

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 22 September 2016 in City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 7.45 pm

Present – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Carmody	Wainwright T Hussain Peart Tait Warburton Berry Dodds

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

19. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were received In the interest of transparency:

- (i) Councillor Dodds declared an interest in the item relating to Local Highway Maintenance (Minute 25) as her daughter in law was employed as a Highway Enforcement Officer.
- (ii) Councillor Tariq Hussain declared an interest in the item relating to Community Chest Grants (Minute 30) as he was the Chair of the Friends of Brackenhill Park, one of the groups that had received a Community Chest Grant.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

20. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2016 be signed as a correct record.



21. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

23. TOFTSHAW LANE AND TOFTSHAW NEW ROAD - PETITION

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which set out a petition requesting a reduction in vehicle speeds and the amount of through traffic on Toftshaw Lane and Toftshaw New Road.

The Principal Engineer stated that the petition referred to vehicle speeds and through traffic on Toftshaw Lane and Toftshaw New Road and that an existing 7.5 ton ban and Access Only Order was already in existence and had been for a number of years. It was acknowledged that a number of vehicles already use the route in contravention of the Order and that the petition containing 43 signatures was requesting action be taken to enforce the Order.

The Lead petitioner and a number of residents were present at the meeting and a spokesperson stated the following points:

- That there had been a number of near misses which could have resulted in accidents.
- That both the Council and the Police were aware of the problems, however the issue seemed to be about enforcing the Access Only Order.
- That meetings with the Ward Councillors had been very productive.
- That drivers using the route ignored the speed limit signs and there was the potential for a fatal accident to occur.
- That the route was inadequate given its width to facilitate through traffic and there had been a number of occasions when larger vehicles had been unable to pass.
- That a resolution to the problem had to be found for the benefit of residents.

During the discussion Members empathised with the problems being experienced by the residents living on Toftshaw Lane and Toftshaw Road, and suggested that a meeting between the different parties to discuss the options would be a way forward and it was therefore:



Resolved –

That officer's meet with the petitioner and Police to discuss the options.

ACTION: Principal Engineer

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

24. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO A PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR VARIOUS SITES IN BRADFORD SOUTH AND PEDESTRIAN ISLANDS ON BEACON ROAD

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “K”**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for various parking restrictions in the Bradford South constituency and pedestrian islands on Beacon Road.

The Principal Engineer explained that the Beacon Road proposals were part of a Casualty Reduction Scheme and that this route had been identified as one of the district's lengths for concern and that following advertising of the Order, a number of objections had been received which were detailed in the report. He alluded to some slight modifications to the proposals with a view to relocating one of pedestrian islands and the removal of a 'No Loading' restriction on Mill Street.

In response to a number of questions regarding the proposals, the Principal Engineer stated that the scheme would not interfere with the accessibility of on-street parking and that Beacon Road was wide enough to facilitate the pedestrian islands.

Members raised concerns about the speed of the traffic using Beacon Road, particularly in the vicinity of the Co-op store and that the proposals afforded an opportunity to address the issues.

A number of objectors were present at the meeting to highlight specific objections in relation to the siting of the proposed pedestrian islands and they made the following points:

- That it was accepted that there was a problem on the full length of Beacon Road and an acknowledgement that some measures had to be put in place to address the issue of speeding traffic.
- That ideally speed cameras would offer the best solution.
- Two objectors requested the re-siting of two of the pedestrian islands to enable them to access their drives.
- That other measures could be adopted to deal with the speeding traffic.
- That parking outside the shops and takeaways only exacerbated the situation.



In response to some of the points raised, the Principal Engineer stated that he was happy to relook at the siting of 2 of the proposed pedestrian islands and the dimensions of a proposed build out in order to address the objector's concerns. In relation to the request to install safety cameras it was explained that the road did not meet the criteria for their installation and that the policy in this area was very stringent.

In addition an objector was present regarding the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions on Chapel Road, and he stated that there was no need to impose the restrictions as it would only restrict parking in the area and impact on the businesses in the vicinity.

In response the Principal Engineer explained that the scheme was being proposed following a suggestion from the Police regarding concerns about emergency vehicle access to the BASF site.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that he had visited the site and looked at the proposals in detail and that BASF had expressed concerns regarding emergency vehicle access onto their site, and that parking on Chapel Road would jeopardise access onto the site and therefore yellow lines were imperative to facilitate this and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the objections in respect of the proposed waiting restrictions on Beacon Road and Chapel Road be overruled and 103021 Bradford South 2015-16 various sites Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as advertised subject to the deletion of the proposed 'No Loading' restrictions from Mill Street.**
- (2) That officers review the locations of the proposed pedestrian islands adjacent to nos.64 and 185 Beacon Road and dimensions of the proposed build-out adjacent to no. 64 Beacon Road to determine if any minor adjustments (that would ease access to nearby drives) are feasible.**
- (3) That, subject to any minor amendments arising from resolution 2, the pedestrian islands and build-out on Beacon Road be implemented as proposed.**
- (4) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Principal Engineer

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management



25. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “L”**) which detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance (LHM) function and allocated resources.

It also updated the committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year.

Resolved –

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.
- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the current financial year be noted.
- (3) That the list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6 to Document “L” be approved.
- (4) That the work undertaken by the Highway maintenance team to repair potholes be commended.

ACTION: Principal Engineer Highway Maintenance

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

26. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “M”**) which sought to update members on current casualty levels and trends in Bradford South and on the Road Safety education, training and publicity initiatives aimed at reducing these casualties.

The Casualty Reduction and Road Safety Partnership Manager highlighted the overall reductions in casualty levels in Bradford South and that the trend was on a downward trajectory.

During the discussion Members made the following observations:

- A Member suggested undertaking more engagement work in schools and encouraging more children to walk to school. In response the Road Safety Manager stated that some work had been done with new school starters around road safety. A Member suggested this could be rolled out to other year groups, in particular targeting years 7 and 8 at secondary level.



- In response to a question regarding safety equipment it was suggested that resources such as reflectors could be made available to Members to distribute at events.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the information in respect of casualty trends and Road Safety activities in Bradford South be noted.**
- (2) **That the Bradford South Area Committee continues to support the evidence based approach to determine Road Safety priorities.**

ACTION: No Action

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

27. POVERTY IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Assistant Director Policy, Programmes and Change submitted a report (**Document “N”**) which provided an overview of poverty-deprivation related statistics in Bradford South, and a summary of key interventions led by the Council and partners to support vulnerable people.

It aimed to enable members to consider the potential impact and what additional actions might be taken to tackle the issues raised.

The Interim Programme Lead officer explained the definition of poverty, including the index of multiple deprivation and the key issues affecting Bradford South in the area of infant mortality, housing, deprivation, debt, employment and food and fuel poverty. He drew Members attention to the detailed Poverty Scrutiny undertaken by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee which had made a series of recommendations to tackle the issue across the district.

The Chair acknowledged the plethora of work being undertaken in this area and he cited the debt and universal credit work done in Holme Wood, however he expressed concerns that other work such as the health impacts arising from poverty were considered some years ago, however no tangible progress had been reported as of late.

A Member stated that a particular area of focus should be on issues affecting the private rented sector, children’s nutrition and poor housing.

A Member stated that the lack of social housing and the generally poor housing stock should be a particular focal point, together with a register of private landlords in order to set standards and have a more rigorous enforcement regime to tackle rogue landlords.

A particular area of concern expressed by a number of Members was children



coming to school without having had breakfast and schools having to feed children in order they could get through the rest of the school day.

Resolved –

That the issues outlined within the report be noted.

ACTION: No Action

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

28. EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS UPDATE

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "O"**) which provided an overview of employability and skills in the Bradford South Area, outlining the support available for residents and gave details of future plans for the area.

Although the overall employment rate had levelled off, the skills gap was a key issue for the district, together with the low predicted jobs growth. In relation to the Bradford South area the work being done by the Bradford Pathways model in schools was alluded to and the higher rates of people Not in Employment, Education or training, which would be a particular area of work.

During the discussion the Chair highlighted that Tong ward generated one of the highest business rates in the district, however the majority of the people who worked in the ward primarily resided outside the ward, with a lot of firms employing agency workers.

Resolved –

That the content of this report and the future plans to continue to support South Bradford be noted.

ACTION: No Action

Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Children's Services

29. DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION 2015-16 AND DELIVERING A NEW YOUTH OFFER FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "P"**) which gave an update for 2015-16 on the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which included, but was not specific to any one constituency area.



It also proposed a way forward for establishing a new Youth Offer for the Bradford District in response to the recommendations made in the Youth Offer Review report produced in November 2014.

The Youth Service practitioner explained that the report did not specifically focus on Bradford South but was a district wide snapshot of youth activities, and gave a detailed overview of the excellent work done by the Youth Service and the difference it had made to the lives of young people, particular reference was drawn to the work done in tackling the issue of Child Sexual Exploitation.

In welcoming the report Members commended the work of the Youth Service and the youth workers in Bradford South, particularly in the context of a reduced budget.

Resolved–

- (1) That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service as detailed in Appendices A-E to Document “P” be noted.**
- (2) That the work undertaken by the Youth Offer Working Group as detailed in Appendix F to Document “P” be noted.**
- (3) That the Bradford South Area Committee considered and commented on the proposals and recommendations made by the Youth Offer Working Group in Appendix F to Document “P”.**
- (4) That officers and youth workers be commended for the youth work undertaken in the Bradford South area.**

ACTION: Youth Service Advanced Practitioner

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

30. 2016/17 BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “Q”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 May 2016 deadline.

Resolved –

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**

- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office continue to**



ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

ACTION: Area Coordinator

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee.

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