

INNER NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor J Akhtar in the Chair

Councillors J Bentley, S Bentley,
J Chapman, A Garthwaite, J Pryor,
C Towler and N Walshaw

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. The following was discussed:

- Planning inquiry regarding the proposals for student flats at Chestnut Avenue. Thanks were expressed to Councillor Walshaw and planning officers for their work.
- Thanks were expressed to the Anti-Social Behaviour and Noise Nuisance teams in the Hyde Park Area.
- Parking issues in Lovell Park – these included a request to remove double yellow lines and introduce permits to prevent residents from being penalised and problems with commuters parking. It was reported that a representative from Car Parking would attend the next TARA meeting and Local Ward Members would also meet with local residents to re-visit parking issues.
- Headingley Post Office – a retail partner was being sought for dual premises and community spaces had also been considered.
- Proposals for development at the Hume House site – concerns were expressed regarding the size of the building and comparisons with Bridgewater Place and impact from wind. It was reported that when a full application was made that wind modelling would be carried out.
- Traffic problems in Headingley and concerns regarding parking at junctions. This had also been raised by Triangle residents and the possibility of having double yellow lines at problem junctions would be pursued.
- Hobby Horse pub site – concern regarding anti-social behaviour outside times of car parking use and concern regarding the poor state of the building.

24 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor G Harper.

26 Minutes - 22nd September 2016

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record.

27 Environmental Service Level Agreement 2016/17

The report of the Chief Officer, Environmental Action Service confirmed the continuation of the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Committee and the Environmental Action Service as overseen by the Environmental Sub Group. It also provided the opportunity for the Committee to refer related issues to the Sub Group to look at on its behalf including potential changes in local priorities, service development requests for 2017/18 and any performance issues.

John Woolmer, Locality Manager presented the report.

The Community Committee was informed that there would be a city wide budget reduction for 2017/18 but there was a priority to maintain frontline staff.

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

- With regard to the enhanced leaf clearance, it was reported that there had still been problems with leaves in Weetwood this year. Members were asked to inform of any problem areas so that clearing programs could be reviewed and revised. In addition it was reported that there had been increased problems this year due to late and heavy leaf falls.
- Support from local community groups and local residents.
- Increased problems during term time and how to raise issues with students.
- It was suggested that any community groups wishing to be involved should contact the locality team for any support that could be given.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

28 Tackling Noise Nuisance from Student Properties in Headingley & Hyde Park wards - Update on Wellbeing Funded Project 2016/17

The report of the Director of Environment and Housing updated Members on the wellbeing funded noise nuisance project in the LS6 area of Leeds.

Angela Mawdsley, LASBT Team Manager presented the report.

Issues highlighted included the following:

- The additional funding allowed for an additional six out of hours patrols primarily in Headingley and Hyde Park.
- There had been complaints received about 265 properties since September 2016 and 50 noise abatement notices had been served.
- Reference was made to problems with organised house parties. Noise equipment had been seized from one property.
- The service had developed good relations with letting agents and universities. There was a challenge to work with some landlords.

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

- The LASBT Team were thanked for their work in the area.
- Weetwood and Beckett Park areas did not receive as many complaints but incidents reported were attended to.
- There were still people who did not know who to contact regarding noise nuisance.
- Not all complaints related to student properties.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

29 Wellbeing Fund update

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided the Community Committee with an update on the budget position for the Wellbeing Fund and Youth Activity Fund for 2016/17 and the current position of the small grants and skips pot.

Nicole Darbyshire, Area Officer presented the report.

The following was discussed:

- An application for a Diwali Event at The Hindu Temple had been approved since the last meeting.
- There had been an application for £6,500 for the cleaning of Headingley War Memorial. Members discussed the application and some concern was expressed that money could be obtained from elsewhere and that funding should be reserved for other wellbeing activities. As all Members agreed the application in principle it was agreed to approve the funding.
- Members agreed for the transfer of £2,000 from the small grants and skips pot back into the Wellbeing Budget. This left a remainder of £9,110.
- Youth Activities Funds – it was reported the Children's Sub Group would be meeting in January to discuss the next round of applications that had been received.
- A request had been made from Weetwood Ward Members to divide wellbeing funds between the three Inner North West wards so money could be allocated on a ward by ward basis. This was to enable more

local decision making and is also an approach used by other Community Committees. Concerns were expressed by other Members as to how this would operate; that applications often benefitted all three wards and that current arrangements did not prevent any applications or funding that were specific to Weetwood.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the current budget position for the Wellbeing Fund for 2016/17 be noted.
- (2) That the application for £6,500 for the cleaning of Headingley War Memorial be approved.
- (3) That £2,000 be transferred from the small grants and skip pots back into the Wellbeing budget for large grants.
- (4) That the current position of the small grants and skip pots and those small grants and skips that had been approved since the last meeting be noted.
- (5) That the current position of the Youth Activity Fund and those projects supported to date through this be noted.
- (6) That the project monitoring document be noted.
- (7) That the request to allocate Wellbeing funding on a ward basis be refused.

30 Area Update Report

The report of the West North West Area Leader provided Members with a summary of recent sub group work and forum business as well as a general update on other project activity.

Juliet Bennett, Keepmoat Community Liaison Officer was in attendance to give an update on the Little London PFI Project. Issues highlighted included the following:

- Capital works had now been completed and this had included the building of 113 new homes and the refurbishment of over 800 others.
- There was still 16 and a half years of the maintenance contract which also included environmental areas.
- There was a project liaison group which had local resident representatives.
- Provision of the new play area.
- 52 apprentices had been employed during the scheme with a 71% retention rate. There had also been opportunities for work placements with local students and careers assemblies in local schools.

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

- Problems with derelict areas, the Hobby Horse site and parking – not all these fell within the PFI scheme but an Improvement Plan would be drafted which would tackle some of these issues. It was recognised that there were problems with parking in the area.

- HAP funding towards environmental improvements.
- Development of an Intensive Neighbourhood Management Plan which would include pre tenancy packages and tenancy training.

Further issues highlighted from the report included the following:

- Sub group key messages
- Community Centre free lets
- Housing Advisory Panel update
- Area Update newsletter

Members were also reminded of their role as 'Corporate Parents' and it was reported that any Member was welcome to attend meetings of the Corporate Parenting Board.

31 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Thursday, 23 March 2017 at 7.00 p.m.