

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner East Community Committee – Burmantofts & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills. Killingbeck & Seacroft

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To Note

Community Committee Update Report – June 2018

Purpose of report

This report provides an update on the work programme of the Inner East Community Committee and the Communities Team, including recent successes, current challenges and on-going pieces of work.

Main issues

1. Deacon House, Seacroft Community Hub is now offering face to face customer services, a job shop, library and a Post Office. A café is in the process of being built inside the hub and will be open for 3 days a week initially. It is being managed by local partner and third sector organisation, LS14 Trust.

Local Centres Programme

2. Plans are now in their early stages for the Local Centres Programme in East Leeds. Two of the four schemes will be located within and on the border of Boggart Hill in Seacroft. The third scheme will be in the Ivy Mount shopping parade in Burmantofts.
3. The first scheme with an initial budget of £75,000 will involve creating better parking on Boggart Hill Drive and consultation has been undertaken with local residents to see what improvements residents want to see to the forecourt in front of the parade of shops. Staff from the council's Strategic Planning Design Team have attended both sites and are currently considering public realm improvements for them.

4. The second scheme with an initial budget of £50,000 is in Ramshead Hill, which will focus on improving the green space with some improvements to the shopfronts and areas immediately at the front of the shops. As well as the public consultation that was held in September, consultation will also take place with shop leaseholders.
5. The third scheme has been approved to support Heads Together to purchase the church hall adjacent to their current Chapel FM premises in Seacroft. This will be matched through funding from the local Capital Receipts Incentive Scheme (CRIS) and allow the organisation to secure Arts Council England funding for an ambitious development project.
6. The fourth scheme has a budget of £150,000 for an improvement scheme for the Ivy Mount shopping parade in Burmantofts. A site visit took place in July involving officers from Regeneration and the Communities Team and surveyors from NPS Leeds to undertake an initial feasibility assessment of potential improvements. The outcome of this visit is still being assessed and will be reported back to ward members and the community committee.

Inner East Youth Activity Fund (YAF) summer activities

7. Following on from a call for funding earlier in the year, the process to fund a youth activity programme in the Inner East during the summer holidays has now been completed and peer inspections of YAF funded activities has begun. A peer inspection of three YAF funded projects in the Inner East took place on Monday 20 July. Peer Inspectors Poppy and Jess carried out their inspection of breakdancing classes run by UK DJ School in Bridge Community Church, Burmantofts, the DAZL Dance Camp in the Dame Fanny Waterman Centre, Gipton and the Summer Broadcast at Chapel FM, Seacroft.



Priority Neighbourhoods

Cliftons and Nowells

8. Intensive multi-agency working has been underway, in order to respond to hate crime and anti-social behaviour in the Nowells. Partners have been working hard to resolve these issues through a number of interventions and programmes of work. A community drop in was held to consult on the introduction of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), the session was well attended and residents were overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed PSPO. The PSPO will give the Police the powers to disperse groups of two or more people that are engaged in anti-social behaviour within a defined area.
9. Funding has been secured to install a second temporary CCTV camera on Nowell Mount, it is felt that the one that is currently installed on Nowell Place is serving as a deterrent as the number of incidences on this street has reduced. The Gypsy Roma Traveller Team have been successful in securing funding to support victims of hate crime. Partners have also been utilising the new restorative formulation approach to work with families involved in hate crime and anti-social behaviour.
10. A number of partners have come together to look at how we can work collaboratively to develop a programme of local community engagement. This programme of work commenced on the 22 May. Partners undertook a door knocking exercise in the Nowells. Over 30 locality workers, including of 11 Migrant Community Networkers, local councillors and a range of core team members took part in this exercise. The exercise was repeated in the Cliftons and Lupton Avenue on 5th June. To date 121 households have been contacted, of these 38 have indicated they would be willing to get involved in further work in the area. The Migrant Community Networkers provided valuable assistance enabling us to talk to non-English speakers.



11. A multi-agency Environmental Visual Audit was carried out to audit and assess the physical environment to help partners develop a programme of environmental improvements for the Nowells. A further door knocking exercise was carried out in the Nowells on the 14th September with Core Team partners, Migrant Community

Networkers, Communities Team, the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and the Waste Doctors to discuss environmental improvements and provide educational awareness about ways to better manage waste. Letters will be sent to landlords and residents to reinforce their waste management responsibilities and this will be followed up with a number of action days to clear the Nowells backyards. Community Protection Orders will be issued where there is non-compliance, but it is hoped that the intensive engagement approach will enable partners to support residents and landlords to work through concerns together.

12. Partners have been working to strengthen and increase the local youth offer, both on street and from local facilities. There are now two evenings of jointly led local Youth Service and Active Leeds provision. Over 20 young people are regularly attending and engaging in sports activities on Nowell Mount Park, along with 5/6 local mums. Active Leeds are working with Leeds United, Leeds Rhinos and Yorkshire Cricket to explore local opportunities. Over the summer holidays Meeting Point received wellbeing funding to provide packed lunches for the children on the Tuesday session and Feel Good Factor have been running cooking sessions on a Thursday.
13. Compton Hub have developed a Youth Engagement Programme to be run from the centre which was funded by the Inner East Community Committee. The programme runs 5 nights a week and aims to positively engage young people in Harehills, Burmantofts and Richmond Hill in activities designed to increase cohesion within the community, raise aspirations and reduce the level of anti-social behaviour. The sessions have gone very well with an average of 25-30 attending the Tuesday and Thursday youth group sessions, 24 at the first boxing session and 11 at the first girls group delivered by Shantona.
14. A 7-a-side football match took place on the 15 August at the Co-op Academy and a Young people's fun day was held on the 20th August on Nowell Mount Park. This was funded by Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Councillors. There were activities for young people at the event and an 'engagement tent' where the Communities Team, Active Leeds, Voice and Influence, Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, the Social Work Team, Migrant Community Networkers and a number of local mums worked together to engage with the local community.

Lincoln Green

15. Work in Lincoln Green priority neighbourhood is continuing to progress. At the Core Team meeting held in June, an activity plan was produced that identified five key priorities; children & young people, health & wellbeing, place, community and finance.
16. The plan highlighted local activity that is currently being undertaken to help deliver improvements against each priority. Taking each priority in turn, the key developments will be outlined in point 17- 22 of this report.

Children & Young People

17. Phase 2 of the Lindsey Gardens uplift work is underway. A project funded by both local elected members and the Housing Advisory Panel has seen a community garden installed and existing play equipment re-painted.



18. A children and young people's day, which was funded by Burmantofts and Richmond Hill councillors, was held in Lincoln Green on Monday 13 August. Led by the council's Youth Service the event was also attended by local partners, East Street Arts, the Communities Team and the council's Voice and Influence Team.

19. Discussions are planned with the council's asset management team over the lease for Leeds Refugee Forum in a bid to help improve the centre and to look to provide future youth provision from there.

20. Active Leeds and Youth Service will be delivering weekly football and sports sessions on the Multi-Use Games Area and at Bridge Church from September. They will take place on Wednesdays from 4.30-6pm.

Health and Wellbeing

21. A health needs assessment has been carried out in Lincoln Green and will be the focus of the next Core Team in September. The in-depth study has been undertaken by colleagues in Public Health and has sought to identify cross cutting issues that affect the health of residents in Lincoln Green.

Place

22. Plans for a Local Centres Plan (LCP) bid are being scoped out in conjunction with elected members to improve the physical and aesthetic appearance of Lincoln Green Square. Deadline for submissions are autumn 2018.

23. Wi-Fi has been funded by elected members and soon-to be-installed at Lincoln Green Community Centre in bid to improve the offer there for users and services.

Community

24. A Great Together event was held on Lincoln Green Square on Friday 22 June. The event, co-produced by local group Touchstone, Bridge Community Church, East Street Arts and the Communities Team was very well attended and provided a great opportunity to talk to local people in the heart of their neighbourhood.



25. Lincoln Green Film Festival is still in development with a ‘taster’ event planned for mid-November as part of the wider Leeds International Film festival. It is an aspiration to hold a weekend of film screenings in summer 2019.

26. A social value questionnaire has been co-designed with colleagues in Housing Leeds and the council’s data and intelligence and policy service to measure success in Lincoln Green over the next 12 months. It is intended that the questionnaire is baselined in autumn 2019.

27. The opportunity to increase and innovate around local English for Speakers of Other Languages provision has been identified and could be delivered via the Controlling Migration fund. Details of when the fund will go “live” are imminent.

28. An Integrated Communities Innovation Fund expression of interest has been submitted by Active Leeds (supported by Core Team partners) that, if successful, would see some extra resource in the form of staff coming into the priority neighbourhoods in East Leeds (including Lincoln Green) to better connect residents from differing backgrounds via sport and creative activity.

29. Active Leeds and the Communities Team have agreed to work with Shakespeare Primary School to develop extra-curricular sports activities and adult learning / family support opportunities for parents. The aim is to introduce some activities at the school after the October half term.

Finance

30. An employment and skills sub group has been established in Lincoln Green. Going forward the group will look at how best to utilise funding streams such as the Community Lead Local Development (CLLD) pot for projects such as pre-employment provision in Lincoln Green.

31. A meeting has been held with representatives from the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust around their link to the local community and how they could link into the priority neighbourhood work. Early discussions have identified the opportunity to better target recruitment activity in Lincoln Green.

Boggart Hill

32. The Boggart Hill Core Team is now well established with the 6th meeting due to take place in September. A wide range of partners have demonstrated commitment, including third sector organisations LS14 Trust and Chapel FM who have provided vital local perspective and supported the group to adopt an Asset-Based Community Development approach to neighbourhood improvement.
33. Notably the two local high schools have engaged in the Core Team and are starting to develop projects and workstreams with local partners, particularly to raise pupil and family aspirations.
34. A lead GP from the Local Care Partnership has also made vital contributions and is keen to work with colleagues and partners to tackle domestic violence, mental health and other prevalent health issues.

Ward Updates

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

35. The annual Lark in the Park event took place on 21 July in East End Park. This year, the event celebrated its 10th Birthday and the community was treated to one of the best turnouts yet. It is estimated that between 2500 and 3000 people attended the event. The event is organised by Community Unity, however there is a strong partnership approach to bringing everything together and delivering it on the day. The partnership included local residents, Zest, Richmond Hill Elderly Action, local councillors, Housing Advisory Panel, Leeds Mencap, Leeds Let's Get Active, St Vincent's, Freedom Church, Richmond Hill Children's Centre, Hope City Project and the Youth Service. All activities at the event were free of charge and the cost of food and refreshments were kept to an affordable amount. Satisfaction surveys carried out from the event had an average score of 9.3 out of a possible 10, showing that the event was very well received by the thousands who attended.



36. An action day took place in the Bellbrookes on 1 August. It was arranged by Canopy Housing who have an office on Bellbrooke Place and have been actively engaging with local residents. The action day saw local children helping with a community clean up and learning about how to keep their neighbourhood clean and tidy. Local councillors, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Cleaner Neighbourhoods team and the Police were also in attendance to promote key messages to local residents via an interpreter.

37. The action day coincided with a focus of work in the area, which has included a follow-up community clean-up organised by Clean Leeds and a multi-agency door knock promoting reporting lines for anti-social behaviour and crime and enforcing scrap metal legislation organised by the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team have also paid increased attention to the area, advising residents on waste disposal, fly tipping and tidy yards.



38. The annual Burmantofts Gala had another successful year with an estimated turnout of over 1500 people over the 4 hours of the event. The event was supported by approximately 35 volunteers on the day who helped with setting up, running the attractions and clearing up afterwards. The event was funded by Burmantofts and Richmond Hill councillors, the Inner East Housing Advisory Panel and the Veolia RERF Community Benefit Fund.



39. Burmantofts and Richmond Hill councillors funded the Youth Service to deliver Young People's Fun Days across the ward throughout summer. The events were well attended and well received by local residents.

Killingbeck and Seacroft

40. Two events took place in Seacroft over the Great Get Together weekend to bring communities together to show 'we have more in common than which divides us' in memory of Jo Cox. This involved food, music, entertainment and games and took place at Deacon House on Saturday and were organised by the Community Hub and on Sunday at Seacroft Village Green organised by Chapel FM.
41. The annual Seacroft Gala took place at Rein Park organised by LS14 Trust which was enjoyed by all, with great activities, stalls, live music, arts and crafts and lots more.
42. In July a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) was installed in Rein Park and has already been well used and is being linked to an ongoing wellbeing project for young people in Boggart Hill. This was funded using Section 106 funding. The project's aim is to engage with young people in the neighbourhood and reduce anti-social behaviour issues.
43. Streetworks Soccer are also using Rein Park for their sessions with young people as well as a new Rein Runners group who are running a Couch to 5k programme.
44. LS14 Trust organised a Playbox to be installed in Rein Park with a worker organising play sessions to take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for children and families over the summer.
45. There has been a focus on children and young people to address significant youth nuisance, anti-social behaviour and low levels of engagement and aspiration.
46. A communications and community engagement sub group has also been established with a '12 weeks of activity' campaign launched in partnership with LS14 Trust. This has included postcode targeted Facebook promotion of events, the analytics of which are currently being reviewed. This campaign has launched a priority neighbourhood survey to assess baseline views of residents. Housing Leeds have been instrumental in rolling this out as part of the Annual Home Visit. The Communities Team and partners are completing the survey with residents in private rented properties and new Keepmoat and Strata homes and at local events. An on-line version is also available. In addition a welcome pack has been produced and due to be distributed to all households within the priority neighbourhood on September / October.
47. In the last 12 weeks a Project Development Worker Apprentice has been in post who has made connections with 3 local GP surgeries and is exploring ways the council and GP surgeries can work together by running a health fair and having stalls in the surgeries to help engage with patients.

48. The Project Development Worker is making quick progress identifying need and supporting residents to set up new groups and has been setting up a Community Health Champions scheme which aims to addressing the needs of the local community and set up activities. 9 people are already interested getting involved. The planned activities include; a coffee morning, chess club, cinema club, chair based exercise, working wardrobe, Seacroft social and 'use your village green'.

Gipton and Harehills

49. Preparations are underway for Harehills Festival which will take place on Sunday 23 September from 12-4pm. LS14 Trust are coordinating the festival and there are plans for various activities and stalls including bhangra dancing and more.



50. The resident-led Facebook group 'Harehills Community Watch' now has over 1500 followers and has encouraged residents to report issues in the area such as fly tipping. The group has worked with the Communities Team to engage local residents in council consultation and activity.

51. Planning is underway for the Gipton Conversation Dinner which aims to provide residents an opportunity to get to know their community and speak to people they may not ordinarily have the chance to meet.

52. A neighbourhood vision meeting will be taking place at the Compton Centre on 1 October where services will come together to share good practice, answer questions and take feedback to shape service delivery.

53. £25,000 has been secured via Section 106 funding to make improvements to Banstead Park's facilities. The improvements were shaped by the public feedback completed earlier this year.

54. A selective licencing consultation is currently underway and will be live until 31 October. The Harehills neighbourhood improvement board and the Clifton's and Nowell's Core Team are supporting the publicity for the consultation.



55. Multi-language welcome packs are being created in partnership with the Communities Team, Safer Leeds, Refuse and Community Leadership Team to share across communities that have seen an increase of migration in recent years. Guidance around good practice will be included, which focusses on safety, anti-social behaviour challenges and environmental challenges.
56. A new play area is being installed at the Compton Centre.
57. CATCH ran a successful series of summer activities for young people in the area including sport, sessions around identity and diversionary activities to prevent anti-social behaviour. Gipton and Harehills councillors allocated wellbeing funding towards these successful activities.

Environment Sub-Group

58. The Environment sub- group met on Tuesday 21 August 2018. The sub-group is made up of Cllr Denise Ragan (chair), Cllr Arif Hussain and Cllr Katie Dye and is attended by officers from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team, Housing, Parks & Countryside and Waste Management. Discussions took place around ward-based issues, improvements to bin yards, plant overgrowth, weed-spraying and changes within the teams, amongst other areas.
59. A key item to note is the chair-approved 'Keep Harehills Tidy' Campaign Update Report and the recommendation for it to be taken to Community Committee. The Chair also approved for the work to be handed over to the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team in order to maintain momentum in the campaign. Report attached as **Appendix 1**.

Inner East Committee Facebook account

60. The Communities Team officers have continued to use social media to promote the activities of the Inner East Community Committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. The Inner East Community Committee Facebook page

currently has 762 followers. In the past month, the page has reached 8902 people and 1320 people have actively engaged with posts.

Public Health

61. Every quarter, Public Health have committed to providing an update to the community committee of key pieces of work in the locality. This is attached to this report as **Appendix 2.**

Conclusion

The work of the Communities Team in partnership with council departments, external partners and with elected members is working towards the priorities of the Community Committee and the aspirations of the neighbourhood improvement and 'priority neighbourhood' approaches. This programme of work should be seen as a work in progress which is consolidating the Community Committee's role as a local decision-making body by strengthening the links between the local authority and the communities it serves.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

1. Note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.
2. To note the 'Keep Harehills Tidy' Campaign Update report, as contained in Appendix 1 and that the campaign is to be handed over to the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team.
3. To note the Public Health Locality Update report, as contained in Appendix 2.