

Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 29 March 2017

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Subject:

Bradford West Area Community Development Grants 2015-17 Progress Update.

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of Community Development Workers on behalf of the four commissioned organisations during the period April 2016 to March 2017 to support Ward priorities set out within the Bradford West Area Committee Ward Plans 2016-17.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of Community Development Workers on behalf of the four commissioned organisations during the period April 2016 to March 2017 to support Ward priorities set out within the Bradford West Area Committee 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 Bradford West Area Committee on 17 September 2014.
- 2.2 At its meeting held on 12 November 2014 Bradford West Area Committee resolved that:-
- *That the recommendations on Core Cost Community Centre Grants made by the Grant Advisory Group be approved.*
 - *That the recommendations on Community Development grants made by the Grant Advisory Group to fund Cnet, Girlington Community Association and Lower Grange Community Association to the value of £25,000 each be approved.*
 - *That the Grants Advisory Group in consultation with the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator be requested to make further recommendations on how to use the remaining contingency funds to provide transitional support to the organisations that previously held a Community Development Commission.*
- 2.3 A further report titled, Grants Advisory Group recommendations on further allocation of the community centre core cost and Community Development Grants (Document AB) was considered by Bradford West Area Committee at its meeting on 10 December 2014. The report outlined the considerations and recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group (GAG) on the allocation of contingency fund to help reduce the potential negative impact identified in the meeting of 12 November 2014.

The Committee resolved:-

- *that the use of the Contingency fund made by the Grant Advisory Group as detailed , in Document "AB", be approved and that this funding replaces the Core Cost Community Centre Grants for the year 2015/16 approved on 12 November 2014 at the meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee for Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association, Frizinghall Community Association and the Millan Centre.*



- 2.4 Community Development grants of £25,000 per year were awarded to the following organisations: Bradford & District Community Empowerment Network (Cnet), Girdlington Community Association, Lower Grange Community Association, with Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association being awarded £9,600.
- 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 West Area Committee further requested that it receives annual update reports on the progress of work undertaken by the commissioned organisations in receipt of the Community Development grants.
- 2.6 Bradford West Area Committee received an update report (April 2015 - March 2016) on the progress of work undertaken by the commissioned Community Development Commissioned Organisations at its meeting held on 20 April 2016.
- 2.7 Appendix A-D of this report highlight selected pieces of work which reflect the types of activities and actions that have been undertaken by the Community Development workers between April 2016 and March 2017 that have contributed to addressing the priorities within the Bradford West 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

- 3.1 None

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.
- 4.2 The Commissioned organisations have been informed that this grant will cease as of 31st March 2017.

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 West Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Bradford West 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 Bradford West 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 West.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None



9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Bradford West Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford West Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford West 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 commissioned organisations during the period April 2016 to March 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford West Ward Plans 2016-17 be noted.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – CD Commission – Cnet, Progress update summary April 2016 to March 2017

Appendix B - CD Commission – Girdlington Community Centre, Progress update summary April 2016– March 2017

Appendix C – CD Commission – Lower Grange Community Association, Progress update summary April 2016 – March 2017

Appendix D – CD Commission – Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association Programme update summary April 2016 – March 2017

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee held on 12th November 2014. **(Document X)**

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee held on 10th December 2014 **(Document AB)**.

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee held on 20th April 2016 **(Document AC)**.



Appendix A

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BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT Case Study of work undertaken in Heaton Ward 2016-2017

Ward: Heaton

Voluntary organisation: CNet

Community Development Worker: Muppett

Project name and Ward Plan theme: Frizinghall Picnic in the Park

Date of project start: June 2016

If completed date of completion: 17th July 2016

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?

(Maximum 200 words)

Organised a Community Picnic in the Play Area at the bottom of Shipley Fields Rd. Secured a small pot of money from the Area community chest pot invited The youth team to come along and provide some activities, including giant games, & a tug of war competition, also got a bouncing castle provider to come. With the help of the area office also got a couple of ponies to provide rides.

St. Margret's church provided seats and access to toilets and members of the church assisted on the day.

All the children that attended were treated to free ice cream.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

(Maximum 200 words)

Members of St. Margret's Church were involved in the planning of the event and helped out on the day.

I designed a flyer and hand delivered it to 500 local households, I informed the West Area office and local councillors and they were invited to attend

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

(Maximum 100 words)



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A number of folk that attended the event are now involved in community activities that are taking place in Frizinghall, these include;
The weekly walks run by Frizinghall Activity group
The pensioners lunch that takes place once a month at St. Margret's church hall
The Tuesday Mother & toddlers lunch that takes place at St. Margret's church hall
The Wednesday places of Welcome drop in coffee morning that takes place at St. Margret's church hall

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2015

(Maximum 200 words)

Secured a small pot of money from community chest to take the Frizinghall activity group on a walking trip to Malham. They now meet each Monday and go on a short local walk. Linked up with The Bradford West Area office, Local Police Team & AWM To devise a competition between Schools to come up with ideas on how to improve recycling both at their schools and in the home.
The Schools involved are Iqra, St. Barnabas, Heaton, Frizinghall and Shipley CoE Primary Schools.
I've been involved in attending school assemblies at the schools to talk about recycling and to do an audit on how well the School is recycling at the beginning of the project. Also spoke about what recycling projects they could pursue.
Assisted the Heaton ward Coordinator in devising and conducting a small scale consultation process with groups in Frizinghall, which resulted in a number of them securing some funding to deliver local projects for the community.
Helped set up the Heaton Grove Residents Association, created a constitution for them.
Assist the secretary of Upper Heaton Working Together, at the moment are looking at organising a community event.
Coordinated the Lister Park Lantern Parade and helped out the day, involved bringing together community artists and community groups and liaising with various departments of BMDC For use of the park.
Assisted Sam Sagar (former local PCSO) In delivering a series of After School Citizenship sessions at Frizinghall Primary School with year 6 pupils, covering a range of subjects such as Drugs, Domestic Violence, the environment, disabilities Homelessness, Bullying. It also involved the pupils planning and hosting a party for a group of local elderly residents and Mentally disabled residents in the community centre.

5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

- Neighbourliness
- Joint Local Action
- Formal Volunteering
- Fundraising for Community Activities

I'm in the process of contacting groups that I've worked with in the Heaton ward to; Make them aware that I will no longer be around to support them after March 31st. Signposting them to other groups and agencies locally and within the district, as well as BMDC's West Area Office.



Encouraging them to link up with neighbouring groups, to share resources, skills and volunteers
Helping them to identify funding sources.

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**BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT
Case Study of work undertaken in Manningham Ward 2016-2017**

Ward: Manningham

Voluntary organisation: CNet

Community Development Worker: Muppett

Project name and Ward Plan theme: Green Lane & Lumb Lane Summer Fayre – 6.1
Improve cohesion & opportunities for communities to come together

Date of project start: May 2016

If completed date of completion: 16th July 2016

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?

(Maximum 200 words)

Following on from the Lumb Lane Mural project that took place earlier on in the year as a result of the Fire at Drummond Mills, I was involved in the planning of the Green Lane Community Fun day. This was to mark the reopening of businesses on Lumb Lane after the fire.

The event took place on Sat. July 16th on Green Lane Primary School Playing field.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

(Maximum 200 words)

Arranged and run planning meetings with Green Lane School and the West Area office, Arranged for the youth service, fire service, Cecil green arts (jugglers) to attend and run activities,

encouraged local groups such as Hope house to come along and run a stall (cake stall), Hand delivered 500 leaflets advertising the event around the local neighbourhood.

Contacted the T&A re. The event. Through this article it helped informed people throughout the Bradford District that businesses such as the sweet Centre had reopened and so encouraged folk back into the area and so improve the local economy.

On the day over 300 local residents attended the event



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3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

(Maximum 100 words)

Following on from this event and the earlier Mura project, a further community event took place in January 2017, exactly one year on from the mill fire. It built on the links made in the community both with groups and individuals and resulted in a community Lantern parade along Green Lane and surrounding streets followed by curry provided by the Sweet Centre. Over 200 people attended the activities prior to the parade (lantern making workshop), the actual parade and the curry.

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2016

(Maximum 200 words)

Coordinated the Lister Park Lantern Parade and helped out the day, involved bringing together community artists and community groups and liaising with various departments of BMDC For use of the park.

Coordinated the Lumb Lane / Drummond Mill Community mural which involved linking the community artists with various local schools and community groups, liaising local businesses, the mill owners, BMDC and the local press.

Assisted Hope House & St. May Magdalena Church in organising and facilitating the Wood Street, Street Party.

Assisted Manningham Healthy Living Initiative in Organising and running a men's Diabetes awareness event at the Carlisle Business Centre.

Helped WAG (Women And Girls) get set up, a group based in Oasis Lister Park School, helped with funding applications, put them in contact with a range of groups that could assist them, such as Walk for Health, Bradford CVS, St. Paul's Church.

Worked with the Westbourne Green Medical Centre steering group as they have an area in the centre they want to use as a community space, devised a simple questionnaire and sent it out to local statutory and voluntary groups to gauge their opinions as to how the space could be utilised by them.

Supporting Westgate Baptist Church (on Carlisle Rd) by informing them of funding sources, linking them up with various other organisations that can assist them in their projects such as Bradford CVS, Hope House, Bradford Food Bank, neighbourhood Police team.

5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

- Neighbourliness
- Joint Local Action
- Formal Volunteering
- Fundraising for Community Activities

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Encouraging them to link up with neighbouring groups, to share resources, skills and volunteers
Helping them to identify funding sources.

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**BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT
Case Study of work undertaken in City Ward 2016-2017**

Ward: City

Voluntary organisation: Girlington Community Centre

Community Development Worker: Mohammed Imran

Project name and Ward Plan theme: Dodge Ball, Opportunities for Young People, Volunteering, Community Cohesion & Partnership Working

Date of project start: December 2016

If completed date of completion: On-going

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?

(Maximum 200 words)

This project was set up for young boys and girls to give them the opportunity to get involved a new sport such as dodge ball. Providing them opportunities to engage in meaningful activities offering them an alternative to anti-social behaviour. The project is designed to increase fitness and confidence levels of participants. We have got local volunteers involved in the marketing and assisting of the project. It has been popular amongst young people from both wards with up to 45 young people participating in the project to date. A number of organisations have been involved in the planning & delivery of the project these include Grange Interlink, Manningham Sports Association, Attock Community Association and Girlington Community Centre. Isaac CD worker helped complete the funding application to Sportivate. In addition we have up to level 3 qualified coaches delivering the sessions. As well as co-ordination from me and help and support from staff and volunteers at GCC.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

(Maximum 200 words)

We encouraged volunteers to help with the marketing of the project. This included help



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with design and distribution of marking material. Thus up scaling the volunteers' skills, confidence & experience. We have also encouraged partnership working throughout the Ward with activities taking place in both City & Toller. Young boys and Girls have been enjoying sessions that are currently on going. We aim to carry out Community Event where participants from Grange, Attock CA, GCC take part in tournament. Parents & families will be invited to attend. Participants are attending as far as BD2 thus demonstration marketing has been successful. Young people from Grange Interlink & Attock have been benefiting and enjoy the classes. Additionally parents of participants have been telling others to get involved. The young people are looking forward to the tournament.

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

(Maximum 100 words)

The project has been funded for 24 one hour sessions through Sportivate. These were divided into 12 sessions between Grange Interlink & GCC. With one tournament due to take place at Grange Interlink in the near future. We aim to continue to carry on the project after the funded has finished as participants have expressed a desire to pay for further sessions. We are also looking to apply for continuation funding through Sportivate and Sports England.

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2016

(Maximum 200 words)

We initially spoke to partners throughout the Ward. Those who expressed an interest we involved in the funding application process. We missed an earlier deadline and therefore, had to resubmit the bid which was successful. We had leaflets designed, printed and distributed. We also purchased equipment to carry out the sessions. Then we had to recruit Suitably qualified coaches who could commit to the times we required. We had to meet with partners organisations to agree availability. Then we had further meetings to plan for tournament. We also got quotes for medals & trophies which aim to present at the Tournament. We are trying to get one the City Councillors to present the meals and trophies. As part of administration process had to input evidence details for each participant involved in the project.

5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

- Neighbourliness
- Joint Local Action
- Formal Volunteering
- Fundraising for Community Activities



As previously mentioned due to popularity of project we aim to continue activities beyond its current funded element. This will be done by asking participants to pay for classes and try to look for further funding to ensure continuation. We have incorporated the councils People Can Initiative as an integral part of this project. This can be reflected in number of ways as we had input into the project. This was in the form of giving volunteers an opportunity to gain key skills in there development. Encourage partnership work across the Ward. Also providing young people opportunity to take part in a new sport in safe environment offering them an alternative to anti-social behaviours. We have encouraged people from local area to get actively involved. We intend to get parents & families to attend the tournament and invite ward councillors and officers where 'the people can' banner will be displayed.



**BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT
Case Study of work undertaken in Toller Ward 2016-2017****Ward: Toller**

Voluntary organisation: Girlington Community Centre

Community Development Worker: Mohammed Imran

Project name and Ward Plan theme: Syrian Project Opportunities for families Young People, Volunteering, Community Cohesion & Employment.

Date of project start: December 2016

If completed date of completion: On-going

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?

(Maximum 200 words)

CD worker was approached by Syrian refugee who expressed there was no provision for families from their Country. After consultation with networks and Partner Organisations a fund application was submitted to Muslim Hands. The aim of the project is to help Syrian families who are seeking asylum or have refugee status integrate and settle in the UK. These families have been dispersed and separated from their family members. As a direct result of traumatic experience, leaving their country. The project intends to tackle isolation, anxiety and lack of direction. The project will aim to provide a safe environment for them to feel welcome appreciated and valued. Giving them the opportunity to participate in meaningful activities that will give them self-confidence and a platform to a better future. We aim to provide supplementary education classes for the children. For the Adults a place to socialise, get them employment ready. Additionally we will provide valuable tailored support and advice specific to individual needs.

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

(Maximum 200 words)

As most people are aware of atrocities and hardships facing people fleeing from Syria. The situation is not getting any better and our project intends to help support and alleviate those inequalities.

The major barriers they encounter are there inadequate support mechanism in place to help them settle in Bradford. They feel isolated unwelcomed and unaware of their rights and how to find employment to support their families. Some families have been separated



from each other and would like to be reunited with their loved ones.

We carried a consultation exercise in order address the aforementioned issues. We sought the advice of experienced practitioners, development workers, councillors, local authority and most importantly Syrian Refugees. From this exercise the project was formed.

We also formed an advisory committee to help and guide the project. These included people from management committee, senior management and volunteers. The project is under way with families attending GCC on a Saturday. Posters and leaflets were designed (by volunteers) and distributed to local people by hand and social media.

So far the project is benefiting 4 Syrian families who have been attending regularly. They take part in various activities for all members of the families. They are also planning a community event to engage up to 200 Syrian people is due to take place on 15th April 2017 where people from across the district will attend.

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

(Maximum 100 words)

The project has been funded for a year and is due to be completed December 2017, with the option to extend if project targets have been successfully achieved. Project aims to improve to young people's educational attainment levels by offering supplementary classes. The Adults will get the opportunity and support to find sustainable employment.

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2016

(Maximum 200 words)

Since the project has started Syrian families have been taking part in the following activities as part of the project: Marketing and leaflet distribution. Children's board games, soft ball, football, colouring for younger children, tennis, badminton and cooking Syrian dishes. Volunteers have been given an opportunity to assist on a weekly basis as well planning for a community cohesion event has been planned for 15th April 2017 where up to 200 people will be in attendance.

5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

- Neighbourliness
- Joint Local Action
- Formal Volunteering
- Fundraising for Community Activities

As the project is funded for a year with option to extend. We intended to increase engagement with target Audience. Encourage people from across the district to get involved. Continue to provide volunteering opportunities to upscale individual's skills. We intend to carry out further Fund raising events. We will invite local Councillors and Ward officers to our



community cohesion event on the 15th April 2017 where the 'people can' banner will be displayed.

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BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT Case Study of work undertaken in Clayton and Fairweather Green

Ward: Clayton and Fairweather Green

Voluntary organisation: Lower Grange Community Association in partnership with Bradford Council, Clayton Community Association and Clayton Parish Council.

Community Development Worker: Alex Dilger

Project name: Clayton Park Development

Ward Plan theme: Children and young people (CYP): Develop and support play provision for children and young people

Date of project start: April 2016

If completed date of completion: On-going

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?

Clayton Community Association, supported by the Clayton and Fairweather Green Ward Councillors, Clayton Parish Council, Bradford Council, Incommunities, Community Development Worker (Alex Dilger) and voluntary organisations within the area are currently working in partnership to creating a much needed open and accessible play space within the Clayton community, based on Thornaby Drive, Bradford on the land adjacent to Clayton Community Centre. In partnership, our aim will be to create a challenging, exciting, innovative open accessible play and activity environment which meets the needs of the children and young people within the Clayton area, to play together, enjoy themselves, and develop their imaginative, social and physical skills.

At present there is currently no outdoor play space or resources at the bottom end of Thornaby Drive, Clayton and residents of all ages in the Clayton community have been requesting to the Ward Councillors and the Clayton Parish Council for many years to provide some play equipment and resources within the geographical area of Clayton. These needs have been expressed in many Parish council, community \ residents meetings, youth clubs and other children & youth groups, youth consultations, and the most recent Bradford Council Ward Forum. Residents and particularly the young people are adamant that they need an open play space \ provision as there are currently no outdoor play spaces or resources in the identified area.



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This opportunity supported by some Section 106 \ seed funding would be one that would be appreciated by the whole community. The benefits to everyone of being able to provide children and young people with 'somewhere to go' and 'something to do' that is positive, productive, exciting and yet safe, challenging and lawful, and of course fun to make use of, would be far reaching. It would help to create a better and more sociable environment for all within the community of Clayton (and surrounding areas) within the Bradford West District. In addition, this development will play a major part of regeneration of both the social and physical environment for young people living in the area. It will help make it a more pleasant and active place to live and socialise as well as provide the means for the community to actively lead on the planned development.

The proposed play facility will be accessible to everyone, and the play equipment will cater for both the able-bodied and for children with disabilities. The playground design \ facility will be instrumental for this potential development and this is something that we will focus on throughout the play facility design process.

We believe play is such an important part of child development and inclusive playground design allows children of all ages and abilities to enjoy playing together. Children develop; social skills, imagination, creativity, thinking and problem solving skills, sense of self, sense of connection and self-care skills in the playground environment. Our Inclusive playground design will allow all children to benefit from the play facility environment.

2 How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

In partnership with local Ward Councillors and partner organisations: Bradford Council, Clayton Parish Council, Clayton Estate Community Action Group (CECAG) and Incommunities, we invited local residents to complete a community questionnaire in relation to a potential open access play facility. The questionnaire provided the opportunity for the community \ residents to give us their views, opinions and feedback to help us try and create and develop a challenging, exciting, innovative play and activity environment which better meets the needs of the children and young people within the community. Over 1000+ questionnaires were circulated around the community and 169 resident's \ young people responded to evidence the need and support for this proposal. No objections were received and the community are in full support of this proposal.

Conclusion from community consultation and research carried out were:

- This development will benefit a wide range of users of all ages and abilities from the Clayton Community.
- This development will improve community life for a significant number of people.
- This development will make significant improvements to the Clayton community
- We have proved through significant consultations that there is clear evidence of need for the development \ play facility
- There is funding from other sources (Section 106), demonstrating financial support for the development.
- Land being transferred (in kind donation) from InCommunities to bring this project to



life

- Clayton Parish Council has agreed to maintain and sustain this project after completion and will support this development financially for future maintenance costs, all liabilities and insurance costs occurred for the foreseeable future for community benefit and long lasting sustainability.

Findings and conclusion from the consultation were presented at the Clayton Parish Full council meeting on 21st July 2016, (supported by the District Play Champion) and the Parish Council agreed to contribute to the third party payments and maintain and sustain this project after completion and will support this development financially with future maintenance costs, all liabilities and insurance costs occurred for the foreseeable future for community benefit and long lasting sustainability to bring this project proposal to full fruition.

Our partners and residents are enthusiastic about this proposal and are working closely with us to ensure they are in touch with community needs and aspirations and are very supportive of this proposal to bring it to full fruition.

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

(Maximum 100 words)

Sustainable benefits from the open access play facility will be:

Protecting and enhancing the environment:

- Regeneration: residents and young people will utilise neglected community green spaces for play and recreation
- Green space dividends: the project's effective and playful use of public spaces will encourage the community to take responsibility and ownership.
- Reduce the need to travel: encourage doorstep play, with residents making the best use of their locale.

Promoting economic success

- We emphasis on the power of play encourages good parenting and playful home environments. Play encourages bonding and better family relationships made up of happier, healthier people. Children do better at school as a result, improving their chances of economic success.

Encouraging community involvement

- Regular feedback, consultation and evaluation will ensure the facility meets community needs and aspirations
- Forging bonds: bringing locals together from different backgrounds and cultures
- Giving the community a voice: development of the play facility will ensure and involve all community encourage local unity
- Users will develop greater confidence; self-esteem and resilience through play otherwise denied to them.

Meeting social needs

- Tackling isolation: play binds communities together and offers intergenerational opportunities.



- Greater community safety: better use of open spaces will reduce anti-social activity
Inclusion: the project is accessible to all, forging new community ties
- Celebrating diversity: bringing disparate communities together will reflect all local needs and aspirations. Bradford is a multicultural city: the project reflects and rejoices in this. Doorstep play brings children and Young people together, which spills into the wider community. Play is a universal language

We strongly believe that play helps to bind communities, build emotional resilience and provide children and young people with the opportunity to learn respect for their community and build positive relationships with their peers.

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2016 (Maximum 200 words)

Below are a few examples of works involved in (more information can be found in the full Community Development Work Plans and Monitoring via Bradford West Areas coordinators office)

Environment \ Cleaner and Greener

- Supporting Saggate Gardens Association and assisting with potential new allotment project
- Supporting and assisting with potential new play \ park development (Clayton)
- Undertaking Litter Picks and overgrown involving Probation Service and Community Pay back)
- Supporting local schools and supporting \writing funding applications for Adventurous learning space development.

Inequalities in health and Wellbeing

- Supported the local healthy living centre (Café West) with services and provisions to meet local health inequalities.
- Delivered elderly peoples dinner & Social clubs and exercise sessions

Incomes, employment and housing

- Set up and Delivered accredited training courses (via Shipley College, MR Training, Comic Relief, WEA and Touchstone). Course included: English, Mathematics, Childcare Care Level 1 & 2, Health and Social Care Courses: Level 2, First Aid and Food Hygiene Courses (over 250+ residents since April 2016)
- Delivered several Esol (English Speakers of other Languages)
- Delivered First Aid and Food hygiene training to support voluntary organisations and volunteers.
- Supported community social enterprise projects such as:
 - Creative Flaire CIC
 - Camouflage CIC
 - Lower Grange Playgroup

Children and young people

- Delivered open access holiday play and activity schemes (over 160+ children and young people)
- Delivered and supported youth provisions and events (MDA Projects x 4 location across both wards and Camouflage Crew Social)
- Supporting parents and toddler groups delivered by volunteers.
- Secured external funding to deliver youth provision and Activates
- Member of the Bradford District Play Forum



Stronger and Safer Communities (including People Can and volunteering)

- Supporting voluntary organisations across the wards to Implement Action plans and priorities.
- Supporting in reforming community groups across the ward (inc Policies and procedures etc.).
- Supporting voluntary organisations across the ward in a variety of funding proposals to meet local priorities)
- Delivered and supported community cohesion events such as:
- Community Christmas parties \ Eid Celebrations
- Community Fun days (over 1200+ Residents)
- Community trips Delivered across both wards (Over 1000+ residents)
- Community Fund raising and charity events
- Member of all local partnerships and voluntary organisations (inc WOT) across Bradford West to address issues of concern across the wards and to implement priorities via the Ward Plans.

5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

- Neighbourliness
- Joint Local Action
- Formal Volunteering
- Fundraising for Community Activities

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**BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT
Case Study of work undertaken in Thornton & Allerton Ward 2016 -2017****Ward:** Thornton and Allerton**Voluntary organisation:** Lower Grange Community Association in partnership with Sapgate Gardens Association and Ward Councillors (Thornton and Allerton)**Community Development Worker:** Alex Dilger**Project name:** Sapgate Gardens Association \ Day of Action ' People can Campaign'**Ward Plan theme:** Cleaner Green: Support community organisations in environmental initiatives**Date of project start:** October 2016**If completed date of completion:** On-going**1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?****Sapgate Gardens Association aims to take over Thornton land from Bradford Council as allotments**

A PIECE of land in Thornton which has stood overgrown for more than a decade and been labelled an "eyesore" is undergoing an on-going facelift thanks to a Bradford Council campaign.

A day of action featuring ward councillors, residents, and the newly-formed Sapgate Gardens Association, supported by the Community Development Worker (Alex Dilger) took place on Sunday 30th October 2016 to tidy up the area at the bottom of Sapgate Lane, Thornton within the Bradford West District.

More than 40+ people were involved in the project, which is linked to the Bradford Council's 'People Can Make a Difference campaign', aimed at highlighting the positive contribution people can make by coming together to improve their local community. The fact that so many residents took part in a day of action to spruce up the area is an illustration of the fact that community spirit is still alive and well across our district.

The idea behind setting up the association is to eventually take over control of the land from Bradford Council and turn it from a current eyesore into a well-used community garden and potential allotment space for community use.

The volunteers from the Thornton community got stuck in and involved by cutting back grass, removal of weeds, and generally make the land, which is described as about the size of a football pitch, look more presentable.



In that time the Association has been set up, negotiations have taken place with Bradford Council about the transfer of the land, and the local community have rallied around the idea of the land being used as a community garden.

Comments:

Christine Clavering, chairman of the Sappgate Gardens Association, said: "It was great to see so many people involved in this day of action"

Ward councillors Sue Duffy and Richard Dunbar (Lab, Thornton and Allerton) also took part in the community clear-up. "several months ago two local residents approached me, Councillor Dunbar and Alex Dilger explaining that they wanted something positive to happen to the land rather than it being the eyesore. We are proud to be involved and look forward to seeing things develop even further. It was great to be involved and we must thank the people of Thornton for coming together to transform this piece of land into an area to be enjoyed by the whole community. We must thank our community development worker for his input and we are glad to have identified funding that allowed the day to go ahead."

2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward?

Community Consultation

A key aspect of the project was to encourage and consult with the local Thornton community. The main aims were:

- Identify and establish the interest, suitability, and demand of the Allotments & Community Gardens idea in Thornton, in the grounds of Sappgate Lane, Thornton, Bradford, BD13 3HD
- The local community to become partners in the decision making process
- Demonstrate that there is a need for Allotments & Community Gardens
- Gather opinions as to how the Sappgate Allotment & Community Gardens should be developed.

To achieve this, we developed a paper based questionnaire with interested residents which were then distributed by community activists locally around Thornton Village. In addition the Development Worker attended local meetings and Bradford Council Ward forums, and providing information to inform local people about both the project and the potential to be involved through the questionnaires.

Sufficient interest was generated through the questionnaires and the Community Development Worker analysed the data collected and organised a series of public meetings with all interested individuals and groups. After discussions residents and community activists, presentation at the Bradford Council ward forum a site was identified,



in the grounds of Sapgate Lane, Thornton, Bradford, BD13 3HD which is currently owned by Bradford Council.

A public meeting was organised which included the results of the consultation, followed by a walk and talk to the identified plot of ground. It is fair to say that we were confident that the interest generated and residents were excited seeing the plot of land potential were keen to form Sapgate Gardens Association to move this project forward and whom now meets on a monthly basis to bring this project to full fruition.

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes?

Community allotments and gardens offer people and the community many sustainable benefits. They provide opportunities for both recreational gardening and food production, in underutilised spaces. This Development also contributes to biodiversity of species and brings the residents from the community together and may reduce crime rates by increasing visibility and engaging citizens in positive initiatives

Community gardens contribute to a healthy lifestyle by:

- Providing fresh, safe, affordable herbs, fruits and vegetables.
- Helping to relieve stress and increase sense of wellness.
- Getting people active, which improves overall physical health.
- Providing social opportunities that build a sense of community and belonging.
- Giving people an opportunity to learn and share knowledge on gardening, nature, and cooking.

Also: Community gardens benefit the community as they help:

- Build welcoming, safer communities.
- Improve the look of the neighbourhood.
- Reduces pollution by sequestering carbon and reducing the shipping of food over long distances.
- Connect people to nature.
- Provide a common meeting area where people of all ages and cultural backgrounds can come together to share experiences and knowledge.
- Educate people on where food comes from and provide opportunity for people, especially in urban spaces, to engage with their food system.

4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2016

(Maximum 200 words)

Below are a few examples of works involved in (more information can be found in the full Community Development Work Plans and Monitoring via Bradford West Areas coordinators office)

Environment \ Cleaner and Greener

- Supporting Sapgate Gardens Association and assisting with potential new allotment project
- Supporting and assisting with potential new play \ park development (Clayton)



- Undertaking Litter Picks and overgrown involving Probation Service and Community Pay back)
- Supporting local schools and supporting \writing funding applications for Adventurous learning space development.

Inequalities in health and Wellbeing

- Supported the local healthy living centre (Café West) with services and provisions to meet local health inequalities.
- Delivered elderly peoples dinner & Social clubs and exercise sessions

Incomes, employment and housing

- Set up and Delivered accredited training courses (via Shipley College, MR Training, Comic Relief, WEA and Touchstone). Course included: English, Mathematics, Childcare Care Level 1 & 2, Health and Social Care Courses: Level 2, First Aid and Food Hygiene Courses (over 250+ residents since April 2016)
- Delivered several Esol (English Speakers of other Languages)
- Delivered First Aid and Food hygiene training to support voluntary organisations and volunteers.
- Supported community social enterprise projects such as:
 - Creative Flaire CIC
 - Camouflage CIC
 - Lower Grange Playgroup

Children and young people

- Delivered open access holiday play and activity schemes (over 160+ children and young people)
- Delivered and supported youth provisions and events (MDA Projects x 4 location across both wards and Camouflage Crew Social)
- Supporting parents and toddler groups delivered by volunteers.
- Secured external funding to deliver youth provision and Activates
- Member of the Bradford District Play Forum
- Involved in young people's consultations.

Stronger and Safer Communities (including People Can and volunteering)

- Supporting voluntary organisations across the wards to Implement Action plans and priorities.
- Supporting in reforming community groups across the ward (inc Policies and procedures etc.).
- Supporting voluntary organisations across the ward in a variety of funding proposals to meet local priorities)
- Delivered and supported community cohesion events such as:
 - Community Christmas parties \ Eid Celebrations
 - Community Fun days (over 1200+ Residents)
 - Community trips Delivered across both wards (Over 1000+ residents)
 - Community Fund raising and charity events
- Member of all local partnerships and voluntary organisations (inc WOT) across Bradford West to address issues of concern across the wards and to implement priorities via the Ward Plans.



5. Focus for the next 12 months – key issues or priorities that will impact on the District's People Can Initiative:

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Case Study of work undertaken in District wide**

Ward:	Bradford West
Voluntary organisation:	Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association
Community Development Worker:	Ochieng Ogol (Isaac)

Project name and Ward Plan theme:	Black Health Forum
Date of project start:	April 2016
If completed date of completion:	n/a

1. Summary of project and who was involved in the project?
(Maximum 200 words)

Commissioned by Bradford West the project aim was to signpost and raise awareness of district wide needs and core service provision in support of the African and African Caribbean Community.

Key organisations involved were the Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association, Black Health Forum, city of Bradford metropolitan district community development and community engagement offices, Well-Being Café, St Pauls Church, Dominican Association, Checkpoint (West Indian community), Mary Seacole Court (African and Caribbean Elders) and Peacemakers International.

Other partnership organisations included the Sudanese, Refuge Forum, Girlington Community Centre, Women Centre (Manningham), and Bradford cobras, Bradford Sports Carnival, Muslim Hands, MAPA and Khidmat Centres. The newer organisation's involvement was evidence of increased recognition of the positive role of sports, women and cultural diversity within e.g. the predominantly east, west and north African and African Caribbean Islamic populations in addressing the needs of the community and council stated 5 outcomes. The project also benefited immensely from numerous individual volunteers contributions. These included the Black Health forum, Manningham Mills Sport Association committee, ward officers and councillors and others from the community. This combined effort recognises the scope of the task exceed the 10 hour weekly commission.



2. How did you ensure a wide range of people had the opportunity to get involved and how has the project benefited people in the Ward? (Maximum 200 words)

The project used the Black Health Forum as the main organisation to carry out the task. This is in recognition of the influential position it has, experience of successful delivery of targeted community development projects and wide reach within the target communities, core community development agencies and external networks. Other strategies included the use of traditional mainstream print (flyers, newsletters), local voice: BCB radio, active engagement in general internal and external public community development events. For example the planning meeting April, June Check Point, Mapa and BCB studios; attendance of up to international women's and Bradford sports carnival event, quarterly ward community development meetings and utilized active support of Bradford Council engagement offices and CVS to spread the message widely. Increasingly the BHF / the project sort to utilise electronic and other social mediums such as Facebook to ensure wide range of involvement. This medium has proved to be very effective reaching out to younger people of working and school are groups and in overcoming the challenge of the widely geographical dispersed African and African Caribbean communities. The project also took advantage of the annual Black History Month event and facilitated a number of public partnership events such as the Sport England – Sportivate to foster wider participation especially of women and girls from different communities.

3. Does the project have Sustainable outcomes? (Maximum 100 words)

Yes, examples of the sustainable outcomes: demonstrable effectiveness of the role in reaching out to the community. This also provided an opportunity to lay a good foundation a more enhanced community development role. The project enabled the reestablishment of formal and informal communication links with up to 50 African Caribbean community organisations and active contributions. These are links that were either at risk of being lost for a variety of complex reasons e.g. unintended adverse impact local authority austerity measures, economic downturn and perceived local grievances and impact of fragmentation following from the dispersal of the African and African Caribbean communities from Manningham and West Bowling. The project enabled the establishment of new working relationships / organisations with the recently settled Libyan, Gambian, Sudanese communities. It was also able to establish closer working relationship with other wider communities such as the Indian Khalifah / Sunehra organisation, Bangladeshi BEAP / BYO communities, Muslim Hands and Khidmat Centre charities, Girdlington Centres and Women centres. Other outcomes were building of the communities esteem and confidence and reduction of inequalities and antisocial behaviours through the introduction of sustainable various new opportunities and modern resources for women and girls in boxing, archery, basketball, football, dodge ball, Zumba and coach awards. Equally important was the very valuable knowledge and experience gained in community development, £5220.00 Sport England Sportivate award and a further approximate total of £1000.00 raised from participants contribution toward future sessions.



4. Summary of other work you have undertaken since April 2015 (Maximum 200 words)

Clean & Greener – support for the Sudanese Community and members resolve issues about recycled and general waste disposal by signing, providing relevant information and raising issue with the various ward councillors. This led to improved relationship with landlord and resolving issues of recycled bins not being emptied that was affecting many community members.

Safer Communities – sign posted many of the recently resettled communities from the numerous conflict zones in Africa to the Srebrenica memorial event held at Khidmat. The opportunity allowed them to meet and establish contact directly with key support agencies; police, BHCA and other services. The agencies were able to allay some their fears and offer assurance and build their confidence especially following the BREXIT vote. Provided support that has helped reduce the increased youth antisocial behaviour directed at the Khidmat Centre people with learning disability and the elderly. Supported effort to engage with the Gambian community affected by a perceived growing conflict with predominantly Asian residents in Bradford 3.

Inequalities in Health: provided support for women affected by the issue of FGM. This involved researching and signposting them to relevant agencies and resulted in proposal to revise current council provision to account of the women's needs; follow up request for the women to make a presentation to Bradford college. They also gained confidence to develop a support resource. Another outcome was support to set up a six month £5220.00 Sport England funded Sportivate health lifestyle award scheme primarily aimed at increasing women / girls' participation. The scheme was attended by over 125 young people, women and girls who were the majority; introduced up to 4 sports participants would otherwise not taken part in; one female attained formal boxing coaching qualification, each of the participation centres acquired modern equipment towards continuation after the funding period.

Stronger Communities / Cohesion – Supported the establishment of Sudanese and Libyan community organisations with further expert help from Khidmat Centres and CVS. The initiative helped fostered more mutual working relationships between several of the African and African Caribbean and predominant south Asian Bangladeshi, Pakistani and Indian communities. The project also supported the re-establishment of the BHF community directory resource that also provided an avenue for direct face to face contact between numerous community establishments and working partnerships e.g. the collaborative effort of up to 4 centres in Toller, Manningham and City wards (this is where the 'largest' clusters of the community prevail) in delivering the Sport England Sportivate scheme.

Other work included the signposting and on-going support for the annual Black History Month, events during the month of October; support for the first Bradford sports carnival held at Bradford academy in July 2016 and monthly café west provision for the elderly at St. Paul's church; Part of the effort – directory will go towards growing of the Black Heritage Trail project



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Key issues or priorities over the next 12 months are the effort grow the BHF charity status; development of alternative / stable revenue and fundraising streams; strengthening the established ties with other community agencies; to include People Can and joint community initiatives. From the consultation and discussion many expressed a strong desire to grow the achievements such as the heritage trail, community directory, checkpoint’, MAPA, frontline projects into more robust and cohesive heritage / cultural facility to reflect the diversity and unique African and African Caribbean cultures, traditions and collective contribution to the wider district community developments. This work does require a full time provision?

