

Report of the Strategic Director Department of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 16 February 2017

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Subject:

Bradford South Area Community Development Progress Update

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the two grant funded organisations during the period April 2016 to February 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-17.

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SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three grant funded organisations during the period April 2016 to February 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-17.

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 Bradford South Area Committee on 11 September 2014.
- 2.2 At its meeting held on 27 November 2014 Bradford South Area Committee resolved that:
"Bradford South 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 £25,000 per year for the two years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to the following organisations: Home Wood Community Centre (HOPES in year 1 and Sandale in Year 2), Queensbury Community Programme and Sandale 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 Bradford South Area Committee further requested that it receives annual update reports on the progress of work undertaken by the three organisations (now two) in receipt of the Community Development grants.
- 2.6 Appendix A-F 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 and January 2017 that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Bradford South Area Ward Plans 2015-17. They are not an exhaustive list of actions but are intended to give a flavour of the nature of activities that have been undertaken.



3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The case studies in this report have been selected by the Community Development Workers as good examples of the work undertaken using the grant awards.
- 3.2 How to ensure that community development continues in Bradford South following the end of the current community development grants.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Following the Full Council budget decision in February 2016, Council funding will cease for Community Development Grants on the 31st March 2017. Therefore there will be no continuation of the Community Development Grants budget.

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 Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Bradford South Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Bradford South Area Ward Plans 2015-16 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 Bradford South 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 Bradford South.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the two commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to December 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Ward Plans 2015-17 be noted.
- 10.2 That the Bradford South Area Office continues to work with the two organisations, and others in the Area, and support them where appropriate to gain external funding.



11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Great Horton Ward Case Study – February 2017

Appendix B – Queensbury Ward Case Study – February 2017

Appendix C – Royds Ward Case Study – February 2017

Appendix D – Tong Ward Case Study – February 2017

Appendix E – Wibsey Case Study – February 2017

Appendix F – Wyke Ward Case Study – February 2017

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 27th November 2014 (Document AH)



Appendix A

CD Worker = Kathryn Halford

1. Summary of project (Great Horton Ward Case Study 2017)

Having worked previously with the group supporting committee meetings and organising various litter picks, I assisted in the planning of the community event which took place in Brackenhill Park. The event was well attended, there was a climbing wall, DJ, face painting, mehndi, a (very successful) tug-o-war and pony rides for children, as well as stalls supporting local charities, a giant chess game, magic show and treasure 'BUG' hunt. The Police were on hand letting children try on their uniforms. We gave out useful council information and carried out a user survey. The Scouts prepared and sold food, refreshments were donated by Tesco.

2. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words)

Links were forged with the manager and community champions at Tesco, who were happy to support the event by donating refreshments and food for the Scouts to sell to raise funds. The volunteers, committee and members of the Friends of were involved in the event on the day helping set up stalls. WY Police, St Johns Ambulance, Bradford South Ward Officer and Wardens, Youth Service, Parks department, residents, Scouts, parishioners of St Johns Church and the Under 5's playgroup were all involved on the day. By invitation the Archdeacon Andy Jollie and Judith Cummings MP attended the event.

3. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved? (Maximum 100 words)

Due to the disbandment of the Gt Horton Partnership, Cllr Dodds encouraged the 'Friends' to take over the event.

In the months prior to the festival we had organised various litter picks in the park which were attended by Brackenhill primary school, PCSO's and the council wardens Tesco staff and volunteers. With this collaboration, we involved all the local groups. A series of planning meetings were held with a representative of each group focusing on individual preparation and coordination of tasks. Local schools played a part in promoting the event as did the press and social media platforms. Volunteers and councillors carried out leaflet drops in the area. Local businesses were contacted, many donated raffle prizes and attended the festival.

4. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words)

- By bringing together a wide range of age groups and ethnicities enjoying a great day out, fostering community cohesion and pride.
- All activities were free except for a small donation for the Mehndi and Face painting, giving children the opportunity to experience activities they otherwise may not encounter.
- Provides an opportunity for all age groups and ethnicities to socialise, reduces loneliness and isolation.
- The Scouts and other charitable organisations could raise awareness of their groups, which can open up opportunities for leisure and volunteering activities in the area.



5. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words)

The project has raised the profile of the park; a consultation survey was carried out at the festival proposing the work the 'Friends' are planning in the park which is to refurbish the children's play area and tennis courts and install a MUGA. This has since lead to meetings with the Lawn Tennis Association and the parks department with a view to seek funding to go ahead with the refurbishment. Long term, the friends wish to create a tennis club using the facilities and opening them up to schools and the wider community. There is very little tennis provision nearby, with the help of the LTA the group believe this will be a valuable asset to the area. Talks have also led to the Friends meeting with the Bowling club which is adjacent to the play area with a view to working together as a partnership to develop and sustain both activities and develop the park further.

6. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2015 (Maximum 100 words)

- Attended various meetings with Greenmoor Big Local collaborating with decisions regarding funding various groups.
- Involved in People Can events litter picks in the area with the Youth Service
- Assisted in surveying the Beldon Road area around Gt Horton village hall with the aim of giving residents a voice at Community Drop In Forums where they could meet the Councillors, Officers and Police as well as local user groups.
- Assisted St Johns Church application for buildings grant.
- Helping Cllr Dodds organise an event with the view to involving businesses, churches and residents in Gt Horton becoming Dementia Friendly.



Appendix B

CD Worker = Kathryn Halford

1. Summary of project (Queensbury Ward Case Study – February 2017)

We decided to operate a drop-in system Job Club with the volunteers to help out. After the first couple of sessions it was apparent that some service users needed more support than just logging on to Universal Job Match. In general, these were people in their late 40's under retirement age with little or no IT skills whatsoever. Some of our volunteers and staff are capable of assisting them with tasks. Funding was sought from Bradford College to offer courses in Employability skills such as writing good CV's and covering letters, interview skills and general confidence building techniques. Now over the months, and with more volunteers we are now able to offer the service 3 mornings per week from 9am-12pm.

2. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words)

CD worker

Queensbury Community Programme who host the Job Club free of charge.

Local community volunteers and tutors.

Job Centre plus signposting clients to the service.

Incommunities (later on) by informing their clients of the service.

3. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved? (Maximum 100 words)

In the first instance, we advertised for volunteers with some ICT skills to offer their services, initially for 3 hours per week to assist at the Job Club. Once the volunteers were established we could plan a launch date.

We produced leaflets which were left at the Library, local shops, churches and supermarkets in the area, as well as a general leaflet drop to residents in the village.

We advertised through the Queensbury Directory, Facebook and QCP What's On prospectus as well as through our extensive email forum.

We held information tables at Tesco Queensbury and local GP practices, to inform people of the service.

Advised both Halifax and Bradford JobCentre Plus offices that we were now able to offer Job Club locally.

A-Board outside welcoming people to attend.

4. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words)

After speaking to community members and in response to the current work climate it was apparent that there was a need for this provision in Queensbury. Many seeking employment



do not have access to the internet to job search which is a requirement of those on benefits. To get the necessary help they had to travel to either Bradford or Halifax which was proving expensive.

Attendees have been able to gain assistance with writing CV's and covering letters, some have never used computers before and have found encouragement from tutors and peers in completing electronic JobSearch.

They feel welcomed and safe in our relaxed community atmosphere, many have forged friendships and volunteer with our provision or other local community groups. The social and wellbeing value to their lives has had a significant impact.

Some retired members of the community have taken up volunteering opportunities passing on valuable skills to younger people currently looking for employment.

5. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words)

The project is still ongoing and hopefully will continue to thrive. Local businesses are contacting us with offers of employment, some clients have gained employment, members of the community are emailing us with employment opportunities. We have contact with a local training company who can offer apprenticeships in the area.

The success stories so far:

- Helga gained confidence especially at the interview stage, she found the service invaluable, she is now working for M & S part time
- Phillip is in full time, permanent employment Lunds Prescion Reeds (and extremely grateful!)
- Before Christmas Sally was made redundant, she approached the Job Club within 8 days she had 2 offers of work and is now in full time employment locally.
- This week John is attending a second interview with Virgin Media he has emailed the following:

'Dear Sirs

My I take this opportunity to thank Kathryn and her team for the invaluable help in my ongoing search for work. The chance to meet people in similar circumstances and bounce ideas and advice about is very helpful.

This resource is so much better and more accessible then the local library, with support, more available time, and it provides a warm and relaxed atmosphere to search for work. Once again thank you all John'

6. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2015 (Maximum 100 words)

- 'Coffee and Crumpets' Drop In for older people - Volunteer participation, lead on provision, client enablement, developed a singing group
- Information Day - Partnership work with all groups for over 60's; Networking signposting and advice



- Creative Support- Partnership work with GP surgeries, signposting, networking and support advice
- Older peoples Activities – Calendar of events on offer for residents over 60.
- Involved with the youth service with Dementia celebratory days. Collaborated with local businesses who supported the youth service in the National Citizen Service incentive.
- Progressed the Dementia Friendly Village status by training and sharing information with Health and Social students at Queensbury School, and most recently with QCP's volunteers 22 of whom became Dementia Friends. Collaborated with businesses, elected members and the Alzheimers society in order raise awareness of our work.
- Through our evolving CD and partnership work in the area, we are now in the midst of planning a large community event in the village, involving businesses, churches, scouts, cubs, brownies, all voluntary groups and schools. This will be to celebrate 'Le tour de Yorkshire' which will pass through Queensbury on 30th April 2017.



Appendix C

CD Worker = Andy Walsh/ Sandale Team

Summary of project (Royds Ward Case Study – February 2017)

Grow Your Own is a project inspired by local people which is being developed to get local people involved in growing fruit, veg and rearing livestock such as chicken while learning new skills. The idea came from volunteer T, who was volunteering after becoming a single father, which was a big cause of distress for him, having had little experience looking after a family. We learned T had an interest in farms, particularly vegetables and chickens. We helped him develop an idea which would renovate an old shed on our premises, install flower beds and a chicken coup. We were able to secure funding from TESCO Groundwork's 'Bags of Help' scheme to fund this project which will allow volunteers like T to share green skills with young people and other members of the community.

1. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words)

The project involves the CDW, staff from Sandale Trust, funding from TESCO and members of the community.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved? (Maximum 100 words):

The project inspiration came from a member of the community, as the project idea developed we sought input from other volunteers and from members of the public we interact with. A variety of residents have contributed their skills – e.g. woodwork, painting, metalwork, carpentry and the project will be open to as wide a range of residents of possible to ensure skills are shared and intergeneration relationships developed.

3. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words)

Working with T on developing the project, we identified that he often dealt with stressful situations through alcohol, and didn't open up to people about his problems.

T was unemployed, so we agreed with him an action plan where he volunteered with our charity shop's delivery and collection team while his family were at school - to help him stay occupied, gain some up to date experience, and build confidence. We've also helped him build a new CV and gain employment skills, and have supported him in accessing health services via the local GP practice and pharmacy, whom he didn't feel comfortable approaching before. He is more open and talks about issues affecting him, and says his time has helped make his home life much more stable.

4. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words)

The green project has allowed volunteers to help build and set up a chicken coup and run, and vegetable and herb growing space. The project currently has half a dozen rabbits and twenty chickens that volunteers learn to look after. At present the project produces a half a dozen or so eggs per week that can be used by the Community Kitchen. With recent TESCO



funding, we will work with the volunteers to extend the project and get more older people and adults to contribute and share their skills, knowledge and experience with young participants.

Appendix D

CD worker = Tom Hughes

Summary of project (Appendix D – Tong Ward Case Study – February 2017)

The Friends of Centre Point and Holme Wood are a residents group formed to promote positivity toward Holme Wood, run community events and encourage community participation. We worked with the group to help them get established as formal group, helping them to develop a written constitution and to understand the various roles and responsibilities being a community group, and how to plan, hold and record meetings in a more formal way. With Bradford CVS, we helped the group write their first successful funding application which secured a small amount of money for the group to fund a community event and a series of good news newsletters. The group have recently made an application for further funding and are currently working with partners to explore sustainable solutions to Holme Wood Library. The group have run several successful community engagement events.

1. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words)

The Friends of are formed from a group of local residents who passionately care about increasing the positive profile of their community and want to work together and with partners to improve the estate.

As well as ourselves, who are in regular contact with members of the group, the Friends have also been working closely with Bradford CVS, South Area Office, and the Library Services to explore a sustainable solution to the library space in Holme Wood.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved? (Maximum 100 words):

We've worked with the group to develop a brand and logo, by holding a competition at Knowles Wood Primary for a logo design, with book token prizes given at an assembly for the winning entries. The group use this in all their literature. We helped the group set up a now-popular facebook page with an impressive reach of over 300 members. We have produced literature to promote the group's community engagement events and their recruitment drive to get more local people to pledge to volunteer at Holme Wood Library which we have delivered around the area and engaged local people with.

3. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words):

Holme Wood now has a new, growing residents group who have gained experience taking concerns about their area to councillors and members of parliament. People in the ward are developing a voice and learning how to proactively use that to contribute to positive change in their community, and to work with existing voluntary and statutory partners to do so.



Residents have more events to support and attend meet other like-minded residents, and feel they have a stronger voice by having representation at bodies such as Holme Wood Community Council and taking the library petition to a Full Council meeting and Council Executive.

4. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words):

The residents are now a constituted group who have experience organising and running community events; skill they can share with other residents.

The group have successfully achieved funding for a series of newsletters delivered to the community that promote the group, encourage more participation and cover some of the positive work that goes on in the estate, challenging negative stereotypes about the area - the group felt this was important as it challenged what they saw as a lot of negative coverage of Holme Wood in the local press.

The group have run two and are planning a third community event. Their most recent event, a Christmas Table Top Fayre, saw 117 residents attending, in addition to over 20 table top stalls, including information stalls from Step2, People Can and Library Services. This was 4 times more than their first event in November. The group are planning more future events to grow their membership and promote volunteering opportunities at Holme Wood Library.



Appendix E

CD Worker = Andy Walsh/ Sandale Team

Summary of project (Appendix E – Wibsey Case Study – February 2017)

Wibsey Events Group formed in Summer of 2016 with the aim of having Wibsey once again have a Christmas Tree and lighting event in December. Initially people who came together just to explore putting on a Christmas Event, the group quickly decided that they wanted to become fully constituted as a group and take part in regular events organising to promote village life in Wibsey. The group decided that the Christmas event, attended by residents, MP and Lord Mayor, would be the first stepping stone in getting them off the ground, established in Wibsey and well known to residents.

1. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words?)

We helped the group promote meetings, decide on a constitution of committee roles and set up a bank account. A number of local voluntary organisations and local businesses were closely involved with the group, each offering various resources to help promote the group and the Xmas event, including a local estate agents who funded the design of flyers. The group sourced local volunteers to help out on the event evening and give out mince pies and snacks, the Salvation Army provided their brass band, and local schools provided a choir.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved (Maximum 100 words):

Although the group was initially started by local people involved in Wibsey-based voluntary orgs and business, the group was keen on ensuring the group was and is open to everyone in Wibsey who would like to contribute. The group have established a social media presence (twitter: @wibseyeventsgroup). Active groups in Wibsey promote WEG's meeting sessions, for example, on the Wibsey.net online newsletter. A flyer drop for the Christmas event was conducted in Wibsey.

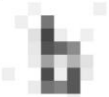
3. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words):

Residents in Wibsey now have access to an active, friendly and growing group who are interested in promoting their village and working together, and with local businesses, to plan and deliver community-focused events that celebrate life in Wibsey

4. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words):

The project brought business and the community in Wibsey together with the Christmas Tree and Carols event, giving local residents the confidence that Wibsey is able to come together and work on delivering fulfilling community events.

The group are now entirely self-sufficient, and immediately following Christmas, have begun meeting again to look at future spring and summer community events in Wibsey village.



Appendix F

CD Worker = Tom Hughes

Summary of project (Wyke Ward Case Study – February 2017)

We were approached by a few residents from Durlston Terrace unhappy about the state of a jointly-owned and overgrown green space in front of the homes on the Terrace. We organised meeting for the residents with ward members to get together and talk to each other – this was attended by members of 9 houses on the street (a little under half of the total number). The group expressed their interest in working together to slowly clear the space over the next year with the eventual goal of holding a street party there to celebrate.

1. Who was involved in the project (Maximum 100 words?)

The project involves residents, ward members and the ward officer:

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved (Maximum 100 words):

We organised a door-knocking morning on the terrace with representatives from the elected members for Wyke to speak to residents and gauge wider interest about the prospect or working with members, ourselves and each other to come together and look at a resident-led approach to improving the green space. Response from the morning was very positive, with residents giving a range of suggestions about what they would like to see on the space, and over 90% of those we spoke to said they would be interested in getting together with other residents to talk about it.

Following the successful first meeting of residents, we identified that there might be stakeholders with an interest in contributing to the group on an adjacent street, and have been working with residents from Nos. 16 and 30 to obtain copies of plans for the street in order to identify all stakeholders to be invited to the next meeting.

3. How has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 100 words):

The project is sowing the seeds for residents to form a self-sufficient community interest group focused on improving green space which residents have unanimously told us has been an eye sore for a number of years. Residents have told us that they are now speaking to neighbours more frequently and getting to know neighbours on the street whom they have not spoken to before

4. What has the project achieved? (Maximum 100 words):

The project has re-invigorated residents' drive to work together and look at a community solution to the green space. A core group of residents have confirmed their interest in taking the project forward under their own impetus and will look at, in spring, a series of clean-up days to make a start on the space and encourage more neighbours to get involved. We will be supporting the group to set up with a constitution and help them create a bank account, which will allow them to look for funding with a view to being the responsible group for the maintenance of the space

