

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of the Keighley Area Committee to be held on 14 April 2016

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Subject:

Community engagement activities, October 2015 - March 2016

Summary statement:

This report provides information about community engagement activities undertaken by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office during October 2015 - March 2016.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides information about community engagement activities undertaken by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office during October 2015 - March 2016.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following a review of Community Engagement carried out by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in 2015 Keighley Area Committee resolved that Ward Officers should use more of their time to develop more and varied ways of engaging with the public, e.g. Special Forums – on a specific topic of current local interest, events and activities targeted at specific people groups (e.g. older people or parents with young children), stalls at events organised by local community groups (e.g. Galas and Fun Days) and digital engagement (e.g. Facebook, Twitter and local websites).
- 2.3 Appendix A gives details of the community engagement activities that have been undertaken by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office (KACO) during the period October 2015 - March 2016. These have included 'traditional' Neighbourhood Forums, public meetings organised by KACO staff open to all but run on a different format to a Neighbourhood Forums, meetings targeted at particular 'people groups' (e.g. young people), attendance at meetings and other events organised by partner agencies or community groups, door-knocking and 'street consultations'.
- 2.4 This variety of approaches has proved much more effective at reaching a wider and more diverse range of the general public than normally attend Neighbourhood Forums.
- 2.5 The Area Co-ordinator's Office will continue to identify ways of making Neighbourhood Forums, and other forms of consultation and community engagement, relevant to the interests and character of each particular neighbourhood and works with elected Members on ways of increasing public attendance and engagement.
- 2.6 Ward Officers continue to have the flexibility to arrange public meetings in response to local issues that arise outside of the planned schedule of engagement activities, where a majority of Members representing the relevant Ward consider that a public meeting is required.
- 2.7 The importance of the use of the internet and Social Media (e.g. Facebook and Twitter) as a means of communication and consultation is recognised by KACO, and staff are looking at ways of developing their knowledge and use of digital media as a means of community engagement alongside meetings, events and activities. To help with this Ward Officers have recently been issued with Smartphones and these will also be issued to Youth Workers in the near future.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

No other considerations

4. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 Neighbourhood Forums and other community engagement activities are provided within

existing financial resources.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

No significant risks.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no legal implications for Bradford Council arising from this report.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Efforts are made to find ways to make sure that Neighbourhood Forums and other community engagement activities are accessible to all sections of the community.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Public consultation and involvement in decision-making leads to more sustainable solutions to local issues.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

No significant impacts.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Crime and community safety issues are discussed frequently at Neighbourhood Forums which are attended by representatives from West Yorkshire Police.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no trade union implications arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

The information in this report is relevant to all Wards in Keighley Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 This report is provided primarily for information to, and comment by, the Area Committee.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Area Committee notes the constructive engagement with a wide range of the public undertaken through community engagement activities by Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period October 2015 - March 2016.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A: Community Engagement – October 2015 to March 2016

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Community Engagement Review, Document 'AZ', Keighley Area Committee, 22 April 2015

APPENDIX A**Community Engagement – October 2015 to March 2016****Craven Ward**

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Full of Life Event	15 October 2015	Silsden Town Hall	26	Support for older people – wider community. Promotion of older people's services available within the local area.
Hub Building – Support for older people	27 October 2015	Hub Building Steeton	6	Supporting older people Promotion of services to support this community of interest.
Goldie's Event	29 October 2015	Methodist Church Silsden	80	Bringing different older people's groups and individuals together. Promotion of support for older people from across the area 50+
Friends of Silsden Town Hall	30 October 2015	Silsden Town Hall	10	Group development and planning.
EU Market Place Event - Nurses	13 November 2015	Airedale Hospital Education Centre	30	Support for EU Nursing community Promotion of Council Services
Silsden Toilets Project	3 December	Addingham Parish Council	4	Investigations into taking over a council resource.
Friends of Silsden Town Hall – First AGM of new group	9 December	Silsden Town Hall	15	Increased usage and footfall at Silsden Town Hall, increase in bookings and profit for the group.
Steeton with Eastburn Older People's Group	27 January	Hub Building Steeton	6	Developing support for older people and area resilience plan.
Silsden Older People's Group	3 February	Silsden Town Hall	6	Developing support for older people – booklet and GP Kiosk.
Silsden Town Council	18 February	Co-op Board Room	10	New Deal
Steeton with Eastburn	24 February	Kly Office	5	New Deal Up-date Meeting

Friends of Silsden Town Hall	2 March	Silsden Town Hall	12	Support for local community activities - various
Silsden Older People's Group	18 March	Silsden Town Hall	6	Developing support for older people – booklet and GP Kiosk.
Silsden Celebration Event	21 March	Silsden Town Hall	20	Bringing the community together - cohesion

Ilkley Ward

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Full of Life Event	2 October 2015	St John's Church, Bolling Road, Ben Rhydding	9	Promotion of older people's services available within the local area.
Ilkley Parish Council	4 th January	Ilkley Town Hall	15	Awareness raising, Information sharing
Dementia Friendly Ilkley	20 th January	Clarke Foley	7	Developing DFI
Ilkley Parish Council	25 th January	Ilkley Town Hall	14	Public interest PC support 'The Manor House'
Ilkley Public Buildings (Trust)	19 th January	Ilkley Town Hall	16	Civic Life – Community Buildings
Ilkley Parish Council	1 st February	Ilkley Town Hall	17	Addressing PC and attendees 'A' Board update
Parish Council – Business liaison	10 th February	Clarke Foley Centre	43	Awareness of New Deal – update on use of buildings – Q&A
IYCA – AGM use of building	17 th February	The Warehouse	5	Use and viability of building
Ilkley – Development Trust	22 nd February	Ilkley Town Hall	26	Community assets
Planning CAP	9 th March	Tesco	8	Planning launch – partnership approach
Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) Launch	23 rd March	Ilkley Grammar School	27	Awareness of programme – liaison with partners, businesses, school

Keighley Central Ward

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Go Walking Event	1 October 2015	Victoria Park	15 young people, 20 adults	Promoting out door activities Promoting getting active and exercise Tackling obesity.
Lawkholme Day of Action	13 October 2015	Eastwood School and Emily Street	50	Promoting cleaner communities. Promoting volunteering

		Incommunities Building		Promoting community cohesion Voluntary and statutory partnership initiative.
Highfield Working Group	14 October 2015	Highfield Centre	7	Promotion of local partnership working – statutory and voluntary sectors.
Al Hikmah Group	15 October 2015	Al Hikmah Centre	12	Promotion of recycling Supporting young people Developing volunteering and participation in communities.
Fresh Start Project	21 October 2015	Cliffe Castle	8	Promotion of local green initiatives in park settings. Improvement of the quality of green local environments.
Good Shepherd Centre	21 October 2015	St Anne's School	150	Support for EU Communities in Keighley Promotion of community cohesion Promotion of education and volunteering.
Keighley BID Company	2 November	Keighley Co-ordinators Office	12	Support for local business community – Keighley Centre / Bid area.
Keighley Women's Event Central Ward	12 November	Central Hall	80	Address health issues for this community of interest. Promotion of community cohesion Setting up a partnership of women's groups Central Ward – Voluntary and Statutory Sectors.
Young People's Forum	12 November	BCA – Knowle Park	15	To recognise young people's achievements volunteering in the community. Support for young people as a community of interest.
Emily Street Mosque Open Day Event / Seminar	18 November	Emily Street Lawkholme	60	Promotion of community cohesion Addressing issues relating to extremism and radicalisation.
BCA – Knowle Park	15 December	BCA Community Centre	30	Up date on organisation and additional funding secured.
Highfield Christmas Event	21 December	Highfield Community Centre	300	Support for local community, families and young people in partnership with Play Rangers Initiative 5 – 12 yrs.

Women's Planning Meeting	20 January	Central Hall	12	To support an event for International Women's Day.
Friends of Devonshire Park	28 January	Highfield Comm Association	8	Support for group projects.
Friends of Devonshire Park	29 January	Devonshire Park	15	Tree Walk and leaflet.
Door Knock – Highfield	2 February	Raven Street	12	Cleaner Communities
Older People's Group	10 February	Ukrian Centre	5	Support for community of interest
Parents and Community Forum Lawkholme	11 February	Eastwood School	56	Community services and community pilot recycling scheme.
Keighley Healthy Living	23 February	KHL	6	Finalise Go Walking Project, Monitoring
Keighley Bid Company	23 February	Kly Office	10	Supporting Business Community
Green Spaces Meeting	1 March	Central Hall	20	Environmental Group network and support
Flood Meeting	3 March	Office	7	Residents – Skipton Road Utley / Beechcliffe
Health Group	7 March	Sangat Centre	18	Support for older people - male
International Women's Day Event	8 March	Victoria Hall	208	Bringing different cultures together and promoting community cohesion.
Older People's Group	16 March	BCA	5	Community interest support – older people
Community Clean-up	17 March	BCA	21	Knowle Park – Cleaner communities
Community Clean -Up	23 March	Showfield and Lawkholme	27 30 children	Cleaner Communities and recycling - young people's Green Council Eastwood School, United Response and Youth Vision – community participation.

Keighley East Ward

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Glen Lee Lane Special	6 October 2015	Hainworth Wood Community Centre	23	Consultation with residents and Highways re traffic calming measures
Day of Action	6 October	Pope Street and Bronte Street	3	Community Clean up
East Morton Forum	18 November	East Morton Institute	24	New Deal discussion and information on the new domestic waste policy

Big Local Meeting	11 th January	Airedale Enterprise	11	Development of the Big Plan
Big Local Meeting	18 th January	Airedale Enterprise	12	Submission of the Big Plan
Riddlesden Forum	20 th January	Riddlesden War Memorial Institute	38	5 New attendees
Dalton Lane Women's Meeting	9 th February	Madrassah, Chatsworth Street	26	New meeting – women to compile list of priority issues and work to resolve same
Stockbridge Meeting (Floods)	9 th February	Victoria Hall	55	41 New attendees
Hainworth Wood Community Clean Up	15 th February	HWCC	17	12 bags of litter – community engagement
Stockbridge Flood Resilience	15 th February	Keighley Town Hall	7	Planning re community effort
Stockbridge Flood Resilience	22 nd February	Keighley Town Hall	7	Planning re community effort
Dog Chipping + Green Dog walkers Event	29 th February	HWCC	57	48 dogs chipped – 12 new Green Dog Walkers
Surrey Street Clean Up	12 th March	Play area	16	Launch event – community reward event

Keighley West Ward

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Fell Lane/Exley Head Neighbourhood Forum	28 October 2015	Trinity Church, Off Fell Lane	18	New Deal discussion; follow up on Brecks Rd footpath and range of issues
Pre clean up doorknock re dog fouling	9 September 2015	West Bank Close and Rise	Knocked/spoken to – 9 households	Intelligence gathered re possible sources of dog fouling, for wardens to visit
West Bank Close and Rise clean up	11 September 2015	West Bank Close and Rise	Volunteers - 5	Council, Places for People and volunteers removed longstanding weeds and litter from area, to be followed up by dog fouling visits
Westfell Rd Community clean up	17 October	Westfell Rd land	7	Promotion of Green Dog Walker scheme and clean up support
Doorknock re fly tipping on private land	10 November	Coronation Way	6 households	Established which properties could not be responsible for the fly tipping, gathered further

				intelligence
Braithwaite Residents Meeting	10 November	Keith Thompson Centre	20	Info sharing and updates; discussion re issues for follow up, future clean up areas, bus service etc
Laycock Forum	25 November	Laycock Village Hall	15 residents 3 Officers 2 Cllrs	New Deal discussion; follow up on support for village hall, links with primary school
No Excuses, Oakbank School parents evening	11 November	Oakbank School	132	Parents and children asked to do scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available as appropriate
Whinfield Drive and Coronation Way community clean up	4 December	Whinfield Drive, Coronation Way	4 volunteers	Weeds, litter and longstanding fly tipping moved from highway, AM land and steps up to Braithwaite Rd
Braithwaite Improvement Partnership visit to Our Lady of Victories school council	6 January	Our Lady of Victories RC Primary	14	Promotion of poster competition to school for refurbished play area launch, request for further play ideas
Braithwaite Improvement Partnership	7 January	Keith Thompson Centre	6	Planning launch event for refurbished play area, poster competition, future projects
Watermill Court, Gooseye, flooded residents	7 January	Watermill Court and area	7	Contact with residents affected by flooding
Doorknock, Goose Cote Lane	7 January	Goose Cote Lane	10 households	Clarifying level of concerns re local issues
Braithwaite Improvement Partnership visit to Merlin Top Academy school council	11 January	Merlin Top Academy	16	Promotion of poster competition to school for refurbished play area launch, request for further play ideas
Braithwaite People's Association management meeting	14 January	Keith Thompson Centre	9	Discussion re funding and sustainability, and to develop clear accounting arrangements
No Excuses, scratch and sniff	3 February	Oakbank School	88	Parents and children asked to do scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available as appropriate
Bronte Learning Partnership – primary heads	3 February	Long Lee Primary	11	Promotion of No Excuses project to heads for use as part of transition activities, staff awareness etc
Sue Belcher Centre clean up	17 February	Sue Belcher	5	Clean up of grounds and Bracken Bank Ave

		Centre		
Living Streets walkabout	22 February	St Joseph's RC Primary	9	Audit of cleansing and highways issues, speedwatches and dog fouling assembly to follow
Doorknock, Rishworth St, Fell Lane	1 March	Rishworth St	9	Clarifying level of concerns re local issues with Incommunities
Dog fouling doorknock,	1 March	Salisbury and Litton Rds	29	Gathered telligence on local dog fouling, promoting Green Dog Walker scheme – with Yorkshire Housing and Manningham Housing
Braithwaite residents meeting	8 March	Keith Thompson Centre	9	Quarterly meeting for info share and raising local concerns eg new housing, Merlin Top head teacher, next clean up etc

Worth Valley Ward

Event and Description	Date	Venue	Attendance	Progress/Outcome
Full of Life Event	6 October 2015	Haworth Community Centre, Butt Lane, Haworth	18	Promotion of older people's services available within the local area.
Friends of Holden Park meeting	30 Sep 2015	Holden Hall, Oakworth	7	Further support re Perk up your Park project with CD worker, link with Parks and Landscapes
Perk up your Park litterpick and presentation	20	Holden Park, Oakworth	20	Part funded volunteer packs, attendance at clean up, aiming to increase pride in the park
Friends of Holden Park carol singing	14 December	Holden Park	Approx 250	Promoted Perk up your Park scheme to 45 residents, seeking volunteers to help maintain the park regularly
Oxenhope Parish Council New Deal presentation	13 January	Oxenhope Methodist Church	15	Discussion re PC role, further plans to involve residents at future event
No Excuses launch (area wide)	16 January	Airedale Centre	108	Scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available
No Excuses scratch and sniff	19 January	Oakworth Co-op	22	Scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available

No Excuses scratch and sniff	21 January	Haworth Spar	31	Scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available
No Excuses scratch and sniff	26 January	Oxenhope Co-op	5	Scratch and sniff to increase awareness of drug smells, with discussions re support available
Haworth Parish Council neighbourhood plan meeting	2 February	Haworth Contact Point	6	Detailed discussion re call for sites.
Cross Roads play consultation	8 February	Lees Primary School	33	Consultation to establish level of support for work to develop further play opportunities
Perk up your Park clean up	15 February	Holden Park	20	Clean up in park, supporting recruitment of new volunteers
Friends of Haworth Fire Station meeting	7 March	Haworth Primary School	8	Continuing dialogue with Fire Service on emergency hub proposal
Oxenhope Decides – New Deal activity	12 March	Oxenhope Community Centre	23	Exercise asking people to consider future delivery of local services – what to stop, what to continue and who should deliver.