

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor M Coulson in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, J Jarosz,
T Wilford and R Wood

13 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

14 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There was no exempt information.

15 Late Items

There were no late items.

16 Declaration Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

17 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Andrew Carter, Amanda Carter, Richard Lewis, Ann Blackburn and from Co-optee Reverend Paul Ayres.

18 Open Forum / Community Forum

On this occasion no members wished to address the Community Committee.

19 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st July be approved subject to the following amendments:

Minute 9 – Appointments to Outside Bodies – Outer West Housing Advisory Panel;

That Cllr. Ann Blackburn be added to the appointments for Outer West Housing Advisory Panel.

Minute 9 - Appointments to Outside Bodies – Children’s Cluster Partnerships;
That Cllr. Andrew Carter’s name be replaced by Cllr. Amanda Carter as the representative for the Children’s Cluster Partnership for Calverley & Farsley.

20 Minutes of Housing Advisory Panel

Two Officers from Housing Leeds were in attendance at the Community Committee to explain the information provided by the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel in the format of a 'Plan on a Page'.

The plan showed how the panel priorities linked to housing priorities and how these linked into the priorities for the city.

The officers drew the attention of the Members to the bottom of the 'plan on a page' which outlined the service and performance priorities for funding. The Community Committee had through wellbeing fund match funded a number projects in the Outer West area.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee received and noted the information outlined on the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel 'plan on a page'.

21 Minutes of the Environmental Sub Group

Cllr. Coulson the Chair of the Environmental Sub Group informed the Community Committee that a meeting was due to take place at the end of the month in relation to zonal teams once they are operational there will be a dedicated team for the Outer West area.

Cllr. Blackburn informed the Committee that Farnley Working Men's Club had now been demolished after the recent fire. However the owners of the previous club had not been helpful in the removal of the demolished materials.

An Officer from Housing Leeds informed the Members that Estate Managers are taking walks about the estates to ensure that they are kept clean and tidy. Discussions are taking place with the Environmental Action Team on how to best address issues rather than dealing with issues on an adhoc basis.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee received and noted the minutes of the Environmental Sub Group held on 7th August 2015.

22 Matters Arising

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee agreed to add Cllr. Ann Blackburn to the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel Minute 19 refers

23 Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position of the Wellbeing Fund 2015/16 and the current position of the small Grants and skips pots and those Small Grants and Skips that had been approved since the last meeting.

Members were informed that there was £18,799 in the Wellbeing Fund currently unallocated for 2015/16.

One Small Grant had been approved since the last meeting:

- West Leeds Juniors Development Centre for £500

Two skips had been approved since the last meeting for the clean up after the Farfield Avenue, Community Day at a cost of £295.

Taking these into account there was £5,766 still available for the allocation for Small Grants and Skip Hire in the 2015/16 budget.

Members were asked to approve the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2016/17. The Members attention was drawn to paragraphs 13, 14, and 15 of the submitted report which outlined the process for the 2016/17 Wellbeing Commissioning Round and proposed the Wellbeing fund priorities for the Outer West Community Committee.

In response to a Members enquiry on funding and location of Speed Indication Devices (SID) that Ward Members had requested at certain location within the Outer West area, the Committee was informed that there had been software issues in relation to this device. The Communities Team are to make further enquires on behalf of the Community Committee.

The Chair of the Community Committee had recently attended a Community Safety meeting and updated the Members on policing in the Outer West area.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- Noted the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16
- Approved the application process for the 2016/17 financial year
- Agreed the Wellbeing fund priorities

24 Community Committee Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader updated the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: Environment, General Purposes and Business, Employment and Skills.

Members discussed a number of issues contained within the submitted report including:

- The use of social media to inform, consult and promote local events.
- Increasing tenant's online access to services with a specific focus on computer access within high rise blocks
- The invite to Members to attend the Rycroft High Rise Association AGM on Friday 27th October at 7pm

The Officers from Housing Leeds provided the Community Committee with information on projects funded by the Outer West Housing Advisory Panel. Members were invited to contact the Officers if they had ideas for future projects.

Members were informed that the road signs at Thornbury Roundabout are to be rectified.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee noted the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.