

INNER NORTH EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor M Shahzad in the Chair

Councillors R Charlwood, J Dowson,
J Goddard, S Hamilton, M Rafique and
A Wenham

Approximately 6 representatives of the local community attended the meeting.

18 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals against refusal.

19 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There was no exempt information.

20 Late Items

The Committee were in receipt of the Get Set Leeds Report, which was considered as a late item of business. The report was unavailable at the time of publication due to scheduled clearance at the Community Committee Chair's Forum taking place after the meeting of the Inner North East Community Committee for this cycle.

21 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Taylor and Tunnicliffe.

23 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.

No matters were raised on this occasion.

24 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st July 2019, be agreed as an accurate record.

25 Matters Arising

Minute 10 Community Committee Appointments 2019 20 – since the previous meeting, the Committee had agreed to appoint Councillor. J Dowson as Deputy Chair for the duration of 2019/20 municipal year, in support of Councillor. M Shahzad.

26 Inner North East Community Committee - Climate Emergency and Air Quality

The Chief Officer, Sustainable Energy and Air Quality, submitted a report that provided an update on the Climate Emergency and on-going work on air quality. The report provides information on both the climate emergency and air quality agenda.

Officers in attendance at the meeting:

- George Munson, Senior Project Manager
- Chad Newton, Senior Communication and Marketing Officer
- Daniel Larkin, Graduate Local Government Officer

George Munson, presented the report to the Committee and provided a presentation, which focused on the following aspects:

- Outline of the climate emergency, biodiversity and air quality challenges;
- Key actions for individuals;
- Overview of the climate conversation;
- Feedback on response rate from the area;
- Direct engagement undertaken / planned with the area;
- Local involvement in anti-idling campaign;
- Community car free day roll out

Throughout the presentation, George highlighted the following points:

- The Big Leeds Climate Conversation will help develop a citywide plan to work towards becoming a carbon-neutral city by 2030 following the council's climate emergency declaration earlier this year
- Engagement has taken place with residents, Trade Unions, public sector organisations, businesses and third sector
- Introduction of The Clean Air Charging Zone (CAZ)
- Raising awareness of engine idling with signs, leaflets, active engagement and a series of poster competitions in schools
- Following the Clean Air Day, a series of eleven community-led free car days have been planned
- Improving public transport as part of Connecting Leeds and long-term Leeds City Region Connectivity transport strategies – both developed in partnership with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- An electric bike and van scheme for businesses and continual communications work to promote behaviour change

- There has been 29 events for the Climate Conversation, and of that, 1913 surveys have been filled out, with an addition of 540 shortened versions
- Approximately 7.1 million tonnes of food is thrown away and of that, 70% is fit for consumption
- 23 million has been secured of government funding to support packages for affected businesses
- In the Inner North East Area, 4 schools are taking part in the air quality schools programme:
 - Gledhow Primary;
 - Moor Allerton Hall;
 - St John's; and
 - Carr Manor Primary

Members and residents were opened up to a discussion to provide information in relation to the best route on how to engage with the community, the barriers to change in the locality and suggestions of areas for tree planting and improving biodiversity.

Members of the Committee and residents, discussed the following points:

- The definition of 'good' quality air and the method in how air is calculated
- The need to take pets and children into consideration when looking at factors in how we make a difference
- The identified issue with front gardens being paved over, resulting in a loss of greenspace. In addition, a concern was raised with the provision of space for electric vehicle charging, and a worry that further paving would be an issue. George added a planning group has been set up, to look at how planning powers are enforced
- The need to increase grass verges with wild flowers. George confirmed a paper is going to the relevant Scrutiny Board for Parks and Countryside to look at those specific issues. A member added Meanwood Park is undergoing being re-wilding and suggested that Roundhay Golf Course be looked at, as an option for a nature reserve subject to resources.
- The need to ensure the types of trees are looked at when planted near a pavement, to take into consideration wheelchairs and pushchairs
- Councillor Charlwood requested that figures for monitoring stations in the Inner North East Area be provided outside of the meeting
- Hydrogen gas infrastructure. George confirmed that Leeds Council are supporting Northern Gas with trials to demonstrate and ensure the safety of hydrogen before this provision is looked at
- To ensure the Council work with residents on areas for tree planting, and volunteers
- The need to use social media as a means of getting the message out and going to events in the locality. George added the twitter account had been re-branded to reflect clean air and that a social media campaign has been scheduled
- More work to be carried out in relation to idling.

The Chair thanked George Munson, and those officers in attendance. The Committee requested that those officer attend a future Community Committee meeting to report back on further updates arising from the 'conversation', and from the Executive Board meeting scheduled to take place in December 2019.

RESOLVED-

- a) To note the contents of the report, and information provided during the meeting;
- b) To note the intention to receive a further update at a future Community Committee meeting date

27 Get Set Leeds - Making Leeds a More Active City

The Director of Public Health, Chief Officer Consultant in Public Health and the Head of Active Leeds, submitted a report that provided information on the progress made in relation to "Making Leeds a More Active City".

Those in attendance:

- Judith Fox – Public Health
- Gill Keddie – Active Leeds

Appended to the report included the Big Leeds Chat Key Themes at Appendix 1 and Survey responses from GetSetLeeds.co.uk at Appendix 2.

Members were provided with a short presentation, covering the following key aspect points:

- Inclusive Growth Strategy;
- Health benefits of physical activity;
- Statistics for Inner North East in regard to diabetes and mental health;
- Intention of introducing social prescribing for physical activity;
- Liaising with residents, organisations and schools;
- At the end of January 2020, there will be enough feedback in order to share the themes around the action plan going forward;
- Being able to change the perspective of communities and encouraging physical activity into everyday life;
- Health conditions and ensuring the infrastructure in the city caters for those;
- The introduction of an app to ensure data is open and that residents will be able to easily search the availability of activities near them.

Members viewed a short video (Join in the Conversation - Get Set Leeds). Members were informed that the video had been used as a conversation starter at community groups, and as a way of breaking down the persona of 'physical activity'. The video included local residents, building physical activity into their everyday life.

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

- Deprivation had been identified as a main factor for people being inactive in the city. A Member suggested that evidence through surveys are collected from foodbanks
- Engagement with diverse groups. The Head of Stronger Communities offered to provide details of contact groups, and that these would be sent in due course to officers in attendance.
- Ensuring that physical activity is linked in the workplace. Officers confirmed organisations such as John Lewis, Arla UK and ASDA had already implemented health and wellbeing policies into the workplace, and that further work around this was on-going.
- A Member referred to the Active Leeds app, and suggested that additional information is added to ensure residents are aware of what is going on in their communities, and to provide information residents are able to monitor.

Councillor R Charlwood and M Rafique vacated at 19:55, during discussion of this item.

RESOLVED- To note the contents of the report and discussions during the meeting

28 Inner North East Community Committee - Forward Plan 2019/20

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report that introduced the Inner East Community Committee Forward Plan for 2019/20. The report detailed the Community Committee meeting dates and sets out the workshop themes, as well as an update on engagement with local communities.

The localities officer presented the report and updated Members on the addition of themes into the schedule, and provided a brief overview of the work programme over the next 2019/20 municipal year.

Members noted a funding fair was due to take place on 22nd October 2019. Members suggested that this go ahead with the involvement with community foundation, heritage lottery and community groups.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan 2019/20 be noted.

29 Inner North East Community Committee - Update Report

The Head of Stronger Communities submitted a report which provided a summary of the work programme of the Inner North East Community Committee including the Committee's sub groups and events held in the locality since the last meeting.

The Facebook activity (Appendix 1) and the Inner North East Newsletter (Appendix 2), was appended to the report.

Preet Kundhi, Localities Officer, introduced the report and highlighted the following:

- The Inner North East Community Committee Youth Summit was held at the Banqueting Suite in the Civic Hall on Wednesday 29th January 2019 – 92 pupils attended. The next Youth Summit will be taking place 6th November 2020;
- The first Environment Sub Group took place on 9th July 2019, and another is scheduled for October 2019;
- Chapel Allerton target ward work – Community Clean Ups and Environment Action Days;
- The intensive partnership work around the use of the Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME);
- The 1st year anniversary for the Green Gym Project was celebrated on 7th August 2019;
- The BAME Health and Wellbeing Hub has a proposal to build a conservatory;
- The work undertaken in the various Community Hubs;
- Public Health Update.

RESOLVED- To note the contents of the report.

30 Inner North East Community Committee - Finance Report

The report of the Head of Stronger Communities provided the Committee with an update on the budget for the Wellbeing Fund, Youth Activity Fund, Capital Budget and the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget for 2019/20,

Members' attention was brought to the following:

- Wellbeing Revenue Funds for 2019/20
- Youth Activity Funds position
- Capital Budget position
- Declined projects

A Member queried the amount in the Capital Budget and requested that a revised figure is provided at the finance sub-group.

RESOLVED-

- a) To note details of the Wellbeing budget position (Table 1)
- b) To note details of the Youth Activities Fund (Table 2)
- c) To note details of the Community Skips Budget
- d) To note details of the Community Infrastructure Levy Budget
- e) To request a revised figure of the Capital Budget and that this would be provided to Members' of the finance sub-group at their upcoming meeting

31 Community Comment

The Chair noted the opportunity for members of the public to give feedback and/or queries on the reports presented during the formal part of the Community Committee meeting, the intention being that the written response would be provided within 14 days.

No matters were raised on this occasion.

32 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED – To note the date and time of the next meeting as 2nd December 2019 at 6pm.