

Report of: Area Leader

Report to: Inner North East Community Committee – Chapel Allerton, Moortown, Roundhay wards

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To Note

Area Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report provides an update on the work programme of Inner North East Community Committee, its recent successes and current challenges. It also provides a general update on other activities in the Inner North East area. Partner organisations and council services can also contribute information to the update report.
2. Members are asked to note the report and any key messages.

Main Issues

INE Environmental Sub Group

3. The Environmental Sub Group met on 15 January 2019. The meeting was chaired by the Environment Champion, Cllr Sharon Hamilton and representatives from Parks & Countryside, Waste Management, and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team were in attendance.
4. Mike Kinnaird from Parks & Countryside provided various service updates. Parks and Countryside are still in the mist of winter work and the grass cutting will begin in the first week of March, weather permitting.
5. Moortown Park is open and is being well used. A new children's playground in Roundhay Park is also open and this was funded all by an active community group. An artificial cricket pitch has also been installed at Roundhay Park.
6. Matthew Birkett from Waste Management provided updates on the Christmas period and the adjusted bin collections. Matthew reported that overall this went well and there were no major issues reported. Garden waste collections will start to take place again in March.

7. A large piece of work that will be taking place in the next six months will be the review of all the routes. This is to ensure that new builds are taken into account and routes are made less disjointed and also to address any ongoing concerns.
8. Marc Otley from the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team updated the group regarding the de-leaving programme, staff changes and self-seeding trees and fly tipping. The next meeting will take place May.

INE Finance Sub Group

9. The INE Finance Sub Group comprises one Member from each ward. Since the last committee meeting the group have met on 11 January 2019 to consider applications for funding and make recommendations to the INE Community Committee. Details of all funding decisions that have completed the consultation process have been reported through the INE Finance Report.
10. Meetings have been booked in with the INE Finance sub group in March to sift through the YAF applications received during the funding call out, which is taking place from 8 February to 8 March 2019.

Neighbourhood Improvement

Chapelton

11. Through consultation with the Chapel Allerton Ward Councillors, a number of Action Day dates have been scheduled through the spring. The first of these Action Days took place in the Granges & Hamiltons area of Chapelton with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team supporting Communities Team officers, Ward Councillors and residents to tidy up the local area with a litter-pick and removal of fly-tipping/bulky waste. Further dates have been set for 23 March (Roundhays/Bracken Edge), 27 April (Beckhills) and 18th May (TBC).



12. A public meeting was organised to discuss growing local concerns around traffic and parking in Leopold Street, Spencer Place and surrounding streets. The meeting was held at the Al-Khidmat hall at Leeds Islamic Centre on Spencer Place on 19 February. Highways officers, Communities Team, Ward Councillors and the local police were in attendance to listen to residents' concerns and discuss options to address any identified issues.
13. Early planning meetings for the August Bank Holiday events of Leeds Black Music Festival and Leeds West Indian Carnival continues with a TENs Licensing Sub Group meeting held in January and a LBMF & Carnival Community meeting held in February. Efforts are being made to mitigate the impact of the events on the local community and

further engagement will be taking place with residents to support this in the build up to the 2019 events.

14. The Prince Philip Centre User Group is back up and running providing effective partnership working to support the usage of the community facility. At the time of writing this report a date has been set for a similar Mandela Centre User Group to meet in February.

Meanwood Seven Estates

15. Following the initial meeting back in December which saw the Meanwood Seven Estates Partnership (NIP) reconvene, the group met again in January. Local partners have expressed their delight that the group has been re-established to help avoid duplication and ensure cross referrals between partner agencies and third sector organisations. A data profile for the 'seven estates' area has been compiled to support priority setting and the group are set to meet again in March/April time. Key priorities include work to tackle social isolation, employment, crime & ASB, and youth provision.

Health & Wellbeing

16. An update on health and wellbeing work from Public Health in the Inner North East area has been provided in Appendix 1 of this report. The update includes information on cold weather and isolated and vulnerable residents, lunch clubs, cold weather and older citizens and winter friends and finally social isolation.

NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group

Your views needed on Leeds urgent treatment centres proposal

17. NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has developed a proposal for urgent treatment centres for the citizens of Leeds and would like to hear your views. Over the last few years we have spoken to local people who have told us that it's not always clear who would be best placed to help you, or a loved one, when you're not feeling well or have been injured.
18. This is especially the case where you feel you need to be seen quite quickly but you know it's not an emergency. We know that the way services are currently designed to help you in this situation – which we often call urgent care services – are not easy to understand. Urgent care is care that someone feels is needed on the same day but their illness or injury is not life-threatening. This could include anything from cuts, minor injuries, bites or stings through to mild fevers, vomiting and diarrhoea etc.
19. We feel that our proposals will help simplify the system for you when you have an urgent care need.
20. The CCG is encouraging people to feedback their views by completing a survey, available online or in paper format. You can also attend one of the events the CCG has organised. Further details are available on the web address below.
21. Read the proposals in full and have your say today: www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/UTCSurvey.

The Leeds Big Thank You campaign

22. We write to make you aware of a new citywide campaign, the 'big thank you / you can be a winter hero'. This is a system-wide campaign that covers the NHS, Leeds City Council, community and voluntary sector organisations, carers and the unsung heroes among our communities. I hope you will join me in supporting this very compassionate campaign that we recently launched with the Yorkshire Evening Post.
23. Please join us in: Saying a public thank you to all those in our wards who are helping people stay well this. Write your message on the board here:
www.bigthankyouleeds.co.uk - you can see the messages we've already received here:
<https://bigthankyouleeds.co.uk/big-thank-you-gallery/>
24. Sharing the message on your social media and at events you are at, that we can all be winter heroes by: looking after our own health, checking in on our elderly or vulnerable neighbours and being prepared for bad weather.
25. The campaign seeks to encourage people to say a thank you to their winter heroes from all walks of life. This could range from frontline public sector staff, community and voluntary staff as well as people within our communities who look out for others such as unpaid carers or a community connector. At the same time we are also encouraging people to think about small steps they could take so that they too could be a winter hero. This could include getting a flu jab, looking out for neighbour or planning ahead for any bad weather. This is an opportunity to try an innovative approach to deliver some of our key prevention messages for winter in an effort to reduce wider system pressures.
26. We're pleased with the support we've received locally from the NHS in Leeds, Leeds City Council and our community and voluntary sector organisations. Recently we have also been joined by West Yorkshire Police, the British Transport Police and the Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
27. You will know many individuals and organisations in your ward and beyond who keep your community and the city going through winter and beyond. Now's a great chance to say thanks to them.

We're Proud to be 'Looking out for our Neighbours'

28. We are excited to announce that we are supporting a brand new community campaign from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership.
29. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' is a new campaign that aims to help prevent loneliness in our communities by encouraging people to do simple things to look out for one another.
30. Although lots of people in Leeds are already doing great things to help those around them, there is still more we can all do to positively impact on the wellbeing of others.
31. A Health Foundation report (December 2018) highlighted how living alone can make older people 50% more likely to find themselves in A&E than those living with family.

Pensioners living alone are also 25% more likely to develop a mental health condition. 'Looking out for our Neighbours' aims to change this - by inspiring people to do small things to reach out to the people around them.

32. The campaign will launch on the 15th March across West Yorkshire and Harrogate and has been co-created with over 100 residents in these areas, drawing on their neighbourly experiences. Keep an eye out for more information.

Community Events

33. The following events have either taken place recently or will take place in the Inner North East area between the submission of this report and the Community Committee meeting date.

Youth Summit

34. On 29 January the Inner North East Youth Summit took place at the Civic Hall. The event was a great success with 90 pupils attending in total. This included pupil representatives from 10 different schools (including 2 secondary) representing all of the three Inner North East wards: Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay.
35. The results from the consultation are currently being collated and this will help to influence how the Youth Activity Fund is spent in this area. The results of the consultation will be shared with elected members and partners so that the voice of young people in this area will impact on the youth projects that take place.
36. The young people engaged in all of the activities and they were great representatives of their school and for young people in this area.
37. Following on from the youth summit a funding round is currently open from 8 February until 8 March.



Moortown and Meanwood Welcome Stones

38. Working with Moortown Community Group and Meanwood Valley Partnership, the Moortown councillors funded four welcome stones. In December last year, three out of the four stones have been installed. The fourth and final stone will be installed once the East Leeds Orbital Roundabout has been completed.



Moortown Park

39. In December a new large green play space with a secure dedicated play area for younger children opened. The park features a play area with swings, monkey bars and a roundabout, as well as a sandpit and seating areas.



Roundhay Park

40. The start of this year saw the official opening of the new playground at Roundhay Park. With the support of local councillors, the majority of the funding of the playground was done through Friends of Roundhay Park. The new play area features include a castle, pirate ship, static train, swings, somersault bars and an explorer's bridge and a roundabout.



Communications & Social Media

41. The Communities Team officers have continued to use social media to promote the activities of the Inner North East Community Committee as well as advertising community events and local opportunities. The INE Facebook page recently reached 717 'likes' up 10 from the 707 reported at the last Community Committee in December 2018. Social media continues to be an important communications tool between the council and local residents, and work is ongoing as to how this resource can be further utilised.

Conclusion

42. The report outlines a wide range activities being undertaken or supported by the Community Committee.

Recommendations

43. That members of the committee note the contents of the report and make comment where appropriate.