

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JUNE, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor K Ritchie in the Chair

Councillors C Gruen, J Heselwood,
J Illingworth, A Lowe, J McKenna, A Smart,
F Venner and L Yeadon

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP - HOUSING

Councillor Ritchie welcomed everyone to the Inner West Community Committee workshop on Housing.

Councillor Ritchie informed the workshop that the aim was to discuss issues related to housing within the Inner West area, what works well and where improvements needed to be made.

The meeting received presentations from Housing Leeds, Leeds Federated Housing and the Private Rented Sector Housing Team.

The presentations highlighted the issues that these sectors faced and the improvements that they were undertaking.

There was an opportunity for questions at the end of the presentations.

The workshop was split in to two sections.

Workshop 1

The first workshop was to discuss tenant satisfaction and how to better engage with younger tenants.

Workshop 2

A programme Manager from Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Team attended and described some of the projects that are planned to make homes more energy efficient.

Discussions took place in the workshop on affordable warmth for social housing.

IN CONCLUSION – The information is to be collated and will inform a report to be brought to a future Community Committee

1 Notification of Election of Chair

The report of the City Solicitor formally notified the Members of the Inner West Community Committee of the appointment of Councillor Ritchie as Chair of

the Inner West Community Committee for the 2015/16 municipal year. The appointment was made at the Annual Council meeting on 21st May 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Community Committee noted that Councillor Ritchie was elected Chair of the Inner West Community Committee for the duration of the 2015/16 municipal year.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no late items.

5 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

6 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sam Meadley, Erica Mitchell and Stephen McBarron

7 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion there were no speakers at the open forum

8 Minutes of previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2015 be approved as a correct record.

9 Matters arising

Minute 57 – Wellbeing Update Report

Members had discussed allocating funding of £15,000 to a project in the Armley tower blocks in relation to mental health issues.

Area Support reported that the Environment and Housing Directorate within Leeds City Council would contribute £35,000 match funding towards the project. This would secure a Patient Empowerment Project (PEP) worker for one year from appointment. The project would look to work with vulnerable people in the tower blocks, engaging with them and directing them towards local services. **Minute 13 refers**

10 Community Committee Appointments 2015/2016

The report of the City Solicitor invited the Committee to make appointments to the following as per the submitted report:-

- Outside Bodies as detailed at appendix 1
- One representative to the Corporate Parenting Board
- The Committee's Community Lead Members
- Those Children's Services Cluster Partnerships

RESOLVED – That the Committee appointed:

- Cllr. Ritchie and Mark Law to the Bramley Pools Allotment Trust
- Inner West Housing Advisory Panel – Cllr. Ritchie (Bramley & Stanningley), Cllr J McKenna (Amley)
- Inner North West Housing Advisory Panel – Cllr. Illingworth (Kirkstall)

Corporate Parenting Board - Cllr. J Heselwood

The Community Committee's Lead Members;

- Environment – Cllr. Smart
- Community Safety – Cllr Ritchie
- Children's Services – Cllr. C Gruen
- Employment, Skills and Welfare – Cllr. J McKenna with Cllr. Heselwood
- Health and Wellbeing – Cllr. Lowe
- Adult Social Care – Cllr. Venner

Children's Cluster Partnerships;

- Bramley Cluster – Cllr. C Gruen
- Amley Cluster – Cllr Lowe
- Inner North West Hub – Cllr. Yeadon

11 Inner West Community Committee membership of the 'Inner West' Housing Advisory Panel (HAP).

The report of the Chief Officer Housing Management clarified the current position in terms of Ward Councillor membership of the Inner West Housing Advisory Panel (HAP).

The report recommended that the current representation on the Inner West and Inner North West HAP remained the same with no new nominations.

The report informed Members that the service would consult with all interested stakeholders and look at how the management and boundary alignment can be addressed during 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the information set out in the report and kept the same representation on the Inner West and Inner North West HAP as recommended.

12 Appointment of Co-optees to Community Committee

The Report of the City Solicitor invited Members to nominate co-optees to the Inner West Community Committee.

The Nominees were:

- Hazel Boutle – Armley Ward
- Eric Bowes – Armley Ward
- Kim Frangos – Armley
- Stephen McBarron – Bramley Ward
- Annabel Gaskin – Bramley Ward

- Marveena Babs-Apata – Bramley Ward
- Erica Mitchell – Kirkstall Ward
- Sam Meadley – Kirkstall Ward
- Mick Park – Kirkstall Ward

An induction course for all co-optees to be held second week in July.

RESOLVED – That the Inner West Community Committee appointed the following co-optees:

- Hazel Boutle – Armley Ward
- Eric Bowes – Armley Ward
- Kim Frangos – Armley
- Stephen McBarron – Bramley Ward
- Annabel Gaskin – Bramley Ward
- Marveena Babs-Apata – Bramley Ward
- Erica Mitchell – Kirkstall Ward
- Sam Meadley – Kirkstall Ward
- Mick Park – Kirkstall Ward

13 Wellbeing Fund Update Report

The report of the Area Leader, West North West updated Members on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund budgets. Members were asked to consider projects deferred from the March meeting and four new Wellbeing fund applications.

Members were informed that the Committee had received a wellbeing revenue allocation of £158,690. Including the carry forward from 2014/15, the Committee had a total budget of £210,546 for 2015/16 which had been split between the three wards as follows:

Armley £80,220

Bramley & Stanningley: £67,269

Kirkstall: £63,062

In March 2015, the Committee awarded grants totalling £141,107 to 31 projects following an open application round. The list of projects funded so far in 2015/16 was presented at Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

The remaining wellbeing balances available per ward for 2015/16 are as follows:

Armley - £39,895

Bramley & Stanningley - £13,497

Kirkstall – 16,046

The Committee considered a number of projects which were deferred from the March 2015 meeting. These projects were listed at 5 of the submitted report.

- a) Bramley Shopping Centre – Security Radios £2,033
- b) Bramley Community Shop - Running costs £12,000
- c) Burley RUFC – Security Fencing £2,497

- d) Ebor Gardens Advice Centre – Money Buddies £3,195
- e) Housing Leeds – Braodlea Grove CCTV £6,600

Members were informed of the Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) allocation. The current Inner West CRIS balance is £20,900.

Members considered 4 new Wellbeing Fund applications:-

- Summer Holiday Targeted Provision and Armley Participation Group, £3,300 split (£934 Bramley & Kirkstall, £1,433 Armley) Appendix 2 of submitted report
- Motiv-8, Barca Leeds, £8,198 (split £4,099 Bramley, £4,099 Armley) Appendix 3 of submitted report
- Resurfacing Ley Lane footpath, Parks and Countryside £3,500 Appendix 4 of submitted report.
- Ley Lane Community Safety Scheme, Housing Leeds £10,000 Appendix 5 of submitted report

Members also discussed and considered the Armley Patient Empowerment Project (PEP) allocation of £15,000 with match funding of £35,000 from Housing Leeds **Minute 9 refers**

RESOLVED – That Members

- a) Noted the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2015/16
- b) Considered the deferred projects listed at 5 of the submitted report outcomes as follows: -

PROJECT	AMOUNT	APPROVED / DECLINED
Bramley Shopping Centre – Security Radios	£2,033	DECLINED
Bramley Community Shop – Running Costs	£12,000	APPROVED £10,000
Burley RUFC – Security Fencing	£2,497	DEFERRED
Ebor Gardens Advice Centre – Money Buddies	£3,195	APPROVED
Housing Leeds – Broadlea Grove CCTV	£6,600	APPROVED

c) Considered the new applications:-

PROJECT	AMOUNT	APPROVED / DECLINED
Summer holiday targeted provision & Armley Participation Group – LCC Geographically Targeted Youth Service	£3,300 split £934 – Bramley £1,433 - Armley	APPROVED
Motiv-8 – Barca Leeds	£8,198 split £4,099 - Bramley £4,099 - Armley	APPROVED
Resurfacing Ley Lane Footpath – Parks and Countryside	£3,500	APPROVED

Ley Lane – Community Safety Scheme – Housing Leeds	£10,000	APPROVED
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d) Noted the Youth Activity Fund projects approved by delegated decision listed at Appendix 6 of the submitted report

14 Members approved £15,000 for the Armley Patient Empowerment Project.
Community Committee Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader (Citizens and Communities) updated the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: General Purposes, Children and Young People, and Environment.

The report also updated the Committee on community events, local projects and partnership working that had taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Members were informed that the themed workshop for September will be on Domestic Violence.

The December meeting of the Inner West Community Committee will focus on business items to include workshop updates, Environmental Services SLA, planning and performance. The Children’s Services Report will go to Children and Young People sub group with a report back to the Committee.

The first draft of the Inner West Community Committee Newsletter was attached to the Community Committee update for Members comments. Future editions will be circulated to local groups and public locations.

Beecroft and St Stephen’s Primary School have been involved in designing lamppost banners which will be put up in the centre of Kirkstall.

Area Support apologised for omitting an item which set out the new policy and pricing of Community Centres, they will circulate to Members.

The Chair informed Members that St Bartholomew’s Centre – Leeds City College which offers part-time courses for adults, had been hit by funding cuts. Members discussed the issue and the possible relocation of this type of facility in the Inner West area. Members to meet with officers to discuss this issue.

The Chair congratulated Cllr. Yeadon on her appointment to Deputy Leader.

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

