

OUTER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRESENT: Councillor E Bromley in the Chair

Councillors E Thomson, B Anderson,
C Anderson, R Downes, J Garvani, S Lay,
O Edwards, R Jones and S Leighton

13 APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

14 EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no exempt items.

15 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS'

No declaration of interests were made at the meeting.

17 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell and Cllr Flynn.

18 Minutes - 17th June 2024

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2024, be approved as a correct record.

19 Matters arising

Minute 8 - Community Committee Appointments 2024/2025

Cllr Flynn was not present at the meeting held on 17th June, when the appointments were made to the outside bodies.

Since the meeting on 17th June, Cllr Flynn has confirmed that he is agreeable to being the Council's representative for the following:

- Bramhope Youth Development Trust.
- Extended Services North West (ESNW) Cluster.

20 Open Forum

On this occasion there were no members of the public present who wished to speak at the Open Forum. However, the Chair had invited the Outer North West candidates for the Leeds Children's Mayor to attend and present their manifesto for the Community Committee.

Victoria from Horsforth St Margaret's Primary School attended and informed the Members of what her manifesto would be about. She explained that the

Children's Mayor happens every year and 5 children from each of the schools in Leeds get to write about one of the 12 problems. She had chosen to write about physical activities as it benefits healthy learning and healthy habits and there are also benefits to mitigating climate change and other problems.

Victoria read out her manifesto which listed the benefits of exercise as being the key to a healthy community. She explained that she was going to work with her school to organise a competition like the Olympics. She was proposing that the competition would start in her school and the idea was to replicate the idea in schools across Leeds with all children being able to participate in many different sports. There would be health checks and health awareness campaigns for the parents.

Victoria informed the Committee that she wanted to promote a healthy awareness from child to child. The idea of the Olympic Games would promote sport passports and improve park facilities, to make Leeds a more active and happier city.

The Chair thanked Victoria for her presentation and the Committee Members showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

It was noted that the Children's Lord Mayor event would be taking place on Thursday 3rd October, with Victoria being one of the finalists. The Chair and the Committee Members wished Victoria the best of luck.

21 Leeds Streets for All

The report of the Chief Officer, Highways and Transportation was to brief ward members on the Leeds Streets for All consultation findings.

The Committee was informed of the following points:

- This was to provide an update following the Leeds Streets for All consultation which ran from 26th February until 7th April 2024. It was noted that the Outer North West area had attracted lots of comments from the residents.
- The main issues highlighted were:
 - Vehicles and parking
 - Walking and wheeling
 - Cycling
 - Access bus stops and rail stations
 - Street environment
- A presentation was provided, which showed major schemes already ongoing in the area and potential new local cycling and walking routes and the areas that had provided the most comments and the issues that had been raised by residents.

In response to questions from the Members the Committee was provided with the following information:

- It was noted that current communication links should be used by Members to inform of any spending in relation to infrastructure improvements in the Outer North West area. The Highways Team were

encouraging Members to put forward any improvements for their areas so that when funding was available, they would be able to make bids. The team wanted early engagement with Members on any potential projects.

- It had been noted that there was currently no paths or cycle routes in Tranmer Park, the team were aware of the gap in provision and that proper routes would enable the wider network for travelling. However, at present there was no proposed scheme for the park.
- It was recognised that access to the Guiseley train station was currently an issue, and this would be a key element of any proposals going forward.
- In relation to Westbrook Lane, which it was noted had different owners with parts of it being unadopted, Councillors and residents were unsure why there was still parking restrictions. It was noted that this had been added to the report as people had raised parking and the state of the road as a point of concern and this would be addressed through this consultation process if funding became available.
- It was acknowledged that given the different ward boundaries there would be a need to consult with Members of the different wards on any proposals going forward which crossed through boundaries.
- There was concern raised that some of the projects already put forward such as the Lawnswood Roundabout project had been done to the community rather than with the community, and there was a need for proper consultation to be undertaken with Members and residents prior to any schemes being undertaken.
- Concerns were raised in relation to proposals for new cycle routes so that they were properly thought out especially on major routes and that the correct width was provided for cycles and emergency vehicles to use the routes. It was suggested that Ward Members were best placed to offer insight for potential areas.
- The Committee were informed that there would be combined working with the Police and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. This would consider the need for well lit public spaces and routes and link into the Transport Strategy. It was recognised that there would be a need to work with other local authorities which border the boundaries of Leeds.
- It was acknowledged that there had been a good response from the Outer North West on the consultation process, and going forward it would be a key element to do more engagement and meet with community groups face to face to discuss proposals where time allowed.

The Chair used her discretion to invite comments from two residents who had attended the meeting who wished to speak on the Leeds Streets for All report. Mr Illingworth who is a member of a walking group said that he would welcome the proposals for more walking and running routes around the area. He asked that the team consider circular routes and routes of different lengths so that people could use them for recreation as well as a means to travel to different parts of the city.

The Committee were informed that the visit to the Community Committee by the team was the first part of relaying information that had been gathered through the consultation process. It is proposed that results of feedback will be posted online in 2 weeks.

It was noted that Councillors could receive more data if required.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and the presentation.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

22 Outer North West Community Committee Finance Report

This report 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 2024/25.

The Locality Officer presented the report and provided the following information to the Committee:

- There is currently a remaining balance of £67,513.09 (including underspends not listed in Table 1). A full breakdown of the projects was listed in Table 1.
- Since the last Community Committee on 17th June; Five projects have been considered and approved by Delegated Decision Notice and seven projects are currently being processed for approval. Members were advised that some projects had been received on the day of the meeting and would be sent to Members for consideration. It was noted that since the meeting on 11th March 2024, two projects had been declined.
- The current remaining balance for the Youth Activity Fund is £29,162.56. A list of projects was set out in Table 2 along with the balances for each ward.
- Members are asked to note the allocation of Small Grants and Skips listed by ward and summarised in Table 3. It was noted that Guiseley and Rawdon Ward and Horsforth Ward had received a top up to their allocation of £500 from the Wellbeing Budget.
- The Outer North West Community Committee has a remaining capital budget of £33,191.80 available to spend. Members were asked to note the capital allocation listed by ward and summarised in Table 4.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy has a remaining balance of £336,769.09 available to spend. This was detailed by ward in Table 5.

Members were provided with clarification in relation to the Subsidy Control Act 2022 in relation to the impact on Community Committees as set out at Paragraph 10 of the submitted report.

It was noted that there was an error on the report in relation to the dates for the Capital Budget. It was noted that it should have read November 2024 for all wards.

Members highlighted that decisions being taken under the process for delegated decision notices (DDN) were in some cases time sensitive to ensure that the funding was in place for organisations to proceed with the work. The DDN process was provided for the Members, and it was noted that in some cases separate meetings with the Ward Members would be required.

The Committee was due to consider the Arthington SID application. However, Members were provided with an update on a meeting with Highways in relation to a survey and assessment work which may lead to the installation of a CCTV speed camera for the area before moving this application forward. It was noted that once this work had been done, a meeting would be set up with the Adel and Wharfedale Members to discuss further.

RESOLVED -

- a. Details of the Wellbeing Budget position (Table 1) be noted.
- b. Details of the projects approved via Delegated Decision (paragraph 20-21) be noted.
- c. Monitoring information of its funded projects (paragraph 22-23) be noted.
- d. Details of the Youth Activities Fund (YAF) position (Table 2) be noted.
- e. Details of the Small Grants and Skips Budget (Table 3) be noted.
- f. Details of applications for consideration (paragraph 30) to defer for further information.

23 Outer North West Community Committee Update Report

The report of the Head of Locality Partnerships brought to Members' attention an update on the work of the Communities Team, based on the priorities identified by the Community Committee.

Members were provided with the following information:

- A Children and Families sub-group meeting is to take place and an update will be provided at the next Community Committee meeting.
- The Environment and Community Safety sub-group took place on 15th September. It discussed refuse and the recent introduction of the glass collection in the green bins, along with street cleansing and housing. It was noted that Cllr Anderson and Cllr Thomson had met with Inspector Carl Robinson to hold a strategy meeting in relation to the use of electric scooters and bikes in the Outer North West area. The Committee noted that there had been no update since that meeting, however the proposals had been comprehensive, and it was suggested that an update be sought and fed back to Cllr Anderson. Cllr Thomson made mention of some co-working with colleagues in Bradford, but she would look to follow up on this. It was noted that some of the issues in relation to the electric scooters and bikes had been less in the last few months.
- Councillors Anderson, Garvani and Jones had attended a briefing by the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit where they had discussed a change to the way in which work is undertaken for anti-social behaviour. It was

noted that information in relation to the briefing was due to be sent to all Members.

- The Committee was advised of proposals to introduce food waste, and this may be into the existing brown bin, although this had not been confirmed. Issues in relation to this had been discussed and included the regularity of the brown bin collection and whether this would then become a 12 monthly collection and if more than one brown bin would be required. It was suggested that this should be an item for a future Committee meeting.
- The next meeting of the Environment and Community Safety sub-group is due to take place in November.
- LASBT had provided an update which showed crime data broken down by ward.
- The Transport sub-group is due to meet in the next couple of weeks and an update will be provided at the next Community Committee.
- Adults and Health sub-group are due to meet with the update provided at the next Community Committee. An update had been provided by Public Health
- Employment and Skills Universal Credit update had been provided in the submitted report and the sub-group is due to meet shortly.

The Committee Members noted that Cllr Maloney was the liaison link to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Committee.

RESOLVED – To note the content of the report.

24 Date and time of next meeting

RESOLVED – To note the next meeting of the Outer North West Community Committee will be on Monday 2nd December 2024, at 1pm in the Adel and Wharfedale Ward.

Councillor Jones wished it to be minuted that the new sound system in the Council Chamber was not working well.

The meeting concluded at 14:20