

OUTER WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, P Carlill, A Carter,
Amanda Carter, M Gibson, M Harrison,
R Lewis and S Seary

14 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

15 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion Of The Press And Public

There were no exempt items.

16 Late Items

There were no late items.

17 Declaration Of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

18 Apologies For Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

19 Open Forum / Community Forum

In accordance with Paragraphs 4.16 and 4.17 of the Community Committee Procedure Rules, at the discretion of the Chair a period of up to 10 minutes may be allocated at each ordinary meeting for members of the public to make representations or to ask questions on matters within the terms of reference of the Community Committee. This may be extended at the discretion of the Chair. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in the Open Forum, except by permission of the Chair.

On this occasion there were no members of the public in attendance of the meeting.

20 Minutes - 18th July 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018 be approved as a correct record, with the slight amendments made.

Minute 9 – Appointments to outside bodies
Paragraph 5 should read 'Cllr. Amanda Carter to meet with the communities Team to set up an Environment sub-group.'

21 Matters Arising

Minute 9 - Appointments to Outside Bodies

Draft minutes to be approved at the meeting
to be held on Monday, 19th November, 2018

Further to minute 9, Paragraph 3, it was resolved that Councillor Matt Gibson would be appointed to the Health and Wellbeing Champion for the duration of 2018/19 municipal year.

22 Community Committee Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with an update on pieces of work and partnership working that has taken place in the area.

As a part of the report, Members received a policing update provided by Inspector Towers, West Yorkshire Police as per the request from the meeting held on 18th July 2018. Inspector Towers thanked the committee for the invitation and a chance to update Members.

It was noted that a Crime Figures report would be circulated to Members.

Members were made aware of some significant issues in the area in relation to:

- Heights and Bawns has been flagged up with the police. The police were working closely with Social Care and addressing ongoing issues in the area to do with Anti-Social Behaviour
- Drug dealing in Pudsey
- Speeding across all areas of the Outer West area
- Burglaries in the Pudsey area
- Issues were being logged in relation to fireworks being set off at a restaurant in Thornbury
- Ongoing issues with off road bikes
- Traveller encampments

In response to Members questions, Members were informed of a variety of resolutions which could potentially help over a period of time and which the police had implemented or were looking in to.

These included:

1. Crime Act Funding to provide overtime to Officers when and where necessary
2. Install further speeding devices
3. Crime presentation in each ward
4. Funding from Owlcoates to provide Members of the Public with door locks
5. Social Media and exhibition van to advertise what the police are doing to address crime

In response to a question about the deployment of the helicopter, Members were assured that the amount of resources used was based upon each incidents own merits and takes into consideration the safety to members of the public and the amount of threat posed.

Members were informed specific wards will have upcoming activities in place to address issues of crime. Copies of leaflets were available if Members wished to hand them out in their communities.

The Chair thanked Inspector Towers for her update and attendance.

The Community Committee report also provided an update from Public Health on the following issues:

- Maternal Obesity
- CAREVIEW – Social Isolation Support Tool
- Malnutrition Helpline
- Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme

Members were advised of the popularity and growth within the Outer West Communities Team with their use of social media to promote their work and events. It was noted that their Facebook page currently receives a following of 964 people.

RESOLVED – To:

- Receive an update from West Yorkshire Police
- Note the discussions of the Outer West Community Committee and any key messages
- Share and promote the social networking platforms for the Outer West Community Committees

Cllr A Blackburn joined the meeting at 13:25 during discussion of this item

23 Finance Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader updated the Community Committee on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activities Fund for 2018/19 and the current position of the Small Grants and Skips pots.

Members were informed on the current position of the Wellbeing Revenue Budget. Since the last meeting, funding has now been committed to 25 projects for 2018/19 with a balance of £864 still available for allocation for Wellbeing Revenue in the 2018/19 budget.

Members discussed the Centenary Commemorations for the end of the 1st World War in November and were made aware that since the last meeting, the amount approved is £2,400 as requested (£800 per ward.)

Members were invited to consider a number of applications which had been received / approved in Tables 1 and 2 of the submitted report.

Members were informed on the budget position for the Small Grants and Skips. There is £4,462 still available for allocation in the 2018/19 budget.

Members were informed Youth Activity Funding had been committed to 7 projects for 2018/19 and a £10,849.92 budget is still available for allocation.

RESOLVED – To:

- Note the current budget position for the revenue Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 and note or consider applications that have been approved / received since the last meeting at Table 1
- Note the current budget position for the small grants and skips and those applications that have been approved since the last meeting at Table 2
- Note the current budget position for the Capital Wellbeing Fund for 2018/19 and note or consider applications that have been approved / received since the last meeting
- Note the current budget position for the Youth Activities Fund for 2018/19 and note or consider applications that have been approved / received

24 Outer West Community Committee Briefing Neighbourhood Teams

The report of the Chief Officer Access and Care Delivery, Adult Social Care provided the Community Committee with an update on progress with the Strengths Based Social Care across the city, to draw attention to local features of the new approach to service delivery.

The main issues which were raised are noted below:

- The new strengths-based model is to focus primarily on a person-centred approach as opposed to eligibility and assessment.
- Rapid Response teams are now in place to deal specifically with crisis situations
- Community talking points are in place which are bookable with a Social Worker given a 10 working day wait
- Innovations to have at least 1 talking point in every neighbourhood team area
- Re-design of the paperwork empowers Social Workers to spend more time with Members of the Public and help to understand and gain knowledge within their local community
- Peer review and peer challenge further increases officers knowledge to embed best practise and maximise utilisation of local services

Members raised concerns speaking in support of members of the public who may not necessarily have access to public transport, inevitably making it harder for those to access the nearest talking-point. In response, Members were provided with information reassuring them, for more vulnerable service users, arrangements can be made outside of the talking-points.

Members advised Council Officers to seek to look into a variety of options within the Community such as Churches before they have looked into establishing a talking point in Bramley should it be viable.

RESOLVED – To:

- Note the update provided

- Note the desire for LCC Adults & Health and Neighbourhood Care Management Team to return to the Community Committee Chairs Forum with a summary of updates
- Note the intention to build further relationships between LCC Adults and Health and local communities and benefit from Members' expert local knowledge

Cllr R Lewis left the meeting at 13:45 during discussions of the item and returned at 14:25

25 Any Other Business

Members reminded the Compassionate City awards which are being held on the 21st September 2018 and to raise awareness in favour of those who're to be put forward for these awards and a recognition of praise to be awarded. E-mails from the Chief Executive were made known and a further e-mail was to be circulated.

CHAIRS CLOSING COMMENT

The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting.

Cllr David Blackburn informed the Community Committee that this would be Harpreet's last meeting as he had been appointed to work in one of the Priority Neighbourhoods. The Community Committee wished him all the best in his new role.

26 Time and Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Outer West Community Committee to be on Monday 19th November 2018 at 1pm. Venue to be confirmed.