

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 3 December 2015

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Subject:

Keighley Area Community Development Commissions 2015-17 Progress Update

Summary statement:

This report outlines the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16.

2. BACKGROUND

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

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

No other considerations.



4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The Community Development grants are contained within the Council's budget as approved by the Council on 26 February 2015.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

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

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

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

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Keighley Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Keighley Area Ward Plans 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 Keighley Area.

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

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.



7.6 TRADE UNION

No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

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

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Keighley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Keighley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 be noted.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary April – September 2015

Appendix B - CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre , Progress update summary April – September 2015

Appendix C – CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary April – September 2015

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None



Appendix A

CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary April – September 2015

Let's Get Together

I organised **Let's Get Together**, a voluntary sector networking event for all groups working in the voluntary sector across Keighley. This aim of the event was to bring groups together to showcase what they do, share information, get to know one another, and find out about other information relevant to groups.

Groups attended: Small World, KAWACC, Highfield Community Association, Ukrainian Club, Holycroft Parents, Soroptomist and Mothers of Eastwood School, St Anne's Project, Lillie's of the Valley, Cliffe Castle Conservation Group, Lund Park Community Group. Utleby Cemetery, Friends of Parkwood, Sea Cadets, Town Centre Association, Long Lee Village Hall, Those Plant People, Youth Co-Op, Friends of Keighley Tarn, Fair Trade Keighley, Astronomical Society, JAMES, Beechcliffe School.

Groups who presented were: Dementia Friendly Keighley, Jam on Top, Craven Trust, Heritage Lottery Fund, Shipley and Bingley Voluntary Services.

Outcome: The event evaluated well and people felt that it was useful, important, great to have the opportunity to network, and find out what others are doing. Groups also indicated they wanted specific forums that could relate directly to their type of work. As a result of Let's Get Together Green Spaces Keighley was developed.

Let's Get Together was attended by 75 people

Green Spaces Keighley

Green Spaces Keighley has met twice for networking, sharing information and partnership work, and they intend to continue meeting every quarter. The next meeting will be in February 2016. Meetings have been organised and planned with 4 people from 4 different groups. The meetings are interactive and groups present to others what they have been doing and any plans for the future. We haven't a budget and as the meetings are over tea time food is essential. Each person attending pays £2.00 towards food. At the last meeting the food was bought and prepared by a member.

Groups attended: Friends of Cliffe Castle Conservation Group, Lund Park Community Group, Friends of Devonshire Park, Friends of Utleby Cemetery, Friends of Parkwood, Friends of Keighley Redcar Tarn, Those Plant People, Keighley in Bloom, Friends of Burgess Field, Area Office.

Groups who presented: Keighley Healthy Living (Go Walking Project), KIVCA (Incredible Edible), Jenny Green Dog Walkers (Bingley).

Outcomes: Provides real possibilities, vital to see the bigger picture, the most useful meet up I have had in ages, great to talk to like minded people, shows up gaps in local areas and creates possibilities for new projects / events, builds morale between groups. Those Plant People, CCCG, Keighley in Bloom, KIVCA and KHL are working together to develop Incredible Edible.

Green spaces was attended by 14 and 16 people

Go Walking



Go Walking is a partnership between Keighley Healthy Living, Get Out More and KIVCA. I contacted KHL and suggested a joint application to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority. We were successful and this has seen the development of a project that encourages inactive people to be more active. Another strand of the project is to conduct street audits, and these help to identify barriers to walking and it's also a tool for engaging communities in their environment.

Outcomes of the audits: I carried out two audits with the community and as a result a pilot project will be set up in Knowle Park, Lawkholme and Highfield to engage with the community, schools and local children's centres to adopt a street planter.

Launch of Go Walking I organised and launched the Go Walking Project on October 1st with a walk from Victoria Park to Highfield Community Association and then up to Holycroft School. Children from Eastwood School led the procession with percussion instruments, songs and chants and we gave out postcards with the website address along the way. Once at Holycroft School we paraded around the playground and invited children and parents to take part in games.

Groups / people attending: Eastwood Primary School children, staff and parents, Area Office, Area Committee, Green Spaces groups, Holycroft parent's, members of the public.

The launch was attended by 70 people



Incredible Edible



Bradford Council approached KIVCA with an idea to set up a pilot food growing project in Keighley (Incredible Edible). I contacted organisations and invited to a meetings and through these and Green Spaces network, ideas have emerged to create a green route around the town for community growing, with the view of eventually broadening this out to other parts of Keighley. I supported the development of two bids, one of which has been successful, and the other

awaiting the outcome of. An Incredible Edible walk was arranged to identify potential growing sites and to begin drawing up an outline a plan / vision for Keighley.

Groups attended UAK academy Keighley, members of the public, East Riddlesden Hall.

Outcomes: Young people are keen to get involved in Incredible Edible and suggested planting an orchard at Burgess Field. The school were amazed at how involved the young people were in coming up with ideas, and one boy in particular who hardly ever got involved or engaged in an activity emerged himself in the whole process of apple pressing at the end of the walk.

Incredible Edible Walk was attended by 25 people

Older People's Event Silsden I worked with the area office to support the planning of the event and supported the day.

Outcomes: More people had access to information that was relevant to their health and safety.

The older people event was attended by approx 60 people



Appendix B

CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre, Progress update summary April – September 2015

Case Study 1 - Wedding Reception and the Community

Rita & Arthur have been users of our centre for 'more years than they can remember'. They were both widowed some years ago and romance blossomed and they eventually married at a small intimate ceremony in Haworth on the 4th July 2015. When our centre users found out about the wedding they rallied round to provide a fantastic wedding reception for the happy couple, their family and their large number of friends with a total of 62 people attending, Arthur had his best friend with him who also celebrated his 100th birthday in the centre in December. Food was donated to provide a very large buffet, one person baked a magnificent wedding cake, and the centre was decorated in the colours of Rita's wedding dress. A local man offered his services as a DJ (with people searching their lofts for old LP's). They had a wedding car & a Master of ceremonies; they had the first dance to 'their song', cut the cake and had speeches at the top table. Rita & Arthur have expressed and continue to express their gratitude to Hainworth Wood Community centre for providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere so they could meet and eventually fall madly deeply in love. The coming together of people of all ages to provide such a wonderful event was truly inspiring.



Case Study 2 - Working with local Young People

The Youth Service are now working with us in supporting the over 12s (years) youth provision in HWCC to deliver an accredited programme. We also agreed that they would offer a number of sessions in Stockbridge in the summer holidays provision. This accredited Lord Mayors award is encouraging local youths to take pride in themselves and we are helping to avoid anti social behaviour by taking them off the street into a safe environment to earn this accreditations. This is helping them to build their confidence and self esteem and it is encouraging them to work with others among young people. The start date was the 1st July 2015 but is a rolling program with other youths joining one of the schemes at later dates. After an event that three of our youths volunteered to help out at, there were so many positive comments about their hard work, enthusiasm and good manners that The chair of the committee (who wasn't at the event) felt compelled to send letters of thanks to the 3 individuals. These letters can be used in the future as a testimonial in college/apprentice applications.



Case Study 3 - Community Security and working with the Police

We worked with the local PCSO's to promote the OWL project. The OWL project has had 25 new members register through our community centre. This was promoted through group sessions, leaflets, facebook and one-to-one contact. Registration Forms are still available from the centre. This promotion will ensure that the local residents feel more secure in the community by being kept informed about any problems/issues that could affect them.

I also initiated contact with the local police and PCSO's and have established a regular drop in on a Wednesday. This will ensure local residents feel reassured by this regular attendance. The reason this is run on a Wednesday is because this is when I run a cafe so that local residents can have contact with the police in a confidential, non-judgmental and safe environment. The cafe masks the fact that a resident is seeking police advice in case the matter is of a sensitive nature as talking to the police is seen as a 'no no' by some of the community.

We feel we have built a very positive and pro-active relationship with our local police and we will continue to build on this in the future. This is having a positive impact on how anti-social behaviour and other issues are being dealt with.



Case Study 4 - Working with other Agencies to Benefit the Community

During the summer we worked with a variety of agencies delivering provision for youth and families in our area. On 19 August we held a summer fair at the centre. We worked with other local agencies to deliver a fantastic day with over 150 people attending. The event was to raise money for the centre and also to improve communication with local partner agencies and raise awareness of what is available within their community, other partner agencies were the Forest School, Big Local, Incommunities, the Police, Neighbourhood Wardens, local councillors, Youth Service, and Area Office. The Forest School project was so successful (52 engaged) that we had to put on extra sessions for both families and young people and are now seeking additional funding for the provision to be delivered in Hainworth and in Stockbridge.



Appendix C

CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary April – September 2015

Westfell Environmental Improvement Initiative



Project aims - to address long standing environmental and community safety issues relating to a derelict piece of land at Fell Lane, Keighley by engaging local people, agencies and service providers.

Partners - Ward Councillor Farley, Yorkshire Housing Officer, Ward Officer, Youth Worker, Travis Perkins, Chris Herd Butchers, Scout Hut Fell Lane, Natures Way, Those Plant People.

Community involvement - Consultation August 2014 = 50+ members of the public turned up in the rain to share their ideas and concerns. Festive Forum December 2014 = 150+ members of the public.

Funding & Resources - Yorkshire Housing were the main sponsors, donating a total of £3,196 and a vast amount of staff time. CBMDC Ward Cllrs funding = £440 and a commitment to maintain the litter bin. Donations of plants, seeds, bulbs, time and effort were given by local people at the onsite community workshops.

Outcomes - The project brought people of all ages and abilities together, to plan and implement a variety of activities to improve their local green space. It provided recreational learning activities and experiences, whilst turning an eyesore into an asset. The project developed an increase in skills and confidence that will help people access training and work opportunities. It improved the health and well-being of participants and tackled isolation in both the young and elderly.

Perk Up Your Park

Project description - This initiative was organised in direct response to community concerns raised about an increase in the amount of litter being dropped in Oakworth Park. This issue presented a great opportunity to encourage the community to accept more collective responsibility for the sustainability of its own resources. A broad range of potential partners were contacted and conversations were had with local residents in order to get the support needed to do a proper job.

Partners involved - Friends of Holden Park (FOHP), Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office, Parkway Furniture, Oakworth Co-op; Oakworth Primary School; Keighley Town Council.

People involved - 2 litter picks have involved 36 people so far along with members of FOHP totals 40+

Funding & Resources - £500 Community Chest, Parkway Furniture sponsored the tabard printing.

Outcomes - The park environment has been improved. Other parts of Worth Valley are being 'litter picked' by people who now have access to their own 'litter picking' resources.

Relationships have been built between local people and local service providers. The concept of active citizenship has been promoted. This ethos will be used in other parks within Worth Valley due to the success of this pilot.



Cat Steps Project

Aim - to improve an overgrown and treacherous old mill footpath running from Braithwaite to Fell Lane across North Beck. Bringing communities together to repair and replace steps, install drainage, cutting back overhanging vegetation and recognising the contributions of the Armed Forces.



Partners involved - CBMDC Rights of Way Officer, Ward Cllrs, Incommunities, Keighley Armed Forces Association, Keighley Town Council, CBMDC Play Team, James Project, BANDAG, Woodcraft Folk, Those Plant People, Natures Way and many others.

People involved - There have been over 300 people involved in the Project, both locally and District wide

Funding & Resources - £15,000 Community Covenant MOD Funding, Donations of tools and equipment from Travis Perkins totalling £1,000, Yorkshire Housing carried out a tree trimming day. Eccleshill Adventure Play supported with £200.

Outcomes - Enhancement of the physical environment, the creation of a safer footpath to Oakbank School, participation of a huge number of people, a raised awareness of the issues affecting the Armed Forces. Participation in other local community development projects.

Cabbage Club

Project description - a 12 week project to encourage and support people to be more self-sufficient through an integrated open access programme based on outdoor activities including grow, cook and eat sessions, foraging and country crafts whilst creating an outdoor education facility based at the community allotment site, North Dean.

Partners involved - Accent Housing, Keighley Town Council, CBMDC, Bracken Bank & District Community Association, BCEP, local allotment holders.

People involved - there have been over 80 people involved in the Project so far.

Funding & Resources - £2,000 Accent Housing. Sessional work by BCEP. Funding for a water supply from Keighley Town Council.

Outcomes - building stronger communities and tackling isolation by bringing people together to work and share tasks and skills. The environment is being improved. Therapeutic & health benefits for people as they engage with the great outdoors. This project is being led by the community for the benefit of the community.



Bracken Bank Boosh Event

Project description – a 'right good do' community engagement event, bringing together local people, local groups and service providers in an informal way to listen to the voices of those who live, work and play in Bracken Bank (and surrounding areas) To inform future Ward planning...a neighbourhood forum with a difference!



Partners involved - Bracken Bank & District Community Association, Incommunities, Bradford Council Ward Officer Liz Parker, Bradford Play Team, Police, Bradford Libraries, Project 6, Credit Union, One In A Million and many others.

People involved - over 350 people attended this event which was supported by a team of 32 volunteers and local businesses.

Funding & Resources - Donations from local community groups, £400 from Incommunities,

£200 from an anonymous donor. **Outcomes** - Fundraising for the sustainability of the Sue Belcher Community Centre and other local and national charitable causes. Consultation will feed into Ward plans. Local people met with local service providers, shared their thoughts and concerns about where they live. Local community groups promoted their services.

