

OUTER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P Wadsworth in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Anderson,
C Campbell, B Cleasby, D Collins, B Flynn,
G Latty, P Latty, S Lay and C Townsley

48 **APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS**

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

49 **EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no resolutions to exclude the public

50 **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

51 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS'**

No declarations were made.

52 **Apologies For Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Downes.

53 **Minutes -25th January 2016**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2016 were approved as a correct record.

54 **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 Community Committee.

Representatives from the Students Union of Leeds Trinity University described the difficulties students faced crossing the road outside the University to catch buses. They felt that some form of pedestrian crossing would be helpful and asked that Members of the Community Committee consider whether such a crossing was justified.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Agree that Councillor Cleasby continue to liaise with the College and Highways department; and
- (b) That the outcomes of Councillor Cleasby's discussions with the College and Highways be reported to the Transport Sub-Committee

55 Flooding Risk in Outer North West Leeds

The Chief Planning Officer and The Chief Highways Officer submitted a report which provided the Community Committee with information on the flood risk in Outer North West. The report also provides details of Storm Eva.

Tim Hill (Chief Planning Officer) Wynne Floyd (Technical Services Manager) Russell Martin (Highways Maintenance Manager) were in attendance to answer Members' questions.

Wynne Floyd (Technical Services Manager) addressed the Committee providing further details about Storm Eva and the work done with the Flood Action Group in Otley to mitigate against flooding in the area.

Members discussed the role of the Flood Action Group and the possible flood alleviation schemes. Members noted that some gullies appeared to be blocked and considered that un-blocking these would be beneficial.

Members gave consideration to the impact of further development in the outer north west area and felt that more development in flood prone area would have a detrimental effect on the flooding of the area following sustained periods of heavy rain.

Members highlighted the difficulties of getting organisations such as Yorkshire Water to take responsibility for aspects of the infrastructure surrounding the movement of water. Members agreed that work needed to be done to improve relationships between the Council and Yorkshire Water.

Members asked officers about the warning given to residents and the availability of sandbags. It was confirmed that residents were warned about Storm Eva but at the timing of the storm on Boxing Day was not helpful.

The Committee requested information on the numbers of residents still not back in their own properties

Tim Hill (Chief Planning Officer) addressed the Committee highlighting the work done between the Environment Agency and the Planning Department. Mr Hill went on to explain the differences between the surface water system and the foul water system and how both systems cope when under severe pressure from rain storms.

Members considered the importance of ensuring that any future development in the outer north west area had sufficient drainage capacity to cope with heavy persistent rain.

Members discussed how local and national planning policy would be determined by the outcome of the Environment Agencies determination of the type of event the flood was.

Members highlighted a number of sites within the Site Allocation Plan which were renowned for flooding and expressed concern about development on such sites. It was confirmed to the Committee that if sites are developed they would include a full drainage system.

Members raised concerns about developers getting planning permission to build in areas prone to flooding and considered it important that the Planning Service effectively challenged such applications. However it was accepted by the Committee that there were engineering solutions to most sites prone to flooding.

The Chief Planning Officer commented that local and national policy is followed at all times and that Leeds took more enforcement action than most other local authorities.

The Committee discussed the likelihood of another flood, the classifications given to it by the Environment Agency and what lessons could be learned by the Environment Agency following Storm Eva.

Members requested information about the number of sites where surface water run off goes directly into a stream.

Russell Martin (Highways Maintenance Manager) addressed the Committee informing Members that his team repairs gulleys and drains that are identified as not working by the Environmental Services Team.

Members discussed various roads that flood when it rain and sought advice on whether any further action could be taken to mitigate against this.

The problems of drains being blocked by chippings caused by surface dressing road was discussed by Members

The Committee sought clarity on which departments provided which services so that they could direct residents effectively when issues relating to flooding occur.

Members raised concerns about the reputational damage to the Council if there were not enough staff with enough equipment to manage flooding and drainage issues.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) note the contents of the report;

- (b) request that the number of residents still not living back in their properties be circulated to Members of the Committee; and
- (c) request information about the number of sites where surface water run off goes directly into a stream;

56 Outer North West Finance Update Report

To receive a report of the West North West Area Leader which provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing fund for 2015/16. The report also shows the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots and provides an update on the Youth Activity Fund.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved to:

The Outer North West Community Committee is asked to:

- (a) Note the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 as detailed at Table 1 of the submitted report;
- (b) Note the new revenue Wellbeing fund allocation for 2016/17.
- (c) Note the new Youth Activity Fund allocation for 2016/17.
- (d) That the following be agreed with regard to the large grant applications received:

Tarnfield Park Improvements – Otley & Yeadon - £17,000 –
APPROVED

Horsforth Counselling – Horsforth - £1,560 – **APPROVED**

Speed Indication Devices – Adel & Wharfedale - £15,050 –
APPROVED

Community Public Access Defibrillators - £4,626 – Adel & Wharfedale -
APPROVED

- (e) Note the Youth Activity Fund projects approved by delegated decision at paragraphs 19 – 20 of the submitted report.
- (f) Note the small grants that have been approved since the last meeting at Table 2 of the submitted report;
- (g) Note the skips that have been approved since the last meeting at Table 3 of the submitted report; and
- (h) Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2015/16 at Table 4 of the submitted report.

57 Community Committee Update Report

To receive a report of the West North West Area Leader which updates the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: Environment & Community Safety; Employment, Learning and the Local Economy; Children's Services and Family Health; Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing; Highways & Transportation and Policy. The report also updated the Community Committee on community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Led by the Childrens Services Champion Members discussed the Children & Young People Event and agreed that this was a successful event. It was noted that excellent work had been done by the officers involved in making the event happen.

Members discussed ways in which they would like to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first day of the Battle of The Somme and agreed to give further consideration to this matter and to the location of a bugler to mark the event on July 1st 2016 outside the meeting.

Members agreed to split the £1000 available for the committee towards WW1 Battle of the Somme commemoration events, by ward (£250 per ward)

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved to:

- (a) Note the work of the sub groups since the last Community Committee meeting;
- (b) Note the community forums and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting;
- (c) Note the feedback report of the engagement day from the Children's Services and Family Health sub group;
- (d) Agree to give further consideration to the location of a bugler to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first day of the Battle of The Somme outside the meeting; and
- (e) split the £1000 available for the committee towards WW1 Battle of the Somme commemoration events, by ward (£250 per ward).

58 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2016/2017

The report of the City Solicitor requested that Members give consideration to agreeing a Community Committee schedule for the 2016/17 municipal year and to also give consideration as to whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

The following dates and times had been proposed in the report:

13 June 2016 at 1.30pm

5 September 2016 at 1.30pm

28 November 2016 at 1.30pm

6 March 2017 at 1.30pm

Meetings to be held on a Monday with a 1.30 p.m. start time for the formal business meeting unless otherwise agreed in advance by the Chair.

Members also requested that all meetings should take place at St Margaret's Parish Centre, Horsforth

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and the following dates agreed:

13 June 2016

5 September 2016

28 November 2016

6 March 2017

Formal business meetings to commence at 1.30pm.

59 Date and Time of Next Meeting

13 June 2016 at 1.30pm