

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor S Hamilton in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, J Dowson,
G Hussain, C Macniven, M Rafique,
A Sobel, E Taylor and B Urry

Approximately 30 representatives of the local community, stakeholders and partners attended the meeting

11 7:00 PM - COMMUNITY BUSINESS - Informal Workshop Session on Employment in the Queenshill and Brackenwood Estate

Councillor G Hussain, Champion for Employment for the Community Committee, introduced a report on employment and skills in the Queenshill and Brackenwood estates for discussion in an informal workshop with residents, stakeholders and partners. The report contained 22 recommendations for consideration by the workshop. Participants were also asked to identify any gaps in service provision

RESOLVED – That the contents of the discussions be noted and that the following matters be identified as priorities for consideration in the future work of the Community Committee to tackle the issue of employment in the Queenshill and Brackenwood estates

- a) Support for achieving entry level qualifications
- b) Provision of informal job clubs/job shops on the Brackenwood estate
- c) Focus on more community learning
- d) Improving links between local organisations and Housing Leeds; and setting provision in the right local venues

8.00 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

12 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

13 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public

14 Late Items

No formal late items of business were added to the agenda. However, Members were in receipt of a revised copy of agenda item 13 Wellbeing Report containing updated funding information (Minute 23 refers)

15 Declarations of Disclosable Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable interests

16 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

17 Open Forum

The following members of the public addressed the meeting under the provisions of Paragraphs 4:16 and 4:17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules (Open Forum)

Community Area for Moortown Parade (Mr M Obst) – seeking general support for a proposal to create a community area at the end of Moortown Parade, and support for a future funding application. Mr Obst submitted a paper in support of his presentation.

Councillor Hamilton responded that this matter would be pursued in conjunction with local stakeholders

Friends of Allerton Grange (Mr B Dev) – seeking support to influence bus service provision in order to better link the area to the east of Leeds/Aire Valley and the south of the City /HS2 station, to provide essential transport to areas of economic growth.

Councillor Urry responded that this issue would be best directed to West Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority. The Chair confirmed that this matter would be raised with the Executive Member for Transport and the Economy

Woodhouse Ridge Action Group (Mr N R Lees) – seeking support for a request to install a pedestrian crossing on Meanwood Road in order to connect the Ridge to the Valley. Mr Lees submitted a petition and map in support of his presentation.

Councillor Dowson responded, with local ward Members agreeing to include this request within their list of current highways matters for action

RESOLVED – To note the presentations and request that Area Support Officers pursue the matters raised in conjunction with the relevant LCC Departments and speakers

18 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held 7th July 2014 be agreed as a correct record

19 Matters Arising

Councillor Sobel commented on the style and presentation of the minutes, seeking to reflect the more informal style of working now adopted by the Community Committee. It was noted that the Area Chairs Forum continued to discuss these matters and changes would be considered by Area Support Teams and Governance Services

20 Environmental Action Service - Locality Team Update

Councillor B Urry, Community Champion for the Environment introduced an update on how improvements will be made to a range of environmental services delivered by the Locality Team.

Mr J Woolmer, Locality Manager (ENE Environmental Action Service) attended the meeting and highlighted key issues in the report and responded to comments made by Members in respect of:

- The impact of service reconfiguration on residents
- Bulky waste collections and liaison with re-use/recycle organisations
- The resources required to support the new team working arrangements

- Developing positive relationships with community groups such as “In Bloom” and “Friends” groups
- Monitoring litter bin usage/emptying

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted, in particular

- a) The continuation of the existing SLA for the 2014/15 Municipal Year
- b) The new services to be added to existing ones to form a new Locality Team service
- c) The establishment of zonal teams as part of the new service
- d) The intention for the new service to be operational by early 2015
- e) The development of a new enhanced SLA (for 2015/16) to be co-ordinated through the Community Committee’s Environment Sub Group; and
- f) To note the intention to provide a report to members in the future on the development of new working relationships with community groups

21 Update on Housing Leeds Restructure

Mr D Longthorpe, Head of Housing Management, Housing Leeds (East and North East Leeds) presented a report on the progress made to redesign and restructure a single Housing Management Services for Leeds. Members noted the following key points:

- Implementation of the changes was anticipated by November 2014
- Housing management boundaries to be aligned to mirror Community Committee boundaries
- Housing management patch size to be reduced
- Number of front line housing staff to be increased
- Housing services would still provide residents with access to anti-social behaviour teams and the environmental action service

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and the comments made by Members be noted

22 North East Divisional Locality - Safety Partnership Annual Report

Councillor M Rafique, Community Safety Community Champion, presented the report of the North East Locality Safety Partnership which provided an overview of the NE Locality Safety Partnership for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

Councillor Rafique suggested the CC could consider support for the provision of home security improvements following the closure of Community Action and Support Against Crime (CASAC) as although demand for CASAC’s general services had fallen, some elements of the service were still needed.

Ms B Yearwood, Area Community Safety co-ordinator; and Acting Chief Inspector S McLaughlin, West Yorkshire Police, attended the meeting and discussed the following:

- The need to remind residents to secure their homes, particularly when attending community events
- Target hardening work had been commissioned with Housing Leeds to tackle the top ten wards affected by burglary (dwelling)

- That security advice previously undertaken by CASAC would continue to be provided by PCSO's. The CC noted the comment that security advice could also be offered by Housing Leeds advisors; subject to receipt of appropriate training.
- Two vacant PCSO posts were now filled

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee continue to support the Locality Community Safety Partnership in relation to prioritising and tackling Burglary Dwelling during 2014/15 through partnership work at neighbourhood level

23 Wellbeing report

Mr L Griffiths, Area Officer, presented information on the Inner North East Community Committee budget, particularly funds still available to spend; and sought consideration of applications made to the Wellbeing Fund. The recommendations of the Wellbeing Working Group (WBWG) on the applications were contained in the report for Members consideration.

A revised version of the report had been despatched to all Members prior to the meeting which included additional information in respect of CCTV funding.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report and the current budget information
- b) To note the comments of the Wellbeing Working Group in respect of applications received
- c) That the recommendations of the WBWG in respect of applications to the Wellbeing Revenue Fund, as detailed in paragraph 19 of the revised report, be agreed
- d) That the recommendations of the WBWG in respect of applications to the Area Wide Capital Receipts fund, as detailed in paragraph 20 of the revised report, be agreed
- e) That the recommendations of the WBWG in respect of applications to the Youth Activity Fund, as detailed in paragraph 21 of the revised report, be agreed

24 Community Comment

The Chair reported that, due to the time, there would not be an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the reports presented to this Community Committee meeting. Members of the public were invited to complete a feedback form and could expect to receive a formal response within 14 working days.

RESOLVED – To support this approach to community feedback on this occasion and agree, where appropriate, that a response should be despatched within 14 working days

25 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting will be held on Monday 19th January 2015. (The start time and venue will be confirmed nearer the date)