

INNER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE, 2023

PRESENT: Councillor A Hussain in the Chair

Councillors A Ali, S Arif, K Dye, L Farley,
D Jenkins, A Khan and N Manaka

1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the new members of the Committee – Councillor N Manaka from the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill ward and Councillor A Ali from the Gipton & Harehills ward who were elected to Council at the May 2023 local elections.

2 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

3 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

4 Late Items

There were no late items.

5 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

6 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Tudor.

7 Open Forum

The Committee received the following Open Forum submissions;

- One Harehills resident has faced issues with anti-social behaviour from neighbours, and was put in touch with relevant Leeds City Council services.
- One resident was paying a bedroom tax on a three bedroom property where he only needs two bedrooms. The resident was provided with information on how to arrange a housing exchange.
- The same resident has had an issue with people taking away rubbish from bins in the street. This was acknowledged as being a part of a wider financial scam. The resident was encouraged to report all such instances to the police so that they may use the information to build up a map of hotspots.

8 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED – That, subject to the amendments below, the minutes of the previous meeting held 16th March 2023 be agreed as a correct record:

- Minute 53 Update report – to record the non-emergency police number as 101
- Minute 54 Finance Update, second paragraph, to attribute the £4,494.07 to the Killingbeck & Seacroft ward.

9 Matters Arising

Minute 52 – Councillor D Jenkins had received a response from Transport Development Services Manager regarding the use of road blockading.

Minute 53 – Councillor K Dye had requested Climate teams attend future youth summits which will be the approach going forward.

Minute 53 – Councillor D Jenkins had raised the issue of high turnover of senior police leadership in the Inner East area with the West Yorkshire Mayor.

Minute 53 – Councillor D Jenkins enquired about whether the Marmot City agenda will be incorporated into the Localities report to the Executive Board. The Senior Localities Officer confirmed that the Marmot City agenda underpins the Localities work but it has not been specifically mentioned.

The Committee discussed accessible venues for the December meeting, due to weather and light conditions, with Civic Hall being ruled out as an option in order to keep the meetings within the Inner East Community wards.

10 Developing a vision for Community Parks

The Committee received the report of the Chief Officer, Climate, Energy and Green Spaces which provided information on the new approach to community park development in Leeds. The report is a part of a community consultation designed to capture local residents opinions about their parks ahead of future development of the parks.

The Parks Technical Support Officer, Christopher Megginson, attended the meeting and provided the Committee with a presentation which provided details of the Community Park Vision, and the public consultation exercise within the Inner East area. The aim of the plans for each park is for them all to achieve the Leeds Quality Park (LQP) accreditation, which would entail delivering priorities set out in the accreditation such as 'Quality parks', 'Access for All' and 'Health and Wellbeing'. The Vision Plans will include features such as circular paths and improved facilities to meet these objectives

The Parks Technical Support Officer provided the Committee with an oversight of the Leeds City Council Community Parks programme of work. 65 parks across Leeds were identified as Community Parks, which serve primarily serve local residents. City Parks were identified as having amenities which attract people from across the city and beyond.

The Inner East area has six parks identified as Community Parks. The consultation process for East End Park (Burmantofts & Richmond Hill) has begun, with Harehills Park (Gipton & Harehills) due to start. Banstead Park (Gipton & Harehills) has been provisionally scheduled to begin in the next nine months.

The consultation process will contribute to the development of a tailored Vision Plan for each park. The consultation process for East End Park runs until 12th September 2023, and has so far included 250 local flyers and engagement with schools and local organisations. There will be Officer presence in the park to capture local residents views. Whilst there is an online survey the focus has been on enabling those who do not use online services to be able to access the consultation.

The order in which to carry out these consultation exercises was determined by a mixture of factors including existing public access to green space, deprivation, current condition of the parks and likelihood of future funding being obtained. One potential source of funding would be the use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), which is raised through local developments, and so areas where future developments are planned have been prioritised.

After the presentation the Committee discussed the following matters;

- As under 12's cannot participate in consultations, engaging with parents and schools was highlighted as an appropriate way of capturing children's views and needs.
- Killingbeck & Seacroft has had Seacroft Gardens identified as a potential site to be consulted on, but the focus is on six month increments.
- Members would share details of local groups that would be interested in supporting this work with the Parks Technical Support Officer.
- The Committee noted that whilst Active Leeds and Parks are in separate directorates they work closely together, and that this work will support the Marmot City agenda to reduce health inequalities in the city.
- Discussion was had on improving language access to the consultation, such as the use of QR codes.

RESOLVED –

- a) To note the contents of the report and discussions
- b) To note that, in line with the strategy, community parks public consultation activities are being undertaken with community groups, members of the public and schools being contacted.
- c) To note Members' intention to share their knowledge of local groups and networks with the Parks Technical Support Officer.

11 Community Committee Appointments 2023/2024

The City Solicitor submitted a report to the Members of Inner East Community Committee asking Members to note the appointment of Cllr A Hussain as

Chair of the Inner East Community Committee for 2023/24, as agreed at the recent Annual Council Meeting. The report also invited Members to make appointments to Outside Bodies, Corporate Parenting Board, Local Care partnerships, Champions, Clusters and Local Housing Advisory Panels.

The Clerk to the Committee presented the item.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments be made;

| Organisation/Outside Body | Number of Places | Appointed |
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| Chapelton Citizens Advice Bureau | 1 | Cllr A Ali |
| Richmond Hill Elderly Action | 1 | Cllr N Manaka |
| Seacroft Manston Cluster | 1 | Cllr D Jenkins |
| Inner East Cluster | 2 | Cllr A Khan & Cllr A Hussain |
| 2gether Cluster | 1 | Cllr A Ali |
| Local Housing Advisory Panels: | | |
| Inner East HAP | 2 | Cllr L Farley & Cllr A Ali |
| Outer East HAP | 2 | Cllr J Tudor & Cllr D Jenkins |
| Local Care Partnership (Seacroft, Crossgates & York Road) | 2 | Cllr D Jenkins (Seacroft) & Cllr A Khan (York Road) |
| Local Care Partnership HATCH (Harehills, Chapelton, Burmantofts & Richmond Hill) | 2 | Cllr N Manaka (Burmantofts & Richmond Hill) & Cllr A Hussain (Harehills) |
| Champions: | | |
| Children's Services | 1 | Cllr K Dye |
| Environment & Community Safety | 1 | Cllr A Khan |
| Employment Skills & Welfare | 1 | Cllr J Tudor |
| Health, Wellbeing & Adult Social Care | 1 | Cllr D Jenkins |
| Corporate Parenting Board | 1 | Cllr K Dye |

12 YAF Consultation

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report which updated the Committee on the Community Committee Youth Summit, the Youth Activity Fund Consultation and requested the Committee take into consideration the youth consultation when determining the Youth Activity Fund for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Localities Officer presented the item and reported the following;

The Community Committee Youth Summit had 70 young people attend physically, and 477 participated in the online consultation.

Key desired activities identified by young people were;

1. Sports
2. Cooking
3. Dance
4. Youth Clubs
5. Outdoor Adventures
6. Music
7. Arts & Crafts
8. Mixed Activity Fun Days

Councillor K Dye provided further detail on the Youth Summit and ways in which it could be further developed in the future. Council Officers working within Climate, Energy and Green Spaces had attended the event which was received well and has been suggested to other Community Committee Youth Summits.

The Committee and Officers considered that, resources permitting, separate group work with younger children and young people would allow the young people to have more engaging conversations on topics such as climate change.

Councillor D Jenkins informed the Committee of his concern regarding children and vaping, and that the Children and Families Scrutiny Board has been requested to provide further analysis on this issue.

RESOLVED - That the following be noted;

- a. Reflections from the last 12 months (paragraphs 15 – 32 of the report).
- b. Details of the Youth Activity Fund consultation survey (paragraphs 33 - 35).
- c. That the Youth Activity Fund survey informs the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund for 2023/24.
- d. That any projects funded by the Community Committee from the Youth Activity Fund focus on the themes and activity priorities identified in the Youth Activity Fund Consultation Survey in 2023/24.

13 Finance Report

The Head of Locality Partnerships submitted a report to update the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget as well as the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2023/24.

The following issues were highlighted;

- Members were asked to consider the minimum conditions outlined at paragraph 14.
- Since the meeting held on 16th March 2023 there had been no Delegated Decision Notices and no declined applications.
- Monitoring information from the Yorkshire Dance group.
- The Wellbeing Fund remaining position stood at e £198,319.03.
- The Youth Activity Fund (YAF) remaining budget stood at £67,676.21.
- The Small Grants remaining budget stood at £6,364.77 with the following ward breakdown; Burmantofts & Richmond Hill had £3,667.75; Gipton & Harehills £1,283.91; Killingbeck & Seacroft £1,413.11.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) budget stood at £129,074.13.
- The Capital budget stood at £69,760.79 with the following ward breakdown; Burmantofts & Richmond Hill had £27,031.76; Gipton & Harehills £23,551.70; Killingbeck & Seacroft £19,177.33.

The project applications set out in the report and supplementary information, were discussed, and agreed as follows:

| Project Title | Wards | Amount Requested | Decision |
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| Let's Play | Killingbeck & Seacroft | £5,000 (YAF) | Declined |
| Cafeteria Part 2 | Gipton & Harehills | £15,000 | Agreed - £10,000 (£5,000 from Capital and £5,000 from CIL) |
| Connecting Crossgates Multiple Projects | Killingbeck & Seacroft | £3,213 (Wellbeing) | Agreed |
| Eritrean Children and Youth Leeds | Burmantofts & Richmond Hill | £9,412.47 | Declined |
| Seacroft Family Fun Day and Summer Activity Programme | Killingbeck & Seacroft | £2,155 | Declined |
| Sunflower ESOL Gardening Group | Gipton & Harehills | £2,500 | Declined |
| Feel Good Holiday Club | Gipton & Harehills | £1,336.85 | Declined |
| New Horizon Summer Youth Project | Gipton & Harehills | £1,700 | Declined |
| Siblings Support Group | Burmantofts & Richmond Hill | £5,995 | Agreed - £2997.50 (YAF) |
| Mini Breeze – Harehills Park | Gipton & Harehills | £3,800 (YAF) | Agreed |

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| Nowell Mount Community Youth Theatre | Burmantofts & Richmond Hill | £7,950 (YAF) | Deferred |
| Permanent CCTV Camera for Harehills Road | Gipton & Harehills | £28,048 (Wellbeing, CIL & Capital) | Agreed |
| Seacroft Chance | Killingbeck & Seacroft | £2,600 (YAF) | Agreed |
| We Are Seacroft Provision | Killingbeck & Seacroft | £19,646.12 (Wellbeing) | Agreed |

Regarding the LCC Safer Stronger Communities Team application for a Permanent CCTV Camera for Harehills Road, the Committee discussed the costs and benefits involved in using mobile CCTV.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted;

- a. Details of the Minimum Conditions, to review and agree (paragraph 14)
- b. Details of the change regarding the administration of small grants (paragraph 15)
- c. Details of the Wellbeing Budget (Table 1) (paragraph 19)
- d. The determination of funding proposals as detailed above
- e. Details of Delegated Decision Notice (Paragraph 36)
- f. Details of Declined Projects (Paragraph 37)
- g. Details of Monitoring Information (Paragraph 38)
- h. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2) (Paragraph 39)
- i. Details of the Small Grants & Skips Budget (Table 3) (Paragraph 42)
- j. Details of the Capital Budget (Table 4) (Paragraph 43)
- k. Details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget (Table 5) (Paragraph 44)

14 Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships updated Members with the work on the Communities Team had been engaged in based on the priorities of the Community Committee.

The report included a copy of the Social Media Report.

The Localities Officer introduced the report, and summarised key points in the submitted report.

The 2022/23 working sub groups were determined to be;

- Environment and Community Safety Subgroup: Councillor A Khan, Councillor K Dye, Councillor A Hussain
- Children and Young Peoples Subgroup: Councillor K Dye, Councillor N Manaka, Councillor A Ali

Policing

There was an update on policing in the Inner East area by Jonathan Attree, recently appointed as Sergeant for Burmantofts & Richmond Hill.

During discussions the following issues were raised -
Bike thefts - the Committee was informed of around 70 arrests arising from police action. The Police have focused their efforts on identifying the causes of the thefts, which was identified as being for the dismantling and sale of parts. Additionally there has been a focus on identifying the lock ups which are used as part of the thefts.

E-Bikes - The Committee sought clarity on the legality of e-Bikes and were informed that whilst the pedal assisted models are legal, they are often modified which makes their use illegal. It is suspected that stolen e-Bikes are modified in this way.

Drones – Discussion focussed on the challenges involved with using drones as part of operations, as a police officer must obtain 20,000 hours of aviation experience in order to be able to use them there is a significant resource issue. Whilst West Yorkshire Police have drones, they are not in constant usage as a result.

Routes into crime were discussed- Comments on urban street gangs targeting pupils who were excluded from school for offences such as drugs and knives were noted. The aspirational influence of gang members has encouraged young people who are educationally excluded to partake in gang activity. Plain clothes officers have been on patrol in areas known to have high levels of organised crime activity, such as Lincoln Green.

Additionally, the Committee requested that the Police Officer stay in post longer than a year, commenting that the high turnover of senior officers in the area has had an impact on long term partnership working

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

15 Community Comment

Further to minute 7 above, Sergeant Attree engaged with the local resident who had raised issues of anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhood, Sgt Attree also noted the reports of rubbish stealing.

16 Date and Time of next meeting

RESOLVED - The Committee noted that the date and time of the next meeting is 6pm on 14th September 2023.

The meeting concluded at 20:00.