

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

PRESENT: Councillor M Coulson in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, D Blackburn,
Mrs A Carter, J Jarosz, R Lewis, T Wilford
and R Wood

12 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

13 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There were no exempt items.

14 Late Items

There were no late items.

15 Declaration Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

16 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Andrew Carter.

17 Open Forum / Community Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This period of time may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.

On this occasion Joanne Wareham from Farsley Live at Home attended the meeting to provide Members with information in relation to a request for funding.

Cllr. Amanda Carter declared that she sits on the committee for the Live at Home scheme.

Ms Wareham explained that the Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home schemes would like to run a joint initiative to organise a men's group. The men's group 'Mainly Men' would offer a service across both Farsley and Pudsey wards.

Members heard that the Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home schemes have 875 members, only 165 are men. Ms Wareham said that men are less likely to make friends compared to women, and don't always enjoy the same outings or activities as women.

Members were advised that a similar project run at Rothwell had provided activities such as visits to a brewery, a double glazing firm, pub meals or events with speakers which had proved popular. The activities had been arranged after a consultation exercise to ascertain what types of activities the men would want to do.

Members were informed the minibus owned by Farsley Live at Home would be shared across both Farsley and Pudsey wards to transport members to activities, there would be a charge of £4 per person for transport.

Members noted that the project at Rothwell was doing well and that activities and outings had been well attended.

The Chair thanked Ms Wareham for attending.

18 Minutes

RESOLVED - The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2017 were approved as a correct record.

19 Finance Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund for 2017/18 and the current position of the Small Grants and skips pots.

Members were reminded that the Community Committee had received an allocation of £104,670 for financial year 2017/18. Taking into account project underspends and carry forward figures from 2017/17, the total fund available for new projects in 2017/18 was £112, 237.06. It was noted that funding was committed to 23 projects for 2017/18. Table 1 of the submitted report set out Wellbeing applications which had been received or approved since the last meeting. The table included the 'Mainly Men' project for consideration, the Committee had received information in relation to this applications as part of the Open Forum. Minute 17 refers

It was noted by the Members that taking in to account underspends and if the 'Mainly Men' project was to be approved there would be £422 still available for allocation for the Wellbeing Revenue 2017/18 budget.

Members were advised that Table 2 of the submitted report set out the Small Grants that had been received or approved since the last meeting.

Table 3 of the submitted report provided Members with information on the skips that had been approved since the last meeting.

It was noted that there was £4,916 still available for allocation for the Small Grants and skips hire in the 2017/18 budget.

Members were asked to consider moving money from the Small Grants and skips pot should the need arise to fund a large grant project. Members were in agreement to consolidate the large grants and the Small Grants and skips pots.

It was noted that it was the time of year when skips may be requested especially for allotments and leaf fall collection. Members were informed by the Chair that a special meeting was to be organised for Ward Members with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team to identify hot spots of leaf fall in the wards with a view to look at how best to address the issue of clearing leaves.

Members were advised that £30,153 of capital monies was available for allocation in 2017/18. Table 4 of the submitted report provided Members with information of Capital projects approved since the last meeting.

Members heard that the Youth Activities Fund had now been fully committed for 2017/18.

The Committee was asked to consider approval of the method by which Wellbeing grants are approved for 2018/19. It was noted that the application round would follow the same process as previous years, with applications being invited between 27th October 2017 and 12th January 2018 for approval during February 2018.

RESOLVED - That the Committee:

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund 2017/18 and applications that have been approved since the last meeting at table 1 of the submitted report.
- Note the current budget position for the small grants and skips and those applications that have been approved since the last meeting at table 2 and table 3 of the submitted report.
- Note the current budget position of the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2017/18 and those applications that have been approved since the last meeting at Table 4 of the submitted report.
- Note the current budget position for the Youth Activities Fund for 2017/18
- Agree the recommended application round process for 2017/18
- Agree to merge the large grants and the small grants and skips budgets

- Approve the project 'Mainly Men' submitted by Farsley and Pudsey Live at Home scheme

20 Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy

The report of Economic Policy, Innovation and Sector Development Team was presented to the Committee by The Senior Economic Development Officer, Gilda Smith-Leigh.

Members were provided with a brief background to the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy and how the strategy aimed to be more inclusive to those communities outside the city centre.

Members were informed that as part of the consultation process the team were visiting the Community Committees to discuss some key ideas in the strategy and look at how they related to local priorities.

Members discussed the following points:

- The types of jobs that would be needed in the future
- The need for people to be retrained and up skilled for new types of jobs
- For schools to assist children to select the right GCSE's for future careers
- The need for better transport links to the city centre and to cities nearby such as Bradford
- The need to find more employers of large and small businesses to provide apprenticeships
- Courses to address skill gaps
- To consider local area boundaries with other cities
- The links between education, GCSE results, careers advice, the growth of the city and the skills that are required to continue the growth of the city to be inclusive and prosperous for all.
- To promote industries such as engineering and manufacturing to younger people
- How to increase the aspirations of young people living in inner city areas

Members also discussed at length the 12 big ideas set out in the attached summary of the submitted report and how they could link with local priorities in the Outer West area.

The Chair thanked the officer for an informative report which had been presented well and had encouraged good discussions with all the Committee Members. The Committee showed their appreciation with a round of applause for the officer.

RESOLVED – The Committee to:

- Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.

- Note the intention for the report to form the basis of a localised discussion workshop as part of the open consultation on the Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy.

21 Community Committee Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided an update to the Committee on the work of the sub groups, the report also updated Members on pieces of work and partnership working which had taken place since the last meeting.

A copy of the Committee's newsletter was attached at appendix 1 of the submitted report. It was noted that comment had been received in relation to the glass recycling sites and as a consequence more sites would be included. A list of all the sites to be listed were checked by Members with no further sites added.

Members were advised that the newsletter would be distributed to local sites including community centres and libraries within the area.

22 Any other business

The Chair informed the Committee that the Children's Forum would take place on Friday 6th October 2017 in the Civic Hall in Leeds starting at 10:00am.

He said that those attending the Forum would be provided with lunch at the Rosebowl.

The Chair asked Members where possible to attend especially the consultation workshop.

The Committee were informed that courses for 19 year olds and over in level 2 Maths and English were to be provided at Swinnow Community Centre. The courses would be free and run for 20 weeks and start on 21 October 2017. Students would need to register their interest. Once inducted they will be either given a link to the course details or a workbook to complete in their own time. The course provider will offer drop in sessions on request every Thursday should any students require any support.

23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Outer West Community Committee will be on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 1:00pm in the Council Chambers, Pudsey Town Hall.