

OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

PRESENT: Councillor P Grahame in the Chair

Councillors D Coupar, M Dobson, S Field,
J Gibson, H Hayden, J Lennox,
S McCormack and N Sharpe

16 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals.

17 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

18 Late Items

There were no late items.

19 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations.

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Harland, Lewis and Midgley.

21 Minutes - 28 June 2022

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

22 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 wished to speak.

23 Leeds United Foundation Presentation

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community Committee with an update from Leeds United Foundation and Premier League Kicks activities.

Michael Kinsey and Richard Foye attended the meeting to give the Committee a presentation.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- The Premier Leagues Kicks programme engaged local communities through the power of sport and was now operational seven days a week across Leeds.
- Provision across Outer East Leeds included drop in football sessions, work alongside the Youth Service and other community work.
- Reference was made to the mentoring scheme in Halton Moor and work with families to help create better communities.
- There was a focus on Health, Participation and Education.
- Activities provided during the school holidays which included the provision of meals.
- Other foundation work included Women's and Girls football, Walking Football, Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing.

Members expressed their thanks for the delivery and success of the service which had made a big difference to young people's lives and their outcomes. Reference was made to the diversionary impact and the effect on preventing anti-social behaviour and Members stated their continued support for the programme.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

24 Highways – Annual Improvement Consultation

The report of the Highway Asset Manager provided the Community Committee with an update on the Highways Annual Improvement Consultation.

Ian Moore, Highways Asset Manager presented the report.

The following was highlighted:

- The annual consultation with Ward Members covered the following five year program for highway reconstruction works.
- An overview of the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure (WMHI) code of practice.
- Streams of funding for highways works including funding that was available from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.
- Details of the Asset Management Policy and Strategy.
- There was a focus on preventative work rather than complete reconstruction schemes.

- The Highways Communications Strategy.
- Addressing the climate emergency through different use of materials and techniques.
- Communication and engagement.
- There was a continual review of all streets and roads to determine what state of repair was required. This informed the priority list for planned works.
- It was aimed to have less than 10% of roads in the highest category for repair.

In response to questions and comments, the following was discussed:

- Concern where unsatisfactory works had to be redone. Work carried out by sub-contractors was guaranteed for two years and they were obliged to carry out any necessary repairs.
- Concern with the use of surface dressing on quieter roads where this did not bed in quickly. This issue would be fed back as part of the consultation.
- Utility companies were required to get a permit before carrying out any works and there was an expectation for road and footpath conditions to be maintained. Works were inspected following utility company excavations and any reports would be responded to.
- The need to improve communication with local residents when works were taking place and for any communication to be less technical and explained more clearly.
- There was to be a review of road signage.
- It was requested that Elected Members be notified when any unscheduled works were to be carried out.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

25 Outer East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships provided the Community 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 2022/23.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- There was £64,417.24 remaining in the Wellbeing Revenue budget. A ward by ward breakdown was given.
- Wellbeing projects for consideration. Members were supportive of the following applications:
 - Garforth Barley Hill – Parks & Countryside - £35,000 (CIL)
 - Operation Dieselcrest – East Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team - £1, 4824.04 (Tasking)

Cross Gates & Whinmoor - £615.76

Garforth & Swillington - £135.07

Kippax & Methley - £256.06

Temple Newsam - £475.15

- Monitoring information of applications funded by the Committee
- Delegated Decisions taken since the last meeting.
- Remaining balances in the Youth Activities Fund; Small Grants, Skips, Tasking, Capital, and Community Infrastructure Levy budgets.

It was reported that evaluation of projects that had been funded during the pandemic was ongoing and an update would be provided following this evaluation.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That details of the Wellbeing Budget position be noted.
- (2) That the following Wellbeing proposals be approved:
 - Garforth Barley Hill – Parks & Countryside - £35,000 (CIL)
 - Operation Dieselcrest – East Leeds Neighbourhood Policing Team - £1, 4824.04 (Tasking)
 - Cross Gates & Whinmoor - £615.76
 - Garforth & Swillington - £135.07
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 - Temple Newsam - £475.15
- (3) That details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision be noted.
- (4) That details of the Youth Activities Fund be noted.
- (5) That details of the Small Grants budget be noted.
- (6) That details of the Skips Budget be noted.
- (7) That details of the Tasking Budget be noted.
- (8) That details of the Capital Budget be noted.
- (9) That details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget be noted.

26 Outer East Community Committee - Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought Member's attention to work which the Communities Team was involved in based on priorities identified by the Community Committee. It also provided opportunities for questioning or to request a more detailed report on a particular issue.

Charlotte Fletcher, Localities Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- Children & Families – The Sub Group had met to discuss the Youth Summit. The Youth Summit would consist of a consultation event followed by activities. West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Leeds Rhinos Foundation and Leeds United Foundation would be in attendance. Thanks were expressed to all officers involved in the planning for the Youth Summit.

- Community Safety – Arrangements were being made for Sub Group meetings and a schedule would be sent out in due course. Members raised concerns regarding a lack of public confidence in reporting crime and anti-social behaviour. It was reported that that this issue had also been highlighted at PACT meetings and raised with the Chief Officer for Community Safety and Community Safety Champions.
- Environment – It had not been possible to get officers to attend the committee meeting. An update was given on the work of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team and thanks were expressed for their excellent responsive work.
- Employment, Skills and Welfare – The report gave an update on Universal Credit across Outer East and the work of the Employment & Skills Service. Further issues highlighted included the Leeds Digital Careers Festival, the Future Talent Pan for the City and apprenticeship opportunities within the Outer East area. There was concern regarding the rise in the number of Universal Credit claimants and the cost of living crisis and how support could be given by the Community Committee.
- Health and Wellbeing – Issues highlighted included work with Care & Repair, support for people with learning disabilities and addressing health inequalities. Members also discussed the need for promoting the Winter Warmth programme and encouraging people to get their flu and covid vaccines.
- Housing – Tom O’Connell, Area Housing Manager gave the Cpmmittee an update. There was still high demand for housing and allocations were being made on priority rather than date of registration. This was due to be reviewed.
- There was a high number of void properties in Kippax & Methley and Garforth & Swillington. Partnership support with the Local Care Partnership and Credit Union was being provided to tenants with assistance due to the cost of living crisis.
- Denise Kempton and Deeta Tren-Humphries gave an update on Youth Service Activity. Members were informed of the various activities that had been held across the summer and plans for October half term and the Youth Summit. The Youth Service would be working with the Police in the run up to mischief night and bonfire night. Further issues highlighted included work with a settlement group from Afghanistan and support for young people transitioning from school to college.
- Jean Barnbrook of the Tribe Youth Group updated the Committee on activities carried out. These included the rebuilding of the community garden and trips to Blackpool and Kingswood Residential Centre. Planning was underway for Halloween activities and a road safety campaign.
- Correspondence had been received from Swarcliffe Good Neighbours Scheme thanking the Committee for funding which had been used to fund trips and lunches.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

27 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 6th December 2022 at 4.00 p.m.