

INNER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor J Heselwood in the Chair

Councillors H Bithell, C Gruen,
J Illingworth, J McKenna, K Ritchie,
A Smart and F Venner

WORKSHOP ON AIR QUALITY AND KIRKSTALL BRIDGE CONGESTION

The Chair introduced the session on air quality and the Kirkstall bridge congestion.

Paul Spandler, Environmental Health Manager and Emma Slater, Project Manager attended the meeting. Members of the Community Committee were provided with information in relation to air quality in Leeds particularly focusing on the Inner West areas of Armley, Bramley, Stanningley and Kirkstall.

Discussions on air quality included:

- E U directive on air quality standards;
- Monitoring methods;
- Air quality in the Inner West area in comparison to other locations across the city;
- Effects on residents living close to major roads;
- Effects of road users including car users with their windows open, pedestrians, and cyclists;
- Impact on those who are exposed to poor air who suffer from illnesses such as asthma

It was suggested that Members should email Paul with specific areas where they would like to see monitoring take place.

Emma gave a presentation on the Clean Air Zone (CAZ)

Members noted the following points:

- Leeds were not compliant with the air quality standards set by DEFRA and as a consequence Leeds were now under ministerial direction to establish clean air zones by January 2020;
- Consultation had taken place in many forms including;
 - Targeted events, radio advertising, written to residents, surveys, social media and Executive Board
- Clean air boundary;
- Vehicle charging within the clean air zone;
- Vehicles exempt from charging;
- How charging would be monitored.

Andrew Hall, Head of Transportation attended the meeting and provided the Community Committee with an update on congestion around Kirkstall Bridge.

Members were provided with a presentation which advised Members of the issues faced and the short, medium and long term solutions which were being considered.

Discussions took place in relation to some of the solutions which included the following:

- Footbridges
- River crossings for both pedestrians and vehicles
- Siting of river crossings
- Use of hatched boxes at junctions
- Pedestrian crossings

Input was requested from Members via email on river crossings.

The Chair thanked all the officers for their attendance and informative presentations. The Community Committee showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Cllr. Lowe had been present for the themed workshop. However, she left at the conclusion of the workshop prior to the start of the formal business meeting giving her apologies as she was feeling unwell.

The formal business meeting of the Inner West Community Committee started at 7:30pm

38 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

39 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

40 Late Items

There were no formal late items. However, supplementary information had been circulated to Members in relation to Agenda Item 9 Finance Update report.

41 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

However, Cllr. Venner asked that it be recorded that she had an other declaration of interest in Agenda Item 9 –Finance Update Report as the Chair of Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club and Music from the Attic is known to her

and these had submitted applications for approval under Wellbeing Fund and Capital Fund. Cllr. Venner said that she would leave the meeting taking no part in discussions in relation to the applications mentioned above. Minute 47 refers.

Steve Harris and Stephen McBarron Co-opted members of the committee also declared other interests in Item 9- Finance Update Report. However Co-opted members do not take part in discussions or decisions in relation to the finance of the Community Committee.

42 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Lowe left the meeting at the conclusion of the workshop at 7:30pm, prior to the start of the formal business meeting giving her apologies to the Chair as she was feeling unwell.

43 Open Forum / Community Forums

No Members of the public were in attendance at the meeting on this occasion.

44 Minutes - 21st November 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2018 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment for minute 37 Community Committee Update Report:

‘The Members discussed tasking meetings and the fact that these had proved useful in the past. However, it was noted that Members are only permitted to attend part of the meeting’.

45 Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team Review

The Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager was in attendance at the meeting and presented the report on Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) review.

Members were informed of the following points:

- LASBT is now a multi-agency team which includes Police, Fire and Rescue services, Housing Leeds, Belle Isle Tenants Management Organisation Youth Offending and Victim Support;
- Three locally based teams covering South and City Centre, East North East and West North West deliver a specialist ASB service;
- Service standards have been made uniform to ensure consistency of delivery across all teams;
- 60% of issues are noise related and the domestic noise and out of hours noise nuisance teams have now joined LASBT and are currently located within the Leedswatch Service;
- The complex issues of ASB need to be undertaken by more than one agency and it was acknowledged that a partnership approach was required to address the causes of ASB;
- A triage system is proposed to assess the severity of incoming cases to assist in the decision making and that this is best done at the first point of contact;

- Staff training will ensure that officers are confident using all the tools available to them, empower them to provide robust advice, deliver successful early intervention;
- Currently the West North West Team are located in accommodation that is not suitable for the needs of the team, work is on-going to find a more suitable location;
- A report is due to go to Executive Board in June 2019 for consideration of the final scheme.

RESOLVED - To note the contents of the report.

46 **Area Update Report**

With the Chairs permission this item was moved up the agenda to allow Inspector Towers to speak with Members.

The report of the Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the work of the sub groups of the Committee. The report also updated the Members on community events, local projects and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.

Inspector Towers was in attendance at the meeting and provided a brief update on the following:

- Calls received including 999 and 101 calls;
- Crime figures for West Yorkshire Police;
- Crime figures for the Inner West area;
- Partnership working with Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team;
- Resources;
- Initiative to engage with schools in the area with PCSO's to link in with schools;
- Community engagement events;
- Increased security for mosques in light of recent events in Christchurch;
- Increased security for MP's in light of protests in relation to Brexit;
- Focus on knife crimes in light of increase in knife crime.

Members discussed the following points:

- PCSO links with schools;
- Hate crime reporting;

Members requested information in relation to crimes that have been dealt with and progressed to being solved.

Councillors were appreciative of the work that the Police do especially with restricted resources. It was noted that this country was one of the safest.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

47 Finance Update Report

The report of the Area Leader provided the Members with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund for 2018/19 and the current position of the small grants and skips pots.

The report advised Members of the following points:

- The minimum standards for delegated decisions;
- Wellbeing projects which had been approved since last meeting set out at Table 1 of the report;
- The remaining balances for Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund set out at Table 2 of the report;
- The amounts still available for allocation per ward for the small grants and skips Table 3 of the report;
- Those small grants and skips which had been approved since the last meeting presented at Table 4 of the report;
- Capital projects which had been approved via delegated decision since the last meeting at Table 5 of the report;
- Current budget available for Capital spend, £20,132 at point 13 of the report;
- Table 6 provided the details of the current CIL balances available for allocation per ward;
- Point 16 of the report provided the indicative budget for Wellbeing Fund 2019/20 which the Community Committee had opted to be split between the wards, giving each ward a budget of £56,333;
- Point 17 of the report provided an indicative amount for Youth Activity Fund 2019/20, which the Community Committee had opted to split between the wards, giving each ward a budget of £12,666;
- Members of the Community Committee had attended a workshop to review applications for the forthcoming municipal year;
- Points 19, 20, 21 of the report set out those projects for approval in 2019/20;
- Points 22,23, of the report listed the projects deferred for further consideration;
- Points 24 and 25 listed those projects which would not be proceeding in 2019/20.

Cllr. Venner vacated the room during discussions in relation to Wellbeing Fund application Music from the Attic and Capital Fund application from Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club – Ball Stop Netting System. Minute 42 refers.

RESOLVED – To:

- a) Approve the minimum conditions set out for delegated decisions set out at point 5 of the submitted report;
- b) Note the delegated decisions taken at Table 1 of the submitted report;
- c) Note the revised Wellbeing and Youth Activity balances for 2018/19 at Table 2 of the submitted report;

- d) Note the balance of the small grants and skips budget for 2018/19 at Table 3 of the submitted report;
- e) Note the small grant applications at Table 4 of the submitted report;
- f) Note the Capital Funding delegated decisions taken at Table 5 of the submitted report;
- g) Note the balance of the Capital Fund at point 13 of the submitted report;
- h) Note the balance of the CIL Fund at Table 6 of the submitted report; and
- i) Approved the following projects for 2019/20 set out at points 19,20 and 21 of the submitted report:

Wellbeing Fund

Project Name	Delivery Organisation	Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Kirkstall
Festive Lights	Leeds Lights	£ 2,500.00	£1,744.00	
Small Grants & Skips Pot	Communities Team	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00	£2,000.00
Priority Neighbourhood Pot	Communities Team	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Communications Budget Pot	Communities Team	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Forward with Hollybush	The Conservation Volunteers – Hollybush Conservation Centre	£ 742.66	£742.66	£742.66
Family Fun Activity Days & Assault Course Challenge rebuild	Leeds City Council Children and Families	£973.33	£973.33	£973.33
Targeted Holiday Diversionary Activities	Leeds Youth Justice Service		£733.33	£733.33
Music From The Attic - Kirkstall	Music From The Attic - Kirkstall			£3,600.00
Irish arts and cultural activities and events in Kirkstall and Armley 2019-20	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	£462.50		£462.50
Inner West CCTV	Leeds Watch		£2,000.00	£1,000.00
Youth Summit	LCC Communitites Team	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
Summer Holiday	Leeds Youth	£400.00	£400.00	£400.00

Targeted Provision	Service			
Armley Festival 2019	Armley Festival Committee	£2,750.00		
Armley Lights Switch On Event	Breeze	£6,328.45		
Armley park events 2019	Friends of Armley and Gotts Park	£2,000.00		
Defibrillator	Communities Team	£2,000.00		
Bramley Festival	Bramley Festival Committee		£4,000.00	
Fairfield Community Centre	Fairfield Community Project		£10,000.00	
Bramley's Christmas Light Switch On 2019	Bramley Lights Project		£3,071.00	
Go Wild Bramley	Groundwork Leeds		£5,000.00	
Bramley Fall Park Measured Mile	Newlay Residents Association		£1,500.00	
Sassy Divas Leeds	Creative Communities Leeds CIC		£1,260.00	
Kirkstall Art Trail 2019	KVCA (Kirkstall Art Trail)			£3,600.00
Kirkstall Festival	Kirkstall Festival Committee			£5,500.00
Children's Champion Project	St Mary's Hawksworth Wood			£4,250.00
#GreeningGreyBritain Kirkstall in Bloom	Kirkstall In Bloom			£650.00
Festive Light Display	Kirkstall Village Action			£4,830.00
Kirkstall Planting	Parks and Countryside			£700.00
Cragside Rec CCTV	Leeds Watch			£3,221.00
Kirkstall Youth Group	The Cardigan Centre			£8,021.25
Spenn Lane Youth Group	The Cardigan Centre			£8,662.50

Youth Activity Fund

Project Name	Delivery Organisation	Armley	Bramley & Stanningley	Kirkstall
DAZL Bramley & Kirkstall Active Communities Project	Dance Action Zone Leeds		£2,145.00	£2,145.00
Mini Breeze	The Breeze Projects and Events team	£3,600.00	£3,600.00	£3,600.00
Basketball Sport and Active Lifestyle Project	Leeds Youth Service and City of Leeds Basketball Foundation	£1,260.00		
Breeze Saturday Night Project	Leeds City Council Breeze Team	£8,000.00		
Bramley Cluster Summer Camp	Bramley Cluster		£5,100.00	
Climbing Youth Project	Leeds Youth Service			£4,091.00
Total		£12,860	£10,845	£9,836
Budget Remaining		£2,336	£1,961	£3,759

Capital

Project Name	Delivery Organisation	Total Approved
Kirkstall CCTV	Leeds Watch	£10,000.00
Ball Stop Netting System	Kirkstall Educational Cricket Club	£1,990.80
Bramley Fall Park Measured Mile	Newlay Residents Association	£3,500.00
Capital Budget Remaining		£4,641

Approval was also given to the following:

Wellbeing Fund project: Game Safety Course, Geeks Room CIC -£ 7,635

Small Grant: Community Bingo, Swinnow Community Centre - £215.42
Members requested monitoring information specifically in relation to attendees postcodes.

Small Grant: New Wortley Festival 2019, New Wortley Community Association - £500

Members deferred the following project:
Celebrate World Circus Day, Urban Angels - £3,017

48 Dates, Times and Venues Report

The report of the City Solicitor requested Members consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2019/20 municipal year. Members were also asked if any revisions were necessary to the current meeting and venue arrangements.

Members were advised of the proposed dates as follows:

- Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 6pm
- Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 6pm
- Wednesday 27th November 2019 at 6pm
- Wednesday 18th March 2020 at 6pm

RESOLVED – To agree the Committee’s meeting schedule for the 2019/20 municipal year as detailed at point 6 of the submitted report and to be included within the Council’s Diary for the same period.

CLLR. MCKENNA'S COMMENT FOR CLLR. LOWE

Cllr. McKenna drew the Committee’s attention to the fact that this would be the last Community Committee that Cllr. Lowe would attend. Cllr. Lowe is due to step down at the forthcoming local elections in May after 29 years of being a councillor.

Although Cllr. Lowe had left the meeting earlier due to illness, Cllr. McKenna speaking on behalf of the Inner West Community Committee thanked Cllr. Lowe for all her hard work in Armley over the past 29 years as an Armley ward member. The Inner west Community Committee wished her well for the future.