken by North West Area Management in relation to a recent clean up campaign
- the service model in relation to the city's Graffiti Strategy and how it allows for the issue to be tackled effectively

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee agrees to the request from the Planning Sub Group to give support in asserting the importance of sustainable transport modes, other than the private car.

84 Area Manager's Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report from the North West Area Manager providing Members with information about issues which were not addressed elsewhere on the agenda.

The report provided an update on Little London; Headingley Town and District Centre Scheme; Royal Park Primary School; Headingley Primary School; Hyde Park DPPO and Kirkstall District Centre.

The Chair officially welcomed Steve Crocker, the newly appointed Area Manager, to the meeting and invited him to comment on his future aims and priorities facing the North West (Inner) Area Committee.

Jason Singh, North West Area Management presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following key issues:-

- DPPOs - the need to consult with the Chief Officer (Legal, Licensing and Registration) with regards to the wording contained within DPPO legal notices
- Kirkstall District Centre - current developments/opportunities

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and the updates provided be noted.

85 Shared Housing Action Plan for 2008

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the Shared Housing Action Plan for 2008.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:-

- (a) 2008 Shared Housing Action Plan produced by the Shared Housing Group (Appendix 1 refers)
- (b) A map of the Area of Housing Mix (AoHM) (Appendix 2 refers)

At the request of the Chair, representatives from the Shared Housing Group were invited to comment on the key issues contained in the report.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and appendices be noted and welcomed.

86 Housing Strategy Report

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report advising Members on the progress in formulating a housing strategy and the timetable for finalising the strategy and an accompanying plan.

Appended to the report was a copy of a document entitled “Housing Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix (Framework) for the information/ comment of the meeting.

At the request of the Chair, Huw Jones from re’new was invited to highlight the key issues contained in the report.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report and appendices.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following key issues:-

- the need to maintain recreational land for children’s play
- the need for a paper on HMO licensing to be prepared for future discussion by the Area Committee
- the need to apply for additional powers and to tackle landlords
- the need for planning guidance on affordable homes and for the Council to lobby government
- the need to focus on discretionary licenses

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted and welcomed.
- (b) That a report on HMO licensing be submitted to a future Area Committee for discussion.

(Councillor K Hussain left the meeting at 9.00pm during discussions of the above item)

87 Revision and Renewal of the 'To Let' Boards code

The Director of City Development submitted a report seeking Members comments on the proposed revisions to the 'To Let' Boards Initiative and the renewal of the 'Area of Special Control'.

Andrew Crates, Community Planner presented the report and responded to Members' queries and comments.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report.

In summary, specific reference was made to the following key issues:

- that consideration be given to including The Turnways and Laurel Bank Court within the boundaries of the Area of Special Control *(this proposal was agreed and acknowledged by the Area Committee)*
- that consideration be given to including the area between Queen's Road and Hyde Park Road within the boundaries of the Area of Special Control *(this proposal was agreed and acknowledged by the Area Committee)*
- the need to extend the benefit of the 'To Let' boards initiative across a wider area

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That this Committee notes the proposed revisions to the 'To Let' Boards Code and the re-application to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for a further Direction to continue the current initiative.
- (c) That the comments raised by Members at the Area Committee meeting on the proposed revisions to the 'To Let' Boards Initiative and the renewal of the 'Area of special control' be fed into to the Planning Group for discussion at their meeting on 13th February 2008.

88 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2008 at 7.00 pm (venue to be confirmed)

(The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm)