

Report of the Strategic Director – Place to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 6 April 2017

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Subject:

Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 Update

Summary statement

This report outlines the work of the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period October 2016 to March 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

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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 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS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 Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period October 2016 to March 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 be noted.



Dementia Friendly Ilkley



The campaign to make Ilkley a better place for people living with dementia received a boost in October 2016 when Alan Titchmarsh (visiting the town as part of the literature festival) took time out of his schedule to meet with the group and become its patron.

Volunteer Dementia Champions continue to build on their efforts to increase the numbers of dementia friends in the town and encouraging local businesses to become dementia friendly. As the group promotes 'making an effort to be Dementia Friendly contributes not only to bringing the local community together - but as a town which attracts a significant number of day-trippers, it could be beneficial to businesses'.

Warehouse success

Ilkley Youth and Community Association took over, day to day, responsibility for running the Children's Centre and the Youth Centre – The Warehouse, from Bradford Council in April 2016. The latter half of the year saw much progress being made - more groups use both facilities and the range on offer is varied and diverse. A Martial arts organisation, Kokoro Academy, use the ground floor of the Youth Centre on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. The Youth Service continues to host sessions on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Project 6, an award winning voluntary drug and alcohol charity, hold counselling sessions, CAB also operate an outreach programme alongside a range of activities delivered through the Children's Centre.



Secretary Ian Laven writes – 'There have been challenges along the way of course but, despite one of the boilers deciding that it no longer wished to play ball, necessitating its replacement and the condition of the buildings not being the best, progress has been made. Gradually, all these things are being sorted; the grounds have been tidied up, new LED lighting in one of the halls has been installed, repairs to the roof have been carried out and the subsequent internal damage rectified and painted.'

Ambitious plans to extend the building with the provision of a sports barn are still being explored and thanks to the continued efforts of the Management Committee the future looks positive.

Youth Service

Through Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) we were able to offer opportunities for young people to attend a local event in order that they could access information on a wide range of health related issues such as healthy relationships, nutrition, and drug and alcohol awareness and furthermore the event provided interactive and fun activities which promoted healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.



The event held February 2016 was well attended by young people from the Ilkley Ward.



Appendix C – Keighley Central Ward

1. Lunch Time Tree Walks - Friends of Devonshire Park.



The Lunch Time Tree Walks Project covered 9 individual walks with an average attendance of 40 persons and overall 150 individuals attended. The Walks took place in Devonshire Park and funding for the project came from 'Go Walking Project' – West Yorkshire Combined Authorities. History leaflets were produced and the walks were led by a member of another local organisation 'Those Plant People'. It is planned to distributed questionnaires so a true evaluation and report collated. The plan for the future is to undertake further activities with local schools and other funding has been secured from Tesco Bags of Help to run a family and children's project.

2. Central Ward – Town Centre Day of Action and Clean-Up



The initiative took place on Friday 3 March to coincide with the Keep Britain Tidy Initiative – 'Great British Spring Clean'. Partners and volunteers helped to clean a number of streets in and around the town centre, gully wagons were deployed in Lower Highfield and Recycling promoted in Knowle Park with the Shared Church off the town centre given a thorough tidy and clean. Also, in the Airedale Shopping Centre the Fair Trade Event provided refreshments for all volunteers involved in the day and Fire Safety and Crime Stoppers Campaign was promoted throughout the day.

3. No Excuses' Drug Awareness' Workshop



Keighley Area Co-ordinators Office, Police and Youth Service ran and organised a Drug's Awareness Workshop 'No Excuses'. The workshop was delivered at St Anne's Scout Group for both young people aged 10 – 14yrs and parents. The young people and parents had lots of questions and the session was very well attended. Parents at the end of the meeting were provided with leaflets and further information relating to The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (section 5) and Scratch and Sniff Cards that make up part of the 'No Excuses Pact'.



4. Supporting EU Communities – The Good Shepherd Centre



The Good Shepherd Centre provides support for newly arriving families' from EU countries and for those who have settled and made their home in Keighley. New families are assisted with settling their children into school, adapting to their new surroundings, benefits advice, employment opportunities, educational opportunities and much more. Information is translated into a number of EU languages. English Conversation Classes are organised along with a crèche facility. Other activities focus on

after school club for children, Friday Coffee mornings, Parent and Toddler Group supported by a Health visitor. The centre hosts a number of events throughout the year, works with other local partner organisations and offers a wide range of training modules. The centre is based in Spring Gardens Lane.

5. Highfeild Food Co-op – Walking for Health and supporting communities.



Highfeild Co-op have organised a number of local walks in and around the Highfeild area taking in local parks as part of their planned routes. They finish their walk with everyone meeting over a cup of coffee and a chat and more walks are planned for the future. Everyone who attended the recent walks was presented with a 'Go Walking T-Shirt or Windbreaker. In addition Highfeild Food Co-op are in the planning stages and working with a range of partners to take over the maintenance of some of the local communal

planters located in the Highfeild aim with main aim of growing local produce and bringing unused green spaces back to life.

6. Youth Service - Working with vulnerable young women.



Keighley Youth Service is currently working in partnership with Hand in Hand Project to help young women with relationships issues. In this partnership work we around raising awareness on

positive sexual relationships; being safe in a sexual relationship and acting responsible all the time. The project also explores internet safety through discussions around cyber sexual exploitation and watching related educational videos. The group has looked at factors that increase vulnerability around sexual relationships. On the list of these factors drugs, alcohol came top followed by poverty. As a result of this work we have organised a number of Drugs and Alcohol awareness sessions. The project comes to an end at the end of the financial year, but an exit strategy for continued work with these young women is being put in place.



Appendix D – Keighley East Ward

LONG LEE SCHOOL PARKING CAMPAIGN

Working in conjunction with the Area Office and Long Lee School, a two week education and enforcement campaign took place in October 2016. Led by the local police team, with support from BMDC wardens and Road Safety Team, it addressed issues of parking and drop off and had a huge impact on behaviour. Children joined the police team, geared up for the occasion in their 'mini uniforms' and feedback from the school and pedestrians was that it was a very welcome and productive campaign.

Highways' officers later worked with the school to help them introduce a new entry/exit gate on the perimeter by providing a safety barrier. A debrief on observations of 'pinch points' and how the area might be improved by traffic regulation was shared between departments on completion of the campaign.



A SPRING CLEAN IN DECEMBER

Residents in Dalton Lane were keen to make a difference in their neighbourhood and working with the Area Office, supported by Big Local, one of their first projects was a 'spring clean' in December.

Linked to 'The Big Tidy Up' England's biggest-ever litter pick residents were encouraged to join in and make a difference, understanding that small actions can be the start of big changes. Since 2008, The Big Tidy Up has mobilised more than half a million people in more than 25,000 groups to collect nearly 120,000 bags of rubbish.

In many cases, these community clean-ups have been just the start - inspiring people to make real and lasting changes in their neighbourhoods



and to come together to work on other initiatives to improve their local environment. Litter picks, gloves and bags were provided and 13 bags of rubbish were collected and stacked ready for collection by the clean team. Lots of ideas for future projects were discussed and the children young people were rewarded for their efforts with a small gift provided through Big Local and a donation from another partner organisation.

MORE – GET OUT MORE

Free outdoor games and activities for 9 – 15 year olds delivered through 'Get Out More' have run throughout the winter months and provided the opportunity for outdoor games, wild art and campfire cooking. To encourage uptake across the ward Big Local funding provided a minibus to pick up at various points and the sessions have proved very successful.

www.getoutmorecic.co.uk



Residents Needed!

Charworth Street
Rensley Street
Buller Street
Berry Street
Frederick Street
Park Terrace

the BIG tidy up

1PM - 3PM
Tuesday 20th December 2016

Bags Gloves Litter Pickers
& Sweeping Brushes Provided

Every Child taking part gets a gift wrapped present!

The Big Tidy Up is England's biggest-ever litter pick. We need 4000 bags of rubbish to be collected! The aim is to get everyone out and about, cleaning up their community and preventing that small amount from the rest of us! It's simple. The Big Tidy Up saves your neighbourhood!

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A FAST WAY TO LEARN



In February 2017 the Area Office was delighted to be invited to attend the Graduation celebrations on the successful completion of Parkwood Primary's second 'FAST' programme (Families and School Together). The school primarily through its Parental Involvement Officer but spearheaded through Save the Children, introduced the scheme last year with excellent results. At heart it is an early intervention programme which aims to build supportive relationships within families and across communities, FAST helps improve children's

engagement in learning and can have a huge impact on their life chances and wellbeing. 18 Families were presented with certificates – wearing graduation robes and hats made by the children. A buffet tea and family disco followed. This has now become an established programme and the Area Office will be involved in its continued delivery.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT....

Chip in and help out, wild cooking and pancakes on a bus....Some innovative ways of engaging with local residents have been trialled through collaborative work with the Big Local partnership. In areas



where there is little in the way of public meeting space the use of the Hale community bus has proved an excellent way to meet with residents and encourage neighbourliness.

Chip in and help out makes use of a local Fish and Chip shop who offer their facilities to enable residents to meet and plan improvements for the Stockbridge neighbourhood.



YOUTH WORK

Detached youth workers have delivered activities to young people across the Keighley East Ward. Over the last 12 months youth workers have engaged with groups of young people on the streets in Stockbridge, Hainworth Wood Road, Long Lee, and Parkwood. Activities have included:

Street based play sessions, Team challenges, Photography, Community mapping, Cycling activities, Alcohol awareness, Personal Safety, Holiday activities – ice skating, Jump Inc, football tournaments, BBQ's....Young people have been involved in developing their own programme and have started to look at applying for funding to support these activities.



Appendix E – Keighley West Ward

Tea party launch for new “Pick n Mix” group

Older people living around Merlin Top Academy in Braithwaite were invited to meet at the school’s newly refurbished community room for a chat over afternoon tea about setting up a social group. Area office staff met with CD worker Pip Gibson and Keighley Healthy Living to look at sounding out people living in bungalows around Braithwaite Avenue on whether they would attend. The area has suffered from anti social behaviour and the new group aimed to challenge isolation among residents, as well as offering somewhere to raise neighbourhood issues. The tea party got people together for food, bingo, beetle drive, knitting and exercise demos, and to see what the level of interest was in a regular group. Residents attending were keen to give it a go, so the Pick N mix group was launched last Autumn – pick your activities and mix with your friends ! The group has offered a chance to try out new activities such as tai chi and walking, and is going strong although few residents from the target area have not joined the group, with many citing mobility issues. The ward partnership team continues to respond to anti social behaviour in the area, including diversionary activity and working with local primary schools.



Aiming for a fresh start at Cromer Road

About 15 residents in the Cromer Road area of Ingrow got together for a clean up on two neglected snickets, helping give the area a fresh start. The clean up took place after walkabouts in the area by members and Neighbourhoods staff, and a number of residents expressed concerns about litter, refuse and lack of pride on social media. A doorknock was carried out, to check that all residents were aware of their responsibilities regarding refuse, bulky waste etc and also encouraging them to report concerns including drug issues. At the clean up in November, residents transformed the unadopted snicket from Cromer Rd to Rawling St, and got to grips with the adopted Cromer Avenue path. Since then, Street Cleansing staff have also given the area more attention with extra litterpicking and digging out longstanding patches of grass and weeds. Another litterpick was held in early March, followed by a thorough sweep by mechanical road and pavement sweepers.



Partners want the best for families

New activity groups for girls, a Work Club, and a pilot community safeguarding project are a few of the outcomes from partnership working in Braithwaite and Guardhouse recently. Partners including primary school head teachers, Children’s Centre lead officer, Youth Service, police and Incommunities, have joined the ward officer and members to take forward proposals jointly agreed, particularly aiming at improving the life chances of children and young people in the area. The Girls Groups are run at Merlin Top Academy jointly by JAMES and Youth Service,(more info below); the new Work Club is run by Incommunities at Rainbow Children’s Centre and the idea for the safeguarding project is based on primary schools setting out some basic expectations of children and families, and encouraging the whole community to understand their responsibilities to children. The pilot is being developed with Marketing and Children’s Service colleagues.



Footpath improvements in Guardhouse

A meeting to discuss what could be done about increased litter in the Braithwaite and Guardhouse area was held in November, when residents, and businesses were invited to discuss where the litter hotspots are, which ones need to be tackled most urgently, how this could be done and by whom. The meeting took place six months after the area's litterpicker of 20 years, Clarence Cardwell, retired from the Council, before new part time staff were appointed to the Clean Team, and deployed in the Braithwaite and Guardhouse area. Since then, Community Payback teams have also worked on improving snickets in the Guardhouse area, which have been a source of complaint, including the path from School Rd to North Dean Rd, and School Walk to Guardhouse Rd. They have cleared vegetation and edged the paths which had become neglected, and will continue to work in the area into the summer on litterpicking and strimming Council land around one of the paths.

Concerned about
litter in
Braithwaite ?
Want to help make
improvements ?



- Map out where the litter hotspots are
- Which should be tackled first ?
- How could this be done ?
- Who should be involved ?
- Why does it matter ?

Let's get together and find some answers.

A meeting for Braithwaite residents:
4 pm Wednesday November 23
at
Keith Thompson Centre
Coronation Mount
Braithwaite BD22 6HE

More details from Liz Parker at
Keighley Area Co-ordinator's
Office on 01525 619008



Persistence pays – West Lane landowner finally traced



Work has begun on patch of overgrown land which has attracted a string of complaints, after several years of struggle to identify an owner. Land Registry could not come up with any information on the owner, despite Bradford Council having sold the plot in 2002, where a former Council house once stood. The house had become unsafe after an explosion and was demolished. A request to dig deep into the storage cellars of the Council's Estates department bore fruit - in the form of a memo with the name and address of the new owner. Within a week or two of being contacted by the ward officer, the landowner had a team on site clearing away years of brambles and rubbish, and was considering a visit to Planning Officers to look at options for development.

Helping young people keep safe

Over the last 12 months Keighley West's Youth Worker, Ward Officer, local Police team, James Project and Merlin Top School have worked together as partners to increase the Youth Offer for young people in Braithwaite. Currently on a Wednesday there are two girls' groups at Merlin Top Community Room as well as a session on Thursday at Keighley Young People's Centre. These three sessions are project based to increase awareness and resilience around ASB, Drugs and Alcohol, Sexual Health and Healthy Relationships. They also concentrate on where the young people are at this point in time and giving them opportunities to develop a positive self-image, an understanding of personal safety and safety of those around the community. Over forty young people have been engaging in these projects over the last 12 months, with relationships between the organisations, young people and the community improving.



Appendix F – Worth Valley Ward

Operation Onebin team tidies up to keep tourists coming back

Haworth traders and residents got together for a second clean up in time for one of its big events – Steampunk weekend in November. Artist and Haworth gallery owner Sonje Hibbert and Neighbourhood Service staff met volunteer litterpickers, to spruce up the BronteVillage car park and other hotspots. Sonje launched her “Operation Onebin” appeal to traders for funds to buy one new bin and attracted donations of another four bins to be used in the car park. Since then Countryside and Rights of Way have bought another two bins for Penistone Hill, another hotspot for litter.

Now another trader, Diane Park is highlighting the need for more work to be done in Haworth Churchyard, which is visited by thousands each year. Diane and regular volunteer Anthony Medd joined church and parish council representatives, Bereavement Services, Parks and Landscapes, ward officer and ward councillors to look at planning a volunteer day at the end of March.



Volunteers do Oakworth proud !

Over the last 18 months, Oakworth has seen a total of 7 community clean ups, attracting hundreds of volunteers who have worked in scores of locations including HoldenPark. Two complementary projects, Operation Oakworth and Perk up your Park successfully brought volunteers together to tackle litter hotspots on roads and footpaths, and in HoldenPark, to benefit the entire village in November and March. (Picture shows volunteers Christine Sharp and Zoe Arnold on Slack Lane). The ward officer also visited Oakworth Scout group to outline everyone’s responsibility to keep the environment clean and encourage young people to take part in the clean ups. In addition, Bradford Council has installed a solar powered Big Belly bin in Station Rd, which has nine times the capacity of a traditional litterbin, in order to resolve frequent complaints about litter there. The bin it displaced has been installed at the junction of Slack Lane and Cure Hill, and another installed on Moor Drive next to the playing field.



Finding a way to protect valuable services

The ward officer has been involved in continuing discussions with a range of organisations and members on ideas for sustaining services which are important to local residents, including:

- Haworth toilet blocks and car parks – facilitating discussion with operational staff and parish councillors on the day to day running of the toilets and car parks, costs etc in order to inform future decision making
- Holden Hall – supporting the development of a new trust with advice and help on publicity, funding and contact with VOSO, to help equip the group to gradually take on the sustainable running of the hall
- Friends of HoldenPark – organising a site visit with officers and members in order to inform the group’s bid for funding for CCTV from Keighley Town Council, aiming to reduce ASB and very costly damage in the park.



New attempts to tackle old problems – Gas Street and Ebor Lane

Regular littering and fly tipping continue to cause a nuisance and an eyesore in the lower part of Haworth, so partners tried something different in a couple of locations:

- Residents around the Youth Shelter in Gas Street were given a chance to outline any issues they have in a survey in March, and an opportunity to join in a community clean up later in Spring.
- Police and council ward officer met KWVR staff at Haworth Station to discuss issues with litter and anti social behaviour – the station will be upgrading their CCTV to deter this.
- Fly tipping on very steep banking down to Bridgehouse Beck in Ebor Lane (above) was tackled by Calder Valley Search and Rescue Team. The eyesore could not be cleared by volunteers because of the dangerous slope, and as no landowner can be identified, the Council could not pursue them to clean up. The access to the bank has also been blocked with tree trunks to deter fly tipping in future.



Clearer view from the “island” in traffic scheme

Consultation on a new 20mph traffic scheme for Cross Roads unearthed a separate problem which Highways staff have been able to tackle. Neighbourhoods staff facilitated an earlier discussion with ward and parish councillors when officers heard that the triangle traffic island at the junction of Hebden Road and Lees Lane needed “decluttering” of signs, planters etc to improve safety, and most traffic should be directed down the safer slip road. The ward officer also supported a Highways consultation event in October at Lees Primary School about the proposed scheme, which included the additional measures. These changes have now been made as part of the 20mph scheme within budget.



Young people support hall’s new future



Members of Oakworth youth club have contributed funds from their subs to help buy new curtains for their base at Holden Hall which has recently had roof repairs and an internal refurbishment. The group are keen to see the hall stay open so their Friday night sessions can continue, and have welcomed the bid from a newly formed trust involving User Group members to take over responsibility for running the building.. The youth project offers a wide range of activities including recreational activities, themed

workshops, cook and eats, information, advice and guidance and life skills which are developed and delivered with input from young people.

Haworth Youth Project is continuing on a Tuesday evening at Haworth Community Centre. The session is well attended and is also going through a similar process to Holden Hall where a voluntary group plans to start running the building, allowing youth provision to continue. Oxenhope Youth Project has secured funding from the Parish Council to continue youth activities at Oxenhope Community Centre on a Friday evening over the next financial year. One young person has also taken on an active role with the Parish Council to represent and advocate on behalf of young people from Oxenhope.

