

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors J Bentley, S Bentley, G Harper,
J Pryor and N Walshaw

13 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 within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

The key areas of discussion were:

- An update regarding a recent stabbing in Headingley. It was advised that an arrest had been made and the victim was making a recovery. The two people involved in the incident were known to each other.
- Concern about drug taking in part of Hyde Park. Residents expressed concern that greater police presence was required.
- An update on police support for students. A police representative advised that each university in the city had a dedicated officer. The Committee was also advised about crime prevention advice provided to students and landlords.
- Concern about recent violent incidents in local parks. A police representative advised that further information was available to local ward members if requested.
- Concern about students causing noise nuisance late at night. Police representatives agreed to report back issues to university officers.

14 Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

The Head of Innovation and Sector Development submitted a report which introduced the current consultation around the Leeds Inclusive Strategy 2017-2023.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2017-2023 – Consultation Draft – Executive Summary.

The following were in attendance:

- Gareth Read, Senior Economic Development Officer, City Development
- Graham Ponton, Economic Development Officer, City Development.

The key areas of discussion were:

- Concern about the current transport infrastructure in Leeds and links to the south bank development.
- An acknowledgement that greater emphasis was needed in the strategy to sport and leisure.
- The need for more affordable housing to support developing growth sectors.
- The need to develop inclusive aspect of the strategy, particularly homelessness and the issues associated with this.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and the issues raised in the workshop session, be noted.

(Councillor N Walshaw left the meeting at 7.55pm during the consideration of this item.)

15 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared at the meeting.

16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors J Chapman, A Garthwaite and C Towler.

17 Minutes - 15 June 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18 Matters arising from the minutes

Minute No. 43 – Update from Neighbourhood Policing Team

In relation to anti-social behaviour at Kensington Court flats, it was requested that the issues be reported directly to the police for further action.

19 Tackling Noise Nuisance in the LS6 area - Update on Wellbeing Funded Project 2015/16 and Proposals for the use of Body Worn Cameras for the Out Of Hours Response Team

A report from Communities and Environment was submitted which updated the Community Committee on the wellbeing funded noise nuisance project in the LS6 area of Leeds. The report also presented information regarding the use of body worn cameras by the out of hours response team.

The following were in attendance:

- Gill Hunter, ASB Team Manager, Communities and Environment.
- Adonis Bradshaw, ASB Case Officer, Communities and Environment.

The key areas of discussion were:

- An acknowledgement regarding the positive work undertaken, particularly pop up events and other local engagement work.
- An update on education, support and guidance provided by local universities in relation to noise nuisance.
- The role of the out of hours team and support for the use of body worn cameras.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report together with proposals for the use of body worn cameras for the out of hours response team, be noted.

20 Wellbeing Fund update for 2017/18

The West North West Area Leader submitted a report which provided an update on the budget position for the wellbeing fund and youth activity fund for 2017/18 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.

The following were in attendance:

- Stuart Byrne, Area Improvement Manager, Communities and Environment
- Nicole Darbyshire, Area Officer, Communities and Environment.

The Committee considered the following application for wellbeing funding:

- Northwest Leeds Country Park and Green Gateways Trail – A contribution to interpretation boards, trail leaflets, general leaflet and website – £4,272.78 revenue – The Committee advised that it was willing to support the application using S106 monies, subject to further discussions with Parks and Countryside.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the current position for the wellbeing fund for 2017/18, be noted.
- (b) That the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those projects that have been funded so far, be noted.
- (c) That the current position of the youth activity fund and those projects supported to date, be noted.
- (d) That the current position of the wellbeing capital fund, be noted.
- (e) That the application for wellbeing funding be considered, as above.
- (f) That the proposed wellbeing funding round process and timescales for the 2018/19 wellbeing budget (as detailed in paragraph 19 to the report), be approved.

(Councillors J Bentley and S Bentley asked that it be recorded that they voted against the proposed wellbeing funding round process for the 2018/19 wellbeing budget.)

(Councillor G Harper joined the meeting at 8.30pm during the consideration of this item.)

21 Area Update Report

The West North West Area Leader submitted a report which presented a summary of recent sub group and forum business and a general update on other project activity.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Area update newsletter (September 2017).

The following were in attendance:

- Stuart Byrne, Area Improvement Manager, Communities and Environment
- Nicole Darbyshire, Area Officer, Communities and Environment.

The key areas of discussion were:

- An update on recent sub group activity. The Committee briefly discussed the level of administrative support provided at meetings.
- Support for Yorkshire Peace Demonstration on Saturday, 30 September at 12 noon outside Leeds Art Gallery.
- Confirmation that a CIL workshop meeting was taking place in the next couple of months. Further details to be provided to Members.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report and appendix be noted.

22 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 7 December 2017 at 7.00pm.

(The meeting concluded at 8.50pm)