

OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH JULY, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor K Bruce in the Chair

Councillors N Dawson, J Dunn, J Elliott,
R Finnigan, B Gettings, T Leadley,
L Mulherin, D Nagle, K Renshaw and
S Varley

1 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 on matters within the terms of reference of the Area Committee. On this occasion there were no members of the public in attendance.

2 Notification of Election of Chair

The report of the City Solicitor formally notified Members of the appointment made by Council at the Annual meeting held on the 9th June 2014 to the position of Outer South Community Committee Chair.

RESOLVED – That it be noted that Councillor K Bruce was elected as Chair of the Outer South Community Committee for the duration of the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 Wellbeing Budget Report

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) provided Members with the following:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position
 - An update on both the revenue, capital and activities fund elements of the Wellbeing budget
 - Details of revenue funding for consideration and approval
 - Details of revenue projects agreed to date which link to the priorities and actions in the Community Committee Business Plan
 - The current position of the Small Grants Budget

Aretha Hanson, Area Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to Youth Activity Funds and applications for funding outlined in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the position of the Wellbeing, Capital and Activities fund elements of the wellbeing budgets be noted.
- (3) That the revenue projects already agreed be noted.
- (4) That the following projects be approved:
 - o Outer South International Day of Older People - £1,000
 - o Outer South Christmas Trees & Lights 2014/15
 - Ardley & Robin Hood - £3,150
 - Morley North & Morley South - £4,315
 - Rothwell - £5,250
 - o Wood Lane Playground - £8,400
 - o Outer South Winter Warmth Scheme - £4,000

4 Summary of Key Work

The report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) presented an update on the key work taking place within the Outer South Leeds area not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Aretha Hanson, Area Officer presented the report.

Issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Children's Services – The Children and Families Sub Group had recently met and had agreed a timetable for the 2015/16 Youth Activities Fund. Young people had been consulted which had proved a qualitative experience.
- Employment, Skills and Welfare – Members were informed of a successful apprenticeship fayre that had been held and a reduction in the number of NEETs.
- Environment and Community Safety – It was reported that the number of PCSOs was to be maintained in the Outer South area. Members were also informed of proposed changes to Environmental Services which would see a multi-tasking approach.
- Health and Well Being – Members were made aware of the Patient Empowerment Programme and a Member Development Programme for Area Health in Leeds.

- Adult Social Care – Issues discussed included proposals to establish an Older Persons Working Group, addressing poverty amongst pensioners and priority setting. It was noted that Adult Social Care and Health and Wellbeing will be the focus of a the 2nd February Community Committee.
- Other issues highlighted included the Community Heroes event and Community First grants.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5 Community Committee Appointments

The report of the City Solicitor invited the Community Committee to make appointments to outside bodies, the Corporate Carers Group, Community Committee Area Lead Members and Children’s Services Cluster Partnerships.

Andy Booth, Governance Services presented the report.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments be made:

Outside Bodies:

Morley Town Centre Management Board

Councillor N Dawson
Councillor R Finnigan
Councillor J Elliott

Morley Literature Festival

Councillor J Elliott
Councillor R Finnigan
Councillor S Varley

Outer South Local Housing Advisory Panel

Councillor J Dunn
Councillor D Nagle

Area Lead Members:

Environment & Community Safety – Councillor K Bruce
Children’s Services – Councillor B Gettings
Employment, Skills and Welfare – Councillor N Dawson
Health and Wellbeing – Councillor L Mulherin
Adult Social Care – Councillor K Renshaw

Children’s Services Cluster Partnership Representatives:

Ardsley & Tingley – Councillors K Renshaw, J Dunn & J Elliott
Morley – Councillors R Finnigan, B Gettings and N Dawson
Rothwell – Councillors K Bruce, S Golton and L Mulherin

Corporate Carer’s Group

Councillor B Gettings

6 Community Committee Scene Setting

The report of the South East Area Leader set the scene for the new Community Committee and sought approval of a minimum set of conditions for any decisions that may need to be delegated, or taken, between formal Community Committee meetings.

Martin Dean, South East Area Leader presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the following issues in the report:

- Delegated decisions – new arrangements would allow delegated decisions to be taken by the Area Leader following consultation with Members. Any delegated decisions taken would be reported back to the next meeting of the Community Committee.
- Community Engagement Programme and Community Committee priorities – it was reported that a Community Committee Facebook page had been set up and this would be used for promoting local events
- Priorities for engagement and subjects for themed meetings were discussed – suggestions included Adult Social Care & Health, Economic Development, Transport Connections and Older People.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- How to get members of the public involved – discussion included venues and timing of meetings, inviting community groups and publicising events and meetings.
- Themes for discussion at future meetings – loss of greenspace, the Local Development Framework, travellers sites, the Community Infrastructure Levy, Highways, Parks and Playgrounds.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the introduction of Community Committees be welcomed.
- (2) That the minimum conditions set out in Paragraph 10 of the report with regard to the need for delegated decisions to be taken between formal Community Committee meetings be noted.

7 Outer South Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing Briefing papers

The report of the Assistant Director (Citizens and Communities) presented themed briefing papers for a discussion on Community Safety, Environmental Services and Housing.

The following were in attendance for this item

Environmental Services – Kris Nenadic
Community Safety – Zahid Butt and Sargent J Pickard
Housing – Kevin Bruce and Phil Diamond

The following was discussed:

Environmental Services

- Zonal working
- Review of SLA priority areas
- How to report to Community Committee in future
- Setting priorities and aspirations – use of Ward Member briefings
- Parks and delegation to Community Committees
- Golf consultation
- Grass cutting/weeding

Community Safety

- Safer Leeds Priorities
- Tasking meetings and generating partnership working
- PCSOs and links to environmental agenda.
- Noise nuisance – pilot work involving PCSOs was being carried out
- Proposals to use Ward Member Briefings for crime and anti-social behaviour work.

Housing

- Housing was now co-terminus with the Community Committee area.
- Identification of environmental issues
- Reporting to Elected Members
- Targeted approaches to problem issues.
- How Members can feed in to influence direction and strategy.

RESOLVED – That key recommendations from the briefing/workshop are reported back through:

- i.) The appointed Area Lead Member
- ii.) The appropriate sub committee
- iii.) Community Committee via the Summary of Key Work Report.

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 20 October 2014 at 4.00 p.m.

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on Monday, 20th October, 2014

