

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 24 November 2016

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Subject:

Keighley Area Community Development Commissions 2015-17 Progress Update

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report setting out the basis on which the Executive devolved commissioning of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants to Area Committees to increase local democratic accountability and transparency was presented to Keighley Area Committee on 11 September 2014.
- 2.2 At its meeting held on 27 November 2014 Keighley Area Committee resolved that: "Keighley Area Committee approves the recommendations on Community Development grants made by the Grants Advisory Group as detailed in Table 2 of this report."
- 2.3 Table 2 of the report allocated Community Development grants of £21,000 per year for the two years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to the following organisations: Keighley & Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action, Hainworth Wood Community Centre and Bracken Bank & District Community Association.
- 2.4 The report also outlined the purpose of these grants by describing the community development approach to community support as contributing to building stronger sustainable communities in the following ways:
- Develop active communities
 - Increase the active participation of residents in their neighbourhoods and communities
 - Reduce the negative impact of budget reductions within neighbourhoods and with communities of interest and people on low incomes.
 - Challenge disadvantage and inequalities
 - Stimulate innovative and sustainable local solutions to issues.
 - Build relations within and between communities
- 2.5 The Keighley Area Committee has since received 6 monthly update reports on the progress of work undertaken by the three organisations in receipt of the Community Development grants.
- 2.6 Appendix A-C of this report highlight selected pieces of work which reflect the types of activities and actions that have been undertaken by the CD workers between April to September 2016 that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17. They are by no means an exhaustive list of actions but are intended to give a flavour of the nature of activities that have been undertaken.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

No other considerations.



4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The Community Development grants are contained within the Council's budget as approved by the Council on 25 February 2016.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Wellbeing placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Community development work seeks to promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Keighley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Keighley Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Community development work may improve the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects in local communities.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.4.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. A number of priorities supported in the period covered by this report demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Keighley Area.

- 7.4.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Community Safety Plan, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.



7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The activity outlined in this report addresses priorities in all Wards in the Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April to September 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 be noted.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary April to September 2016

Appendix B - CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre, Progress update summary April to September 2016

Appendix C – CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary April to September 2016

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 12.1 Keighley Area Community Development Commissions 2015-17 Progress Update, Document 'C', Keighley Area Committee, 30 June 2016.



Appendix A

CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary April to September 2016

Women of Keighley

A women's forum planned by local women was themed around "How I came to Keighley". Women presented stories and worked in small groups to relay to one another how they or their parents/grandparents ended up living in Keighley. The idea behind this was to demonstrate the diversity of people arriving in Keighley and that we all have a story. After Brexit racism verbal attacks increased in Keighley and we wanted to get the message out to women that we are all welcome to live here and together through unity we have a shared belonging. East Wood School girls performed a dance and a song that they had written supported by an artist who supports the WOK forums. A further song was performed by all the women using some of the stories shared, and we are now using this as our Keighley Song. It was both uplifting and inspiring. Women contributed to the event by baking cakes and other treats.

Our next event will mark International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls and women from Holcroft School has volunteered to cater for the event.



United Keighley

United Keighley is a multi agency partnership made up of the voluntary and statutory sectors. The objectives of the group are: To raise awareness of the crime and complexities in relation to CSE, to increase knowledge and people's ability to discuss CSE and related issues, increase literacy on the complexities around perpetrator/victim profiles amongst organisations who come into contact with communities, to increase awareness of existing services and actions, develop a sustainable broad network to work together on these issues, to increase reporting by victims and of suspected perpetrators. The working group have over the last 6 months been working towards these objectives, and as a result planned a week of activities to coincide with safeguarding week. During this we organised a day of action in the Airedale centre to raise awareness of CSE, provided training for parents and held an information session which was attended by the police, safeguarding hub, and different organisation all who support victims or who are working to prevent CSE in our town.



Lund Park junior parkrun

Junior parkrun is a series of weekly 2km runs for children aged between 4 and 14. They are held in areas of open space around the UK. They are open to all, free, and are safe and easy to take part in. They take place on Sundays at 9am and are staffed entirely by volunteers from the community. Children are under no pressure to take part every week; they can drop in and out of junior parkrun so it can easily be fitted around busy family lives.

Lund Park has been identified as a park that would suit a junior parkrun and two meetings have taken place to explore the possibility and gather momentum. Four schools have been contacted and all have agreed to advertise in their newsletters. So far 14 people have expressed an interest in volunteering and we are planning to set up a test run with family and friends of volunteers to establish how many volunteers are committed.



Green Spaces Network

6 groups attended the quarterly network and shared what they have been doing across Keighley to improve parks, woodland and open spaces, and future plans. Volunteers appreciate having the time to meet like minded people, make new connections and support one another. As a result of the network a walk was organised by Cliffe Castle Conservation Group to Parkwood using one of the walks from the Keighley River and Valley walks developed by CCCG, which explores the varied landscape around Keighley. Green Spaces are planning a promotion day in the Airedale Centre to promote what they are doing and to recruit more volunteers.



Appendix B

CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre, Progress update summary April to September 2016

Over 50's Fun at Hainworth Wood Community Centre

Passing the baton.....

A very positive working relationship with Worth Valley Community Church results in lots of opportunity for joint work and this photo shows the group taking part in 'Pass the Baton'. A church based campaign to help those who are isolated and vulnerable in our communities

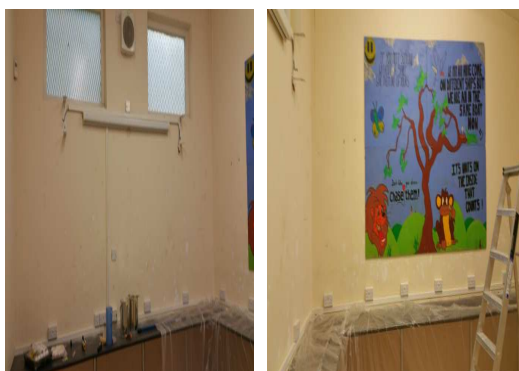
The weekly luncheon clubs and other social events provided at the Community Centre are really appreciated by those that attend. We deliver a twice weekly group which includes Raffles, Quiz, Bingo, Exercise and Massage, a knitting group all which help to tackle elderly isolation and loneliness and offers a warm and safe environment where you can come and meet your friends and have a home cooked hot meal. Assistance is given to help people to the centre and volunteers are on hand to help with form filling, making calls or generally be a listening ear. This is a very successful and popular group and is maybe the only place some of the residents go to regularly we are a lifeline for our residents when and if they need us just because we are here, and they know we are!!



Working it out

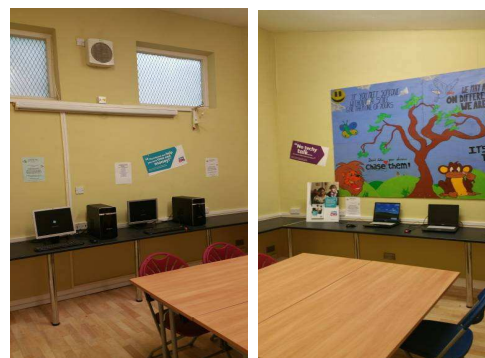
Trainee Development Worker Renovates IT room

Having a newly appointed trainee development worker has enabled us to get the work group and IT room back up and running to enable the community to complete Universal credit applications, search for jobs and complete on line learning, however renovation of the room was needed first. We felt that if we could provide a professional environment it would encourage more people to use the IT room for a variety of activities.



The new mural has some very motivating messages and was created by young people at the centre. The room is being increasingly used as many benefits and services need to be accessed online and not everyone has access to computers or Wi-Fi.

The outcome is that Hainworth Wood Community centre can now offer the community the use of their own IT room/Work group. We are now also registered with UK online and offer free online courses which fill gaps in resident's skill set or will simply improve their IT knowledge The next step is to apply to various funding bodies to try and replace the old computers.



Improving attendance at Youth Sessions

Declining numbers at the sessions provided for young people resulted in consultation sessions with them to ask what type of activities they wanted at the centre. Lots of ideas were suggested. During the conversation the following ideas were suggested: Cooking – Buns, Gingerbread men, Kebab Wraps, Fruit Art, Pizza making, Blind folded sandwich making, Crafts – Hama Beads, Art Hand Prints, Jewellery Making, Pool, Table Tennis, Games Console and Games.

The youth group runs every Wednesday from 18.00pm until 19.30pm and the highest number we have had at a session is sixteen, this number was increased by the centre putting on the activities we agreed on and also word of mouth from the youths in the community. What we want to do now is to get this number to attend the centre consistently and to hopefully increase it further.



Intergenerational work

At 102 and 25, an age gap of 77 years separates the oldest and youngest members at the weekly luncheon club. There is genuine respect and fondness between all the attendees but over the course of the last 12 months the opportunity to socialise and spend time in each other's company has really benefitted both. Our young member has gained in confidence and she has volunteered to do more and more at the centre, helping out in the charity shop and serving refreshments. Her confidence has improved and the time she spends talking to and laughing at the jokes of our oldest member makes him feel appreciated and listened to. They both thoroughly enjoy their time together, confirming how much the young and old can help, learn from and give to each other.



Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been. Mark Twain

Play

Play in the area has included half term and summer holiday activity at Hainworth Wood Community Centre and Stockbridge. Numbers increased as the sessions became established and a good time was had by all. The average attendance was 23 and the sessions included play, arts and crafts, inflatable fun, storytelling, dance, drama, sports coaching, fun day trips and much more. The Forest School programme was also repeated and enjoyed.



Appendix C

CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary April to September 2016

Sue Belcher Community Centre



Project - to address anti-social behaviour resulting in acts of vandalism, environmental and community safety issues in and around the grounds of the Sue Belcher Community Centre by engaging service providers, local people, funders and businesses. A spate of vandalism on the community centre and fly tipping on its grounds led to a focus on partners coming together to work on resolutions.

Partners – BB&DCA, Ward Councillor Farley, KACO, Incommunities, Bfd Youth Service, One in a Million, Dyson Doors, Broomhill Co-op, Keighley Town Council, B&Q, Craven Trust, Keighley Town Council and other local businesses

Community involvement – Litter picks, community environmental sessions and support from local business residents resulted in 46 people engaging

Funding & Resources – Dyson Doors donated custom fit window shutters (£1,500), McDonnell Builders repaired damage to roof tiles and guttering (£500). Keighley Town Council (£182) Craven Trust (£1,000) Area Committee (£300) Broomhill Co-op has donated refreshments. 'One In A Million' opened their session to younger children in response to the closure of the Bfd Play Team session. Oakworth Co-op donated staff time, BB&DCA donated refreshments and volunteer time

Outcomes – Due to a lack of regular provision for young people on the estate, the centre suffered a spate of attacks including smashed windows, damage to the roof and graffiti. By bringing the issue to the attention of local service providers, local people and businesses I was able to secure a package of measures that would tackle the issues from all aspects.

Cross Roads Play

Project – a series of consultations about play opportunities in the ward, including a paper-based survey, an after-school event and a well-attended community play event at Cross Roads Park to look at the lack of play provision in Worth Valley. Feedback from parents and children told us that they felt that there is not enough for children to do in the area and that they would like organised and supervised outdoor activities in local green spaces.

A broad range of potential partners were contacted and conversations were had with local residents in order to get the support needed to do a proper job.

Partners involved – BB&DCA, Get Out More, Keighley Play Forum, Bfd Play Team, Children's Centre, Friends of Cross Roads Park, Craft & Chat, Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office, Oakworth Co-op, Lees Primary School and Cllr Rebecca Poulsen

People involved – consultation went out to all primary schools in Worth Valley, with over 70 people involved in consultation/support at consultation events

Funding & Resources – BB&DCA donated 1000s of questionnaires; staff, Cllr and volunteer time; Lees School donated a venue; Oakworth Co-op supported an event with refreshments; Craft & Chat donated £20 and resources; Bradford Play Team ran 2 play sessions; Get Out More ran 2 consultation/play sessions

Outcomes – The initiative brought together local people, community groups, service providers and businesses and culminated in a summer of play opportunities in Cross Roads park. This issue presented a great opportunity to encourage the community to accept more collective responsibility for the sustainability of its own resources. Unfortunately a failed application for Parish Council funding put a full stop on the project in terms of providing further activities.



Fell Lane Spruce Up

Project- to improve neighbourhoods in Fell Lane including litter picking on streets, clearing overgrown vegetation, creating pathways, planting and weeding a community green space etc. Local Neighbourhood Watch, environmental community groups and young people from Fell Lane Scouts joined local residents on two evenings to tackle grot spot areas in response to issues raised by local residents.

Partners involved – Nashville Terriers Neighbourhood Watch group, Cllr Farley, Friends of Westfell, Keighley 1st Fell Lane Scout Group, CBMDC Clean Team,



People involved – 46 people have been involved over the course of the project

Funding & Resources – Oakworth and Broomhill Co-ops and local people provided refreshments, Fell Lane Scout provided a venue, Cabbage Club provided tools, Friends of Westfell provided plants

Outcomes - Enhancement of the physical environment across neighbourhoods in Fell Lane, the creation of a footpath across a local green space, young people working alongside neighbourhood groups to help keep their local environment tidy.

Braithwaite Gala - volunteering

Project - to support local people and community groups in Braithwaite & Guardhouse to plan and facilitate a variety of fundraising initiatives on the gala day, enabling people to raise much needed funds for their groups.

Partners involved – Cabbage Club, Braithwaite Senior Voice, Oakworth Co-op, CBMDC, Bracken Bank & District Community Association, local allotment holders.

People involved – 13 volunteers catered and provided tombola, raffle and local produce stalls attracting approx. 150 people

Funding & Resources - £300 People's Health Trust, produce from local allotment holders, donations of volunteer time and resources, INDS Event Support

Outcomes – local people took on the challenge of providing catering for the gala day. They have learnt new skills, gained confidence and raised funds for their community groups. I was so proud of them!



Queen's 90th Birthday Events

Project – to support communities to put on a 'right good do' in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, including applying for funding, event planning and facilitation at various locations across Keighley West and Worth valley wards. Bringing together local people, local groups and service providers in an informal way to get to know one another.



Partners involved - Bracken Bank & District Community Association, Friends of Westfell, Haworth Guides, Cabbage Club, Sue Belcher Centre, Keighley Area C Office, Yorkshire Housing, Cllr Farley, Keighley Town Council, Lord & Lady Mayoress, Aireworth Dogs in Need

People involved – an estimated 250 people were involved in the facilitation and attendance at events held across the wards

Funding & Resources – 4 x £100 funding pots from Area Committee, donations of time and resource from local people and community groups, Cabbage Club Event Support, Sue Belcher Centre venue

Outcomes - Celebration events giving fantastic opportunities for local people to come together with other group and service providers in an informal way

