

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors J Bentley, S Bentley,
J Chapman, J Pryor, J Walker and
N Walshaw

13 Late Items

There were no late items, however an additional appendix to Agenda Item 8, Wellbeing Update was tabled at the meeting.

14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest.

15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Harper and C Towler

16 Minutes - 17 July 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 Open Forum

In accordance with 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 representative of the Woodhouse Ridge Action Group addressed the meeting. He informed the committee of the voluntary environmental work carried out by the group. It was reported that there was a problem with fly tipping at the Melville Steps entrance to Woodhouse Ridge and it had been unable to ascertain who owned the piece of land concerned. It was desired for the Council to adopt the land and the Woodhouse Ridge Action Group would carry out fund raising to make improvements to this entrance. It was agreed that Hyde Park and Woodhouse Ward Members would liaise with the group.

18 Wellbeing Update

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 and the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants and skips that had been approved since the last meeting. The report also provided an update on the Youth Activity Fund, sought approval of remaining Youth Activity funds and asked for approval of the commissioning process and timescales for the 2015/16 Wellbeing budget.

Stuart Byrne, Area Management Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the small grants that had been made since the last meeting; there had not been any skip requests. Members were also asked to approve Youth Activity Fund projects that had been recommended by the Children and Young Peoples Sub Group and also approve the commissioning process for 2015/16.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2014/15 be noted.
- (2) That the current position of the small grants and skips pots and those small grants that had been approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (3) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund be noted and the following projects recommended by the Children's and Young Persons Sub Group be approved:

• Boredom no More	£3,200
• ESNW Universal Activities	£1,760
• Kids United	£1,988
• Minecraft & Lego Workshops	£993
• Lazer Activities	£4,770
• Scrap Art Project	£400
• Leeds Rhinos Multi Sports Camp	£1,322
- (4) That the process and timescales for the Wellbeing commissioning round for 2015/16 be agreed.
- (5) That the Wellbeing funding priorities for 2015/16 be agreed.

19 Community Assets - Making the most of local assets and ensuring community influence

Members split into workshop groups for the following theme: Community Assets - Making the most of local assets and ensuring community influence.

It was aimed to gather the following during the workshop discussions

- Sharing of Best Practice
- How to ensure future sustainability
- Community engagement and marketing

The meeting was also informed of the proposals for a new community centre in Little London

Representatives of some of the local community centres were invited to address the meeting, issues raised included the following:

Cardigan Centre - The Cardigan Centre had been in operation for almost 25 years and was originally set up as a community enterprise between South Headingley Community Association, Leeds City Council and the Church. The centre provided an enterprise centre and a hall, rooms and office space for hire and main income came from contracted services (Youth Work and Community Education). Members were informed of the need to be responsive to local needs and a community impact survey that had been carried out which the centre had used to help maintain the visibility and presence of the centre and to attract new users.

Woodsley Road Community Centre - Woodsley Road Community Centre was an independently managed centre that catered mainly for the local Asian community. Services provided included bereavement services, room and hall hire and a job search help desk. The centre was reliant on volunteer staff and aimed to involve local community groups and organisations.

HEART Centre – The Heart Centre opened in 2011 and operated without support from the Council in terms of revenue and had previously being

supported by grants but had been independent of financial support from December 2013. The centre was marketed through local community connections and online. Reference was made to the centre's website and use of social media for promotion.

Following the workshop discussions, the following was reported back:

- How to ensure centres are not competing against each other
- Training – bespoke training for marketing and administration
- Partnership working with businesses
- Collaborative working – shared booking systems, a unified web presence detailing all centres and activities provided
- Signposting to other centres
- Encouraging volunteer participation
- Promotion via other Council services
- Use of trade union learning centres.

20 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 15 January 2015 at 7.00 p.m.