

Report of the Strategic Director – Environment and Sport to the meeting of Keighley Area Committee to be held on 30 June 2016

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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 October 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16.

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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 October 2015 to March 2016 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 received an update report (April – September 2015) on the progress of work undertaken by the three organisations in receipt of the Community Development grants at its meeting held on 3 December 2015 (Document 'O').
- 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 October 2015 and March 2016 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 25 February 2016.

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 Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period October 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2015-16 be noted.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016

Appendix B - CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre , Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016

Appendix C – CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Keighley Area Community Development Commissions 2015-17 Progress Update, Document 'O', Keighley Area Committee, 3 December 2015.



Appendix A

CD Commission – KIVCA, Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016

E5 Keighley (Engage, Enable, Encourage, Empower, Educate)

I worked with 4 organisations to apply to the Big Lottery for funding to develop a women and girls empowerment project. We were successful in securing £500,000 for a 4 year project to be delivered in Keighley. The project will provide direct and indirect work with women and girls to develop their confidence, self-esteem, self-worth, assertiveness and empowerment through work with secondary schools and within community settings.

Partners are: Keighley Women & Children's Centre (KAWACC), Children's Society, Joint Activities Motor Education Services (JAMES), and Intercultural Communication Leadership School (ICLS).



Women of Keighley Collective

The "Women of Keighley" collective are women who live and/ or work in Keighley. The aim is to bring women together for friendship, using the collective as a platform for change, unity, sharing, diversity, mutual support, connectivity, self discovery, and opportunities for growth. Our first forum for Central ward attracted mainly South Asian women who were already connected to schools or organisations. Women were encouraged to talk about activities they were involved in and the difference this has made to their lives. For many this was the first time they had spoken in public to a room of 70 people. In addition we had a range of stalls providing information on health and wellbeing, domestic violence and other crucial support services for women.

International Women's Day was attended by 200 women from diverse backgrounds, and many took part in the day by cooking food and baking cakes.

The event was organised by the following: Soroptomsts & Mothers of Eastwood School, Holycroft Parents, Good Shepherd Centre, Lilies of the Valley, Roshni Ghar, KAWACC, Highfield Community Association, Cliffe Castle Conservation Group, Keighley Healthy Living, KAWACC, Keighley Children's Centres, Keighley Healthy Living, Area Office, Racial Justice Network, parents and residents. This collective and other activity can continue as a result of the above funding.



Keighley Soup

This is a community fundraiser which puts power in the hands of the community. It's a way of bringing the community together to support innovative ideas from local people to improve the area and the lives of those who live in Keighley and surrounding areas. Each member of the audience pays £5 entry and receives a bowl of soup and a vote for who will be presented with 100% of the entry money received. The event worked well and we had 31 people pay which gave us a prize total of £155. All four pitches were great and the audience had a good time. Those who came were asked how regular they thought it ought to be and quarterly had the most votes. The Keighley Rotary Club came and have pledged their support for future events.

Incredible Edible - Sow and Seed Project

This is a weekly pilot project held at Woodville Activity Centre Keighley. The centre is leased from the council by Prism Youth Project and they are encouraging groups to use the space for community initiatives all year round. A group of 10 South Asian women attend on a regular basis as well as other women not attached to any group. We have access to a poly tunnel and outside growing space, and have support from a trained horticulturist if required. For some this is a new experience and all are keen and enthusiastic. Comments from the women so far have been positive and they have reported "feeling great", "this is fantastic", and "can't wait to come again". A community planting day is due to take place during the school holiday on Victoria Road where we will plant a curry garden using some of the vegetables grown at the project.



Later Years Cobbydale

I am working with the Friends of Silsden Town Hall, Care link, Area Office and local residents of Silsden. We have developed a booklet of activities and services of "What's on in Silsden" for the people of the village. Our aim is to encourage people living on their own or isolated to access activities and services in the village, set up activities to meet the needs of the villagers, bring people together for friendship and fun, work together to improve the lives of people in Silsden and provide opportunities for people to get involved in the group. This idea developed during a conversation at a meeting about isolation and older people, and the booklet was developed as a result of this. We are now in the process of securing funding for printing.



Appendix B

**CD Commission – Hainworth Wood Community Centre,
Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016**

Due to staff illness this Appendix is not currently available but will be presented at the meeting.



Appendix C

CD Commission – Bracken Bank and District Community Association, Progress update summary October 2015 to March 2016

Westfell Environmental Improvement Initiative - Update



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, Broomhill Co-op, Keighley Town Council, B&Q, other local businesses

Community involvement - Three community environmental sessions and a new 'friends of' group brings the total of people involved to 250+ members of the public.

Funding & Resources - Yorkshire Housing £500, CBMDC £200, Broomhill Co-op have donated refreshments and B&Q donated bark chippings. Local people and other businesses have donated plants, planters and seeds and raffle prizes

Outcomes - The project brings people of all ages and abilities together, to plan and implement a variety of recreational and educational learning activities to improve their local green space. A new 'Friends of Westfell' group has been set up ensuring the sustainability of the initiative. Further links with local businesses aid improvements on the site.

Perk Up Your Park - Update

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. **Partners**

involved - Friends of Holden Park (FOHP), Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office, Parkway Furniture, Oakworth Co-op; Oakworth Primary School; Keighley Town Council, Clean for the Queen national campaign and Cllr Russell Brown

People involved - 3 litter picks during October and February involving 20, 25 and 20 people raised the number of people involved so far to 105+

Funding & Resources - £500 Community Chest, Parkway Furniture sponsored the tabard printing, Oakworth Co-op support each event with staff time and resources/refreshments

Outcomes - This initiative has proven to be a great success in terms of local people, businesses and School taking an active role towards keeping the park clean and maintained. 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.

Time Out Coffee Stop Aim – to tackle social isolation and loneliness in older people by offering a wide range of social, leisure and education opportunities in their local and wider communities, meeting new people and enjoying trips out. This group is run by members of the community of Braithwaite. A successful funding application means the group can expand by upgrading kitchen facilities to providing a fortnightly luncheon group.

Partners involved – Incommunities and people from the wider communities of Keighley

People involved – 15 people regularly attend, organised trips can attract a further 30+ people from the wider communities of Keighley

Partners involved – Incommunities, Oakworth Young at Heart group,

Funding & Resources - £2,400 Awards For All funding, £250 Incommunities TARA funding, local people donations





Outcomes – older people have experienced various benefits on their health, wellbeing and quality of life. They are linking in with other community groups to meet new people and enjoy shared learning.

Cabbage Club - Update

Project description – The Project continued to thrive with a 15 week (Nov 15-Mar 16) Accent funded booster followed by confirmation that we'd been successful in our application for two years People's Health Trust (PHT) funding. The project aims to encourage and support people to be more self-sufficient through an integrated open access programme based on outdoor activities whilst creating an outdoor education facility based at the community allotment site.

Partners involved – People's Health Trust, Accent Housing, Keighley Town Council, CBMDC, Bracken Bank & District Community Association, local allotment holders committee, Keighley NPT, Oakworth Co-op

People involved – 166+

Funding & Resources - £11,000 People's Health Trust (1st payment from £39,000 granted), £2,000 Accent Housing, Keighley Town Council security fence, donations of resources from local people, businesses and service providers.

Outcomes - building stronger communities and tackling isolation and health issues by bringing people together to work and share tasks and skills whilst improving the environment



Braithwaite Improvement Partnership (BIP)

Project description – an environmental community group set up to support the improvement of the play area at North Dean following five years of work by residents, politicians and community organisations. A new play area has been installed (November) and was officially opened during February 2016

Partners involved - Incommunities, CBMDC, Bradford Play Team, Bradford Bulls, The Cabbage Club, local schools, Yorventure, Keighley Town Council and many more
People involved - over 150 people attended the event which was supported by a team of 8 BIP volunteers

Funding & Resources - £60,000 Yorventure, £26,000 Section 106 monies, local service provider contributions of time, resources, £100 CBMDC, £100 anon donor

Outcomes - Following many years of public consultations and funding discussions, construction work finally began last November. The newly formed BIP community group, run by local people, will endeavour to take on new environmental projects that transform this thriving housing estate.



Little Belchers

Project description – local people were enthused to start up a new community group for pre-school aged children and their parents. Consultation attracted good support for the initiative from local people and businesses. The Little Belchers group set up in early 2016 at the Sue Belcher Community Centre, Bracken Bank

Partners involved – BBDCA, CBMDC

People involved - 6 volunteers, 15 regular attendees and over 50 people took part in consultations

Funding & Resources - £350 CBMDC, free room hire of the SB Centre, donations of resources from local people & businesses

Outcomes – Bracken Bank hasn't had a pre-school group for some years despite various attempts by Children's Services which resulted in limited attendance. The local community have come together to provide a weekly care and education facility in which local people can come together to share experiences and activities that benefit their physical and mental health, well-being, and social and emotional health.

