

## **OUTER SOUTH COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 14TH MARCH, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Bruce in the Chair

Councillors N Dawson, J Elliott, R Finnigan,  
B Gettings, S Golton, T Leadley,  
L Mulherin, D Nagle, K Renshaw and  
S Varley

### **32 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests. With regard to Agenda Item 7, Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme, Councillors S Varley and T Leadley made it known that they were members of the Morley Elderly Action Management Committee.

### **33 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor J Dunn.

### **34 Minutes - 30 November 2015**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Minute 29, Summary of Key Work – to read as follows:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Members noted that CIL Neighbourhood Funds would be managed by Town and Parish Councils where they exist and Managed by the Community Committee in non-parished areas. Members would be contacted with further details of funds available to date. It was suggested that the Community Committee should establish a CIL Sub-group.

### **35 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 on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee.

Rachel Vernelle, Community Capacity Coordinator of Health for All informed the committee of the Aiming High project. This would provide support to Community Groups on Health and Wellbeing issues and also assist new groups with getting started.

## **36 Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme**

The report of the South East Area Leader informed Members that 2015/16 was the final year of the three year garden maintenance scheme provided by Morley Elderly Action. An evaluation report had been presented at the Older Person's sub group.

Members were asked to consider options for the future provision of the garden maintenance scheme.

Jarnail Mudhar, Area Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed in relation to the garden maintenance scheme:

- It had been requested to investigate alternative schemes for comparability – this had included schemes provided elsewhere in the City including voluntary and other organisations; schemes in Kirklees and services available through the Leeds Directory.
- The garden maintenance scheme had provided services to 392 homes in the Outer South Area.
- The Community Committee was asked to consider the following options:
  - Discontinue the garden service
  - A £3,300 (10%) reduction in total funding of the scheme – this to come from overheads/staffing costs and not the subsidy to gardeners so that there should be no reduction in the number of gardens maintained. Match funding to be sought – e.g. from the Housing Advisory Panel.
  - That a competitive tendering exercise to test value for money be considered.
- The Older Person's Sub Group had recommended the option to continue the scheme as per the suggestion with a £3,300 reduction in total funding.
- With regards to the proposal to seek match funding from the Housing Advisory Panel, it was reported that an application was being processed. A third of the clients who used the scheme lived in council tenancies.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That there is to be a £3,300 (10%) reduction in the total funding of £33,000. This is to come from overheads/staffing costs and not the subsidy to the gardeners so there should be no reduction to the number of gardens that can be maintained under the scheme. Matched funding should be sought.

## **37 Outer South Community Committee Wellbeing Budget Report**

The report of the South East Area Leader prided Members with the following:

Minutes to be approved at the next meeting of the Outer South Community Committee.

- Details of the Wellbeing Budget position.
- Details of the Revenue Wellbeing Budget projects agreed to date including projects approved by Delegated Decision Notice.
- Details of Wellbeing projects proposals for consideration and approval.
- Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) projects agreed to date including projects approved by Delegated Decision Notice.
- Details of YAF projects for 2016/17.
- Details of the Small Grants Budget.
- Details of Capital Funding by Ward.
- Details of the Community Skips position
- Details of proposed Wellbeing Budget ring-fences for 2016/17 for consideration and approval.

Jarnail Mudhar, Area Officer presented the report.

Attention was drawn to remaining balances of revenue funding on a ward by ward basis. It was reported that there had been some funds returned due to the vacant Neighbourhood Improvement Officer post.

Update and amendments to report items:

- 43: Subject to approval, Members are asked to ring-fence £30,000 for the Outer South Site Based Gardeners project for 2016/17. A wellbeing summary for the project proposal is included at paragraph **16** for Members' approval.
- 44: Subject to approval, Community Committee is asked to ring-fence **£29,700** for the Outer South Garden Maintenance Scheme in 2016/17. An evaluation report for 2015/16 was presented to the Older Person's Working Group on 29th February 2016 and a report to be submitted for consideration and decision for a scheme proposal in 2016/17 at the March 2016 Community Committee for **£29,700**.

With regard project proposals outlined in the report, the following was discussed:

- Preparation of Paintings for Morley Town Hall – It was reported that this was for the loan of pictures from the Art Gallery and the costs included restoration of frames and hanging the paintings. Some concern was expressed as to whether this was the appropriate means of funding. It was suggested that the Art Gallery be approached as to whether they could cover the costs.
- Replacement CCTV Cameras for Churwell Park – it was reported that there had been a significant reduction in vandalism and anti-social since the original cameras had been installed.
- Morley Arts Festival – Members were informed that funding towards the festival also came from Land Securities, sponsorship, Morley Town

Council and ticket sales. The funding is requested in advance for the festival in 2017.

- Site Based Gardeners – it was reported that this had been reduced from by £6,000 to £30,000. The extra work funded would be divided equally between the four Outer South Wards. Members requested feedback on the work carried out and suggested it would be useful to inform of areas that needed attention.

Further discussion included the following:

- Youth Activities Fund – involvement of Young People in decision making and location of Breeze events.
- Capital Budget – Further information was requested to clarify the amount of funding that was allocated for Ward Based Initiatives.
- Members queried the ward designation for the small grant allocated to Tingley with Woodkirk in Bloom
- Members requested clarification on the YAF 2016/17 funding allocated to Library and Information Service.
- Members queried whether capital funds could be used towards CCTV provision.
- Ring fenced projects for the 2016/17 Wellbeing Budget.

## **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That details of Revenue Wellbeing Budget projects agreed to date including projects approved by Delegated Decision Notice be noted.
- (3) That the following Wellbeing project proposals be approved:
  - Replacement CCTV Cameras for Churwell Park - £2,784
  - St Peter's Luncheon Club Elderly People's Outing - £869.65
  - Morley Arts Festival 2017 - £10,000
  - Site-Based Gardeners for the Outer South Area - £30,000
- (4) That the project proposal for Preparation of Paintings for Morley Town Hall be deferred to allow further discussion with Leeds Art Gallery regarding costs.
- (5) That details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) projects agreed to date including projects approved by Delegated Decision notice be noted.
- (6) That details of YAF project proposals for 2016/17 be noted as approved.
- (7) That details of the Small Grants Budget be noted.
- (8) That details of Capital Funding by Ward be noted.
- (9) That details of the Community Skips position be noted.
- (10) That details of the proposed Wellbeing budget ring-fences for 2016/17 be noted as approved.

## **38 Outer South Community Committee Summary of Key Work Report**

The report of the South East Area Leader brought Members' attention to a summary of key work which the Communities Team was engaged in based on

priorities identified by the Community Committee that were not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

Community Committee Champions were invited to address the meeting. The following was discussed:

#### Children and Families

- The next meeting of the Children and Families Sub Group would focus on school attendance and Ofsted reports.

#### Employment, Skills and Welfare

- It was reported that 160 people from the Outer South area had been invited to participate in the Personal Work Support Programme.
- The Point Jobs Fair.
- Money Buddies – Further to questions regarding Money Buddies it was suggested that these could be addressed through updates at Ward Based briefings. With regard to how financial gains were made through Money Buddies, these were as a result of, for example, utilities switched and debt consolidation.

#### Environment and Community Safety

- The Chair welcomed Chief Inspector Chris Matthews and Sergeant Richard Abbot of West Yorkshire Police to the meeting. The Community Committee was informed of the new police operating model across the City. Further to questions from Members discussion include the roles of Police Community Support Officers and the non-emergency contact number.

#### Health and Wellbeing

- Social Prescribing Services – these were being carried out by the South East CCG in Rothwell, Robin Hood and Lofthouse and by the West CCG in the Morley Wards, Ardsley and Tingley.
- Smoking Cessation.
- Winter Friends – there had been a smaller take up on winter warmth packs than in the previous year and there were still some available.
- The Citywide Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is due to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in April 2016.

#### Adult Social Care

- Tackling social isolation – it was recognised that this was not to be just aimed at older people.
- Consideration of alternative ways of delivering winter warmth packs and identifying those who would benefit.

## Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

It was reported that the Community Committee was due to receive £3,854 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Members were asked to consider setting up a CIL Sub Group. Following concerns from Members regarding the establishment of such a group, it was requested that draft Terms of Reference for a CIL Sub Group be produced and brought back to the Community Committee as a substantive item.

Further issues discussed included a summary of free lets (£75,489) and the distribution/reach of the Outer South Community Committee newsletter and an update on activities from the Outer South Housing Advisory Panel, the John O'Gaunts Community Fun Day, funds available to commemorate the First World War: Somme 2016 and the role of the Community Committee in the delivery of Prevent through the Citizens and Communities Team.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

### **39 Dates, Times and Venues of Community Committee Meetings 2016/2017**

The report of the City Solicitor asked Members to give consideration to agreeing the proposed Community Committee meeting schedule for the 2016/17 municipal year and to also consider whether any revisions to the current meeting and venue arrangements should be explored.

The following dates had been proposed for the 2016/17 municipal year:

- Monday, 20 June 2016 at 4.00 p.m.
- Monday, 26 September 2016 at 4.00 p.m.
- Monday, 28 November 2016 at 4.00 p.m.
- Monday, 27 February 2017 at 4.00 p.m.

It was reported that the proposed date for September 2016 coincided with the Labour Party Conference and it was suggested that an alternative date be sought.

**RESOLVED** –

- (1) That the proposed dates of 20 June 2016, 28 November 2016 and 27 February 2017 be agreed.
- (2) That an alternative date be sought in place of the proposed date of 26 September 2016.

### **40 Closing remarks**

The Community Committee was informed that Tom O'Donovan, Area Improvement Manager would be retiring at the end of March. Members expressed their thanks to Tom for his contribution to work in the Outer South Area.

Sally Wimsett and Lynda Bambury were introduced to the Committee as new staff that had joined the South East Communities Team.