

INNER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor A Gabriel in the Chair

Councillors P Davey, K Groves, M Iqbal,
E Nash, A Ogilvie and P Truswell

26 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

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

27 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

28 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items submitted for consideration.

29 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS'

No declarations were made.

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Blake and D Congreve.

31 MINUTES - 7th September 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

32 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.

A member of the public asked about bins for dog fouling and was informed that the Council no longer uses bins specific for this. Members advised that additional bins could be requested by contacting your local Councillor directly.

The Committee were informed about the work being done by volunteers to make the woodland of South Leeds more accessible and that the volunteers will continue to work with local groups.

A member of the public raised concerns about a tree on public land which has overhanging branches that are causing a nuisance. The Committee advised the member of public to provide the details to his local Councillor.

Inner South Community Committee Wellbeing Budget Report

The South East Area Leader submitted a report which provided Members with:

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position;
- An update on both the revenue and youth activities fund elements of the Wellbeing budget;
- Details of revenue projects agreed to date;
- Details of Youth Activities Fund agreed to date;
- Details of Capital projects agreed to date;
- Details of project proposals for consideration and approval and approved and
- The current position of the Small Grants Budget.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved:

- a) To note the contents of the report;
- b) To note the revenue projects already agreed as listed at Table 1 of the submitted report;
- c) To note the Activities fund projects already agreed as listed in Table 2 of the submitted report;
- d) To note the capital projects already agreed as listed in Table 3 of the submitted report;
- e) That the following wellbeing projects be approved;

Project	Name of Group/Organisation	Amount Proposed from Wellbeing Budget 2015/16	Wards Covered	Decision
Hunslet Green Main Pitch renovation	Hunslet Green Community Sports Club	£10,000	City and Hunslet and Middleton Park	APPROVED £5,000 City and Hunslet £5,000 Middleton Park * A condition being that alternative pitches be used.

Hunslet Community Kitchen	Hunslet Methodist Church	£11,000	City and Hunslet	APPROVED
11 Litter Bins	SSE Locality Team	£3,300	Beeston & Holbeck	APPROVED

34 f) To note the Small Grants situation in section 15 of the submitted report.
Inner South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report

The South East Area Leader submitted a report to bring to Members' attention, a summary of key work which the Communities Team are engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee, that are not covered elsewhere on this agenda. It provided opportunity for further questioning or the opportunity to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Led by Community Committee Champions, Members discussed the following:

Children & Families Sub Group

The Committee were informed that approximately £60,000 had now been spent on Children's Activities in the Inner South Area.

Employment Skills & Welfare

The Committee were informed about the on-going work with retail developments both in the City centre and at the White Rose Shopping Centre. Recently a course run by the Council took place to help people take advantage of the employment opportunities in the City both in terms of construction work and retail work.

It was noted that unemployment figures across the inner south area of the city had recently fallen.

Members also welcomed news that ASDA had employed many people from Remploy who have learning difficulties.

A number of information days for the ALDI recruitment were held in Inner South. Councillor Groves informed the Committee that these were well attended but no information with regards to jobs has yet been received from the new ALDI currently under construction.

Environment & Community Safety

The Committee were informed that street cleaning will become a more localised service with the intention that the local community will develop a productive relationship with cleansing staff.

It was noted that “Operation Flame”, a multi-agency co-ordinated operation to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Issues in the run up to mischief night and the bonfire period had been a success. This was confirmed by representatives of West Yorkshire Police who were present at the meeting.

The Committee discussed problems with litter on the pitches used by Hunslet Warriors. This is associated with the takeaways that are around the area. Members confirmed they would raise this up with Environmental Services and the local takeaways and the appropriate action would be taken.

In discussion with members of the public with regards to dog fouling Councillor Groves informed the Committee that there has been discussion in other areas in Leeds around the introduction of a By-Law to deal with dog fouling. The Councillors confirmed that they would give consideration to the introduction of a local by law to help reduce this problem.

Health & Well Being

Councillor Truswell spoke about the good work of “Making Space” who provide mental health services and help people who have been through various crises and the importance of people in need of help being referred.

In discussing “Health Trainer” who addressed the health and wellbeing needs of local people Councillor Truswell stressed the importance of using this service to help ensure it continues to receive funding by Leeds City Council.

Social prescribing was also discussed which has the aim of sign posting people to sources of support and help other than GPs.

Adult Social Care

The Committee noted the £8,000 that had been allocated to help pay for Winter Warmth Packs will be awarded to local organisations working on tackling Social Isolation in the area.

Neighbourhood Improvement Boards

The Committee went on to discuss the recent meetings and work of the Neighbourhood Improvement Boards of the Inner South Area as detailed in the submitted report.

Localism

The Committee were informed about the recent improvement to Dewsbury Road which has included the placement of banners. Improvement to footpaths will take place at the same time as the road safety scheme works to ensure minimum disruption.

Holbeck Neighbourhood Forum

The Committee were informed that the Neighbourhood Plan is near to be being completed. The Draft Plan will be out for consultation before it is formally submitted.

Inner South Housing Advisory Panel

It was noted by the Committee that 24 community and environmental related projects had been completed so far this year. Members commented that they would welcome any ideas for future projects.

Middleton Community Centre

The Committee noted that the Centre was now owned by the Council and that work was on-going to re- develop the centre half of which will be let to Middleton Elderly Aid.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved:

- (a) To note the contents of the report;
- (b) To contact Environmental Services about the problems relating to litter dropped on the pitches used by Hunslet Warriors; and
- (c) To give consideration to the introduction of a local by law to help reduce the problem of dog fouling.