

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 1ST OCTOBER, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, P Gruen, M Harland,
H Hayden, J Lennox, J Lewis, M Midgley
and N Sharpe

15 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations.

16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Dobson, S Field and S McCormack.

17 Minutes - 18 June 2019

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

18 Matters arising from the Minutes

Further to Minute No.7 Community Committee Appointments, it was reported that there was a request for Councillor M Dobson to replace Councillor S Field as the representative on the Swillington Educational Charity.

RESOLVED – That Councillor M Dobson be appointed as the Outer East Community Committee representative on the Swillington Educational Charity in place of Councillor S Field.

19 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 within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. On this occasion no members of the public present wished to speak.

20 Outer East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities provided the Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy budget for 2019.

Bal Birdi, Senior Localities Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to the following:

- There was £13,884.90 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue Budget for 2019/20.
- Applications for consideration:
 - Primrose Park Temporary CCTV - £1,500 requested
 - St Benedict's Allotments Poly Tunnels - £900 requested – as there were no Garforth Members present it was suggested that this application be deferred.
 - Premier League Kicks - £9,215.49 requested from Youth Activity Funds.
 - Outer East Youth Summit - £1,200 requested from Community Engagement funds.
- Remaining budgets for Capital spending and Youth Activity Funds.
- Process for spending Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That the following Wellbeing proposals be approved:
 - Primrose Park Temporary CCTV - £1,500
 - Premier League Kicks - £9,215.49
 - Outer East Youth Summit 2019 - £1,200
- (3) That the following Wellbeing proposal be deferred:
 - St Benedict's Allotments Poly Tunnels
- (4) That monitoring of funded projects be noted.
- (5) That details of the Youth Activity Fund be noted.
- (6) That details of the Community Skips budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (8) That details of the Community infrastructure Levy be noted.

21 Outer East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Area Leader brought Members' attention to an update of work which the Communities Team is engaged in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for further questioning, or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

It also provided regular updates on some of the key activities between Community Committee meetings and functions delegated to Community Committees, Community Champion roles, community engagement, partnership and locality working.

Bali Birdi, Senior Localities Officer presented the report.

Key issues highlighted included the following:

- There had been updates on YAF projects at the recent meeting of the Children and Families Sub Group. It was reported that young people

from the Youth Matters group had gone on to employment within the Youth Service and were also undertaking NVQ Level 3 training.

- Environment Sub-Group – It was reported that the Grit Bin process had been simplified and information had been passed to Ward Members.
- Health and Wellbeing – The Summer Nutrition Campaign and Smoke Free Sidelines campaign. It was reported that there was due to be a meeting with the Local Care Forum.
- Community Engagement – dates of forthcoming forum meetings.
- Social Media Update.
- Youth Matters.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

22 Outer East Community Committee - Forward Plan

The report of the Area Leader introduced the Outer East Community Committee Forward Plan for 2019/20. It detailed the Community Committee meeting dates and set out workshop themes as well as providing an update on engagement with local communities.

It also highlighted the role of the Community Committee Champions and the work of the Community Committee in relation to the Council's Constitution and associated delegations which are managed through its sub group structure.

Bali Birdi, Senior Localities Officer presented the report.

Members' attention was brought to for the coming workshops that were detailed in Table 1 of the report.

The following was discussed:

- Christmas for Good Neighbours – It was reported that Ward Members in Crossgates and Whinmoor had ring-fenced funding for local parties.
- International Older People's Day – There had previously been more locally held events to celebrate this and it was felt there should be a return to a more local format of provision.
- ELOR Workshop – The Leeds City Council team and WYCA were commended for their work on some of the big junction schemes that were nearing completion and it was suggested that Members received a presentation to summarise the works. Reference was also made to new homes that were to be built in Outer East Leeds and proposals for GP/Health Centres.
- Due to the deferral of the item for Climate Change, it was reported that an additional meeting would be held in November 2019.

The Chair welcomed Kris Nenadic, Parks Operation Manager to the meeting to update the Committee following the Executive Board report: Adapting Parks and Green Spaces for Climate Change. The following was highlighted:

- Parks and Countryside approach to help achieve the City to become carbon neutral by 2030.
- Parks and Countryside had responsibility for 4,000 hectares of land which accounted for 7% of the footprint of the city.
- The benefit of trees for removing CO2 from the atmosphere and capturing carbon.
- Not just about tree planting – areas where grass did not need to be cut as frequently and how this could have biodiversity benefits. Ward Members would be consulted.
- There would be an audit of all parks and areas considered for tree planting. There would be further discussion with the Environment Sub-Group.
- It was hoped to commence tree planting before the end of the year.

Further discussion included maintenance of wild flower meadows, funding for tree planting, landscaping schemes in new developments and use of volunteers.

The Chair welcomed Inspector Mick Preston to the meeting.

The Committee was given an update on Policing staff across the area and latest crime figures. Crime was generally reducing but there had been an increase in Kippax and Methley. There was concern regarding a rise in anti-social behaviour although this was now reducing. Members were also informed of PCSO involvement across the area.

Members had noted a creditable improving in policing across the area and thanks were expressed to Inspector Preston and the Neighbourhood Policing Team for their work in Outer East Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

23 Climate Emergency and Air Quality

This item was deferred as the presenting officer was unable to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED – That an additional meeting be arranged in November 2019 to consider Climate Emergency and Air Quality.

24 Get Set Leeds - Making Leeds a More Active City

The report of the Director of Public Health and Head of Active Leeds presented the Committee with the following:

- An update on the progress made in relation to ‘Making Leeds a More Active City’
- An update on the development of the Physical Activity Social Movement and Ambition for Leeds
- An overview of ‘Get Set Leeds’ and starting the city wide conversation.

- Information to enable Community Committee Members to support and champion the conversation.

Neil Jones, Active Leeds Partnership Manager and Sally Hall, Advanced Health Improvement Specialist gave the Committee a presentation.

The following was highlighted:

- Barriers to physical activity;
- Links to Inclusive Growth Strategy and Health & Wellbeing Strategy;
- Health benefits of physical activity;
- Health statistics for Outer East Leeds
- Social Prescribing and referrals to physical activity;
- Engagement with residents, organisations and schools;
- How to influence policy makers;
- The need to have walkways, cycle paths, greenspace in new developments

Further to comments and questions, the following was discussed:

- Members were asked for ways in which Get Set Leeds could be championed and what other groups and events could be used for promotion.
- Positive impacts of physical activity on mental health.
- Use of Community Committee funding for provision and renovation of physical activity facilities.
- Work with schools and promoting walking to school.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

25 Growing Zone

The report of Growing Zone informed the Committee of a presentation regarding the Growing Zone Project in Kippax.

June Perkin, Chair of the Growing Zone and young people involved with the Growing Zone gave the Committee a presentation.

The Growing Zone is a community garden project in Kippax, created from five derelict allotments to bring together everyone, with or without disabilities, visual impairment and learning needs, in an environment that is safe. Where they can learn from each other, build up their confidence, mix with other people from the community, be taught about the land, how to grow vegetables, flowers and fruit and be out in the fresh air having fun and building friendships.

The land had been acquired in 2007 and the Committee was shown before and after pictures which demonstrated the transformation of the land by those involved in the project. As well as gardening, young people had also been involved in woodworking, painting and construction. There had also been the creation of a Youth Employment Support (YES) Team which attended local schools and colleges to give life skills talks.

The young people involved in the project addressed the Committee and gave details of their involvement in the project. Building confidence, making friends, learning new skills, working in the community and involvement with the YES team were some of the benefits they gained. Further activities included helping with a school allotment; partnership with the Little Beck Trust, fund raising from sale of their goods and work with their sponsors. The project had also had a visit from HRH The Princess Royal.

Members wholeheartedly welcomed the presentation and gave those involved a round of applause for their good work.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

26 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at 4.00 p.m.