

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor F Venner in the Chair

Councillors C Gruen, J Heselwood,
J Illingworth, A Lowe, J McKenna,
K Ritchie, A Smart and L Yeadon

CO-OPTEEES PRESENT

H Boutle – Armley

S McBarron – Bramley & Stanningley

COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKSHOP

Attending the workshop on Community Safety were:-

Inspector Sarah Towers

PC Jason Chadwick

Gill Hunter – Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager

Danny Spellman – Anti-Social Behaviour Team Supervisor

Rachel Marshall – Localities Manager

The Chair welcomed Sarah to the Community Committee and to the area. It was noted that Sarah was due to take up her post in the area on Monday 26th March 2018.

Cllr. Ritchie as the Community Committee Champion for Community Safety gave a brief introduction. Cllr. Ritchie informed the Committee that Community Safety was one of the top priorities for the area. He went on to say that the fear of crime was worse than the reality and encouragement should be given to report crime.

Inspector Towers provided Members with an overview of the performance / activity within the Inner West Neighbourhood Policing Team area.

It was noted that the Inner West Partnership Ward Area sits within the West Locality Community Safety Partnership and would continue to develop activity and manage performance against Strategic outcomes for the city.

The Committee were informed that Safer Leeds had agreed the priorities for 2017/18 with a focus on the key themes below:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Hate Crime/ Community Tensions
- Offending Behaviours
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Vulnerable Victims

Members of the Committee were informed that Inner West Neighbourhood Policing Team Priorities were as follows:-

- Burglary
- Theft from Motor Vehicles
- Anti-Social Behaviour

Members noted the statistics on the priorities listed as presented at the workshop.

The workshop discussed the details of issues within each of the ward areas.

The Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team presented their report as submitted. Members were provided with an update on the work of the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team and their work with partner agencies and support services.

The Committee were provided with a brief introduction on the Priority Neighbourhood work in New Wortley with the assistance of partnership working.

Members were informed that the work in New Wortley was helping to make people on the estates feel safer.

Members heard that a number of events were being planned in the area for the coming year.

The Chair thanked the Police and the Officers for their attendance and their presentations.

At the conclusion of the workshop the Community Committee went on to the formal business of the Community Committee.

39 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

40 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

41 Late Items

There were no late items.

42 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

43 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from the following members:-

- Hannah Bithell, Co-optee - Kirkstall Ward;

- Kimberly Frangos, Co-optee – Armley Ward;
- Annabel Gaskin, Co-optee – Bramley & Stanningley Ward;and
- Eric Bowes, Co-optee – Armley.

44 Open Forum / Community Forums

On this occasion no members of the public wished to speak.

45 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2018, be approved as a correct record.

46 Matters Arising

In relation to Minute 34 – Leeds Transport Conversation update – Public Transport Investment Programme (£173.5m), Inner West update, and Leeds Transport Strategy development. Members requested a separate meeting to discuss concerns with regards to views expressed by residents against the proposal to install a 24 hour bus lane along the A647.

Members also suggested a discussion about CIL.

47 Finance update report

The report of the Area Leader, West North West provided Members with an update on the projects funded through the Inner West Wellbeing, Youth Activities Fund and Capital budgets.

The report also presented projects for approval and outlined the applications received through the open commissioning round for funding in the 2018/19 financial year.

Paragraph 4 of the submitted report set out the remaining balances available per ward for 2017/18. It was noted that these balances may increase due to underspends.

The Finance Statement attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report provided Members with details of the current financial and monitoring position of the Wellbeing Fund and the Youth Activities Fund.

Members were asked to consider 2 new Wellbeing applications for 2017/18 set out at paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report:

- Armley Grit Bins - £1,752 (Armley Ward)
- Bramley SID's - £7,100, (Bramley Ward)

Members were advised of 2 small grants approved since the last meeting as follows:-

- Christmas Party for the Elderly/ Adults/ Parents in the Broadleas - £350
- Bramley Grit Bins Refill - £304

It was noted that the balance of the small grants and skips budget available at 12th March 2018 was £1,268.

Members were informed that the current Inner West Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme balance was £36,700.

It was noted that since 1st April 2017, the Committee had awarded grants totalling £44,282 to Youth Activities projects in 2017/18. Members noted the balances for each ward as follows:-

- Armley - £97
- Bramley & Stanningley - £843
- Kirkstall - £1,502

The Committee was advised that the Inner West Wellbeing indicative budget for 2018/19 was £128,500, as in previous years the Community Committee had opted to split the budget by ward, giving each ward a budget of £42, 833.

It was noted that a further injection into the Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 had been agreed at Executive Board in February 2018. The amount would be confirmed at the next Community Committee in June 2018.

The Committee were also advised of the 2018/19 Inner West Wellbeing indicative Youth Activities Fund budget was £34,530. The Committee had also opted to split the budget by ward, giving each ward a budget of £11,510.

Ward Members had met in mid-February 2018 to review applications for projects to be funded in 2018/19. The projects recommended for approval were listed at paragraphs 20, 21 and 22 of the submitted report.

Members were provided with a brief update on projects in development listed at paragraph 23 of the submitted report:-

- It was noted that BARCA had accepted a lesser figure of £2,000 as suggested by the Bramley Ward Members to provide Sport in Summer;
- YMCA Leeds – No response had been received from the YMCA; and
- Bramley Community Centre – Bramley Elderly Action would remain in development.

RESOLVED – To:-

- a) Note the balance of the Wellbeing budget for 2017/18 at paragraph 4 of the submitted report
- b) Approve the new Wellbeing project for 2017/18 at paragraphs 7 and 8 of the submitted report:
 - (7) Armley Grit Bins - £1,752 (Armley) – APPROVED
 - (8) Bramley SID's - £7,100 (Bramley) (2,544 revenue & £4,556 capital) APPROVED
- c) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at paragraph 13 of the submitted report
- d) Note the balance of the Youth Activities Fund at paragraph 16 of the submitted report

- e) Approve the new projects for Wellbeing, Youth Activities Fund and Capital for 2018/19 as set out at paragraphs 20, 21 and 22 of the submitted report
- f) Note the projects at paragraph 23 and 26 of the submitted report.
 - BARCA – Sport in Summer -£2,000 (Bramley) APPROVED
 - CCTV – Butcher Hill - £3,000 (Kirkstall) APPROVED

48 Community Committee Update

The report of the West North West Area Leader updated the Community Committee on the work of the sub groups of the Committee: 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.

The Chair raised concerns at the lack of Members attendance at sub groups and highlighted this as an issue to be raised at the next meeting in June when appointing Community Champions.

Cllr. McKenna informed the Committee that he had attended a meeting held at the new BARCA Headquarters. He said that the facilities were very good and BARCA had offered the meeting room for Community Committee use.

Cllr. Gruen gave a brief update on a meeting of Children and Young People sub group where an informed discussion had taken place in relation to the performance of schools within the area. Cllr. Gruen expressed her concerns that the schools within the Inner West area were not performing. It was suggested that Members of the Inner West area should consider being on a board of governors to ensure that issues of performance were highlighted and addressed. All those who had attended the meeting agreed that it had been informative.

The Community Committee were informed that the Communities Team had received from the Police and Crime Commissioner to create a video campaign that would be used on social media. Students from Leeds West Academy had agreed to act in the video and filming was due to take place in spring 2018.

Cllr. Heselwood advised the Committee that although no update on Employment and Skills Sub Group had been provided within the submitted report, Cllr. McKenna and herself were busy in this area of work and said that she would provide an update for the next meeting in June.

It was noted that the Hawksworth Wood Hub had opened at the beginning of March. Members heard that a skateboard Park is planned and would open in conjunction with a planned Fun day on 7th July.

An update was provided on the work that is taking place in the Wyther Park Estate. It was suggested that the group of volunteers may require some support in the future as it was not sustainable in its current format.

RESOLVED - To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.

49 Dates, Times and Venue Report

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2018/19 municipal year, whilst also consider whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

Member's attention was drawn to paragraph 6 of the submitted report which set out the proposed dates and times for the meeting schedule for 2018/19.

RESOLVED – To agree the Committee's meeting schedule for the 2018/19 municipal year as follows so that it can be included within the Council diary for the same period:-

- Wednesday 20th June 2018 at 6pm
- Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 6pm
- Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 6pm
- Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 6pm

CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENTS

The Chair informed the Committee that this was Cllr. Yeadon's last meeting as she was stepping down at the next elections. The Chair thanked Cllr. Yeadon for all her hard work for the Kirkstall Ward and on the Community Committee. She said that Cllr. Yeadon would be especially remembered for all her hard work and support during the Kirkstall floods.

The Chair also informed the Committee that this was the meeting that Zoe Tyler, Communities Team Officer would be attending as she was leaving to take up a new role. The Committee thanked Zoe for her hard work supporting the Committee.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.