

Report of: The West North West Area Leader

Report to: The Outer West Community Committee – Calverley & Farsley; Farnley & Wortley; Pudsey

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To Note

Community Committee Update Report

Purpose of report

1. This report updates the Community Committee on the work of the three sub groups of the Committee: Environment, Business, Employment & Skills and General Purposes.
2. This report also updates the Committee on pieces of work and partnership working that has taken place in the area since the last meeting.
3. The Community Committee update report is submitted when there is additional business to report from sub groups or any other project activity. Partner organisations and Council services will also contribute information to the Update Report

Main issues

Sub Groups Update

4. The Outer West Community Committee has a range of sub groups which set priorities, agree topics for consideration at Community Committee and develop action plans to address issues of thematic importance. The committee currently operates three sub groups: Environment, Business, Employment & Skills and General Purposes.
5. Detailed below is an update on the current sub group activity and issues being explored at each.

Environment Sub Group

6. The Environmental Sub Group last met on the 23rd June 2017.

The Communities Team with support from a local business K9 Hikes & Holidays and the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team organised a Dog Show and Fun day with Pudsey Tyersal Primary School which was held on Saturday 1st July 2017 in Tyersal Park and in the school playground.

The event continued the campaign previously launched by the Environmental Sub Group in the Summer of 2016 in Pudsey Park. The campaign is to tackle the issue of dog fouling by working with the community to try and highlight the issue.

The event was a joint initiative with the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team who delivered a presentation at Tyersal Primary to promote responsible dog ownership and the dangers of dog fouling. Dog Wardens attended the event to promote responsible dog ownership and the event was considered a success by the local community.

General Purposes Sub Group

7. The General Purposes Sub Group met on the 29th March 2017. The Sub Group discussed Youth Activity Fund Applications, Wellbeing Applications and the Youth Summit.
8. The total Youth Activities fund available for new projects in 2017/18 was **£41,083.61**. The final budget was approved after the last Outer West Community Committee. At the last meeting of the Outer West Community Committee, members provisionally approved Youth Activities Fund projects totalling **£43,963.04**. Therefore there were insufficient funds for all the provisionally approved YAF projects to be funded.
9. The General purposes Sub-Group was held 29th March 2017 to discuss the Youth Activities Applications. The 7 projects in **Table 1** were recommended for approval.

Table 1: Youth Activities Funds Applications

Project Name	Organisation / Department	Recommended Approval Amount
Breeze Friday Night Project (BFNP)	LCC's Breeze Team	£8,500
Mini Breeze	Breeze	£11,300
Love Pudsey Youth Café	Love Pudsey	£3,900
DAZL Farnley & Wortley Community Program	Dance Action Zone Leeds	£3,340
Pop-Up Activity Camps	LCC Sport & Active Lifestyles – Pudsey Leisure Centre	£5,000
Get Active Camps	AIM Education	£3,423.04
Schools Out!	Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People	£6,000

10. The Sub Group discussed an application which was received after the Outer West Funding Round 2017/18 had ended. The project is **Table 2** was discussed and recommended for approval.

Table 2: Wellbeing Revenue

Project Name	Organisation / Department	Amount Requested	Recommended Approval Amount
Cow Close Community Corner	Armley Juniors Project 4 Young People	£10,047.13	£10,047.13

11. The sub group discussed that a Youth Summit was being planned to help young people understand democracy and also to inform the 2018/19 Youth Activities Fund. Children from Outer West would be invited to an event at the Civic Hall, Leeds. The event is being planned from 09:30 - 14:30 and the potential dates were Friday 6th October 2017 and Friday 13th October 2017. There was general agreement from Councillors that Friday 6th October 2017 would be preferred. The Chair would like to encourage Councillors to attend the event to engage with the young people in their ward.

Business Employment & Skills Sub Group

12. A link has been established with the Leeds Trinity Business Network based at the Trinity University in Horsforth. Leeds Trinity Business Network is an informal and free business network that covers the Leeds area.
13. The network provides an opportunity to connect with local businesses, learn and share expertise, and gain direct access to their employable students and graduates. A buffet lunch & networking is followed by a welcome and introductions, an interactive session on a theme relevant to boosting business and further networking opportunities.
14. The network is keen to connect with businesses across Leeds including the Outer West areas and has a growing network of over 100 businesses.

West Neighbourhood Improvement Board

15. The Neighbourhood Improvement Board last met on 21 March 2017. The Communities Team provided a presentation on the Heights and Bawns Neighbourhood Improvement Partnership with details of the progress so far and proposals for how best to take the partnership forward.
16. It was noted that for the success of the priority neighbourhood work, there needed to be an organisational structure based upon accountability. A structure should be implemented to ensure accountability and the correct allocation of resources, to meet the aims of the priority neighbourhood work.

Citizens @ Pudsey & Swinnow Forum & Citizens @ Tyersal Forum

17. The Pudsey Forum last met on the 31st January. There was a Neighbourhood Policing Update and a discussion about a Post Office Franchise. A request was made for a Post Office representative to attend the next Pudsey Forum which was due to be held in May, however the Post Office Representative cancelled the May meeting and advised they would attend when they are to carry out their consultation in the area.
18. The Tyersal Forum also continues to meet and the last meeting took place on the 26th April. There was a Neighbourhood Policing Update which informed there had been very little crime since the last meeting although there had been some ASB with young adults drinking in the park. Residents were advised on the approaching lighter nights and warmer days and residents needed to be wearier as issues would be more prevalent. The Cleaner Neighbourhood Team and from Parks & Countryside also provided an update to the meeting. The Cleaner Neighbourhoods team reported that dog fouling was still an issue in the area however due to resources patrols had been temporarily put on hold. The team would however be involved in the Tyersal dog show event to promote responsible dog ownership. Parks & Countryside's update discussed the weed spraying contract which had started week commencing the 17th April and that there would be 2 sprays for the city for the year. There was discussion about Superfast Broadband and the Tyersal Dog Show. Residents were requested to volunteer to help with the event.

Newsletter

19. The Communities Team produce newsletters at each round of Community committees as a means of communicating business to the public. At Appendix 1 is the latest OW newsletter.

Social Media

20. The Communities Team have publicised a range of messages on the Outer West Social Media platforms around consultation, community events or improvements to an area, which have proven to be very popular. Currently the Outer West Community Committee Facebook page has a following of 799 people and the Heights and Bawns Community Page has a following of 94 people.
21. We would like to request members to share details and promote the networks to their constituents.

Parkswatch Changes

22. The Parkswatch service transferred to Safer Leeds from Parks in 2013. The service was responsible for patrolling green spaces and parks, locking and unlocking cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions and occasional work with West Yorkshire Police. There have been 6 officers undertaking Parkswatch patrols, delivering this service through 2 shifts. The team undertook a 4 on / 4 off shift pattern working seasonal hours. Over the last few months, intensive work has been undertaken to modernise and redesign the Parkswatch service.

23. In 2015, LeedsWatch proposed and began the process of undertaking a redesign of the service in an attempt to integrate the Parkswatch service into the wider Safer Leeds Patrol Team. This work has now been completed and is due to commence in April 2017. The new team comprises of 20 officers (working a 5 shift work pattern) undertaking a wider range of duties including: patrolling of green spaces and parks, opening and closing cemeteries, monitoring of traveller injunctions, patrolling of estates to prevent ASB, responding to LCC alarm calls, routine patrols to LCC assets, patrolling of industrial estates where this is a paid for service and partnership working with other services including West Yorkshire Police. Work has also commenced on joining up the work of the Safer Leeds Officer Patrol Team with the Councils ASB team in an attempt to find sustainable solutions to some of the ASB type problems the team encounters.
24. The redesigned service provides a more flexible approach that can better respond to the needs of residents, businesses and partners. The service will be delivered using both cars and off-road bikes with LeedsWatch livery. The service seeks to continue with this approach but has identified that the use of cars will be more predominant than the use of off-road bikes. Work has been undertaken to check access to all our parks and green spaces and where operationally necessary some Safer Leeds Officers will continue to use off-road bikes. Work with partners, including West Yorkshire Police, will continue and actually be enhanced through the wider remit of the team and increased partnership work with LASBT.

Corporate

25. **a. Consultation and engagement** - Local priorities were set through the Area Business Plan process.
26. **b. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration** - The Business Planning process takes into account equality, diversity, cohesion and integration issues.
27. **c. Council policies and city priorities** - The themes in the Business Plan mirror the themes and priority outcomes at a city wide level and also reflect the delegated functions and priority advisory functions.

Conclusion

28. The work of the sub groups is essential in the delivery of the Community Committee priorities. This report provides members with an update on recent Sub Group and Forum business and other project work undertaken by the Communities Team.

Recommendations

- To note the report including the key outcomes from the sub groups.
- To approve the Community Committee Newsletter
- To share and promote the social networking platforms for the Outer West Community Committees

- To note the update from the Parkswatch service

Background information

- None