

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on 10 December 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced	1804
Adjourned	1830
Reconvened	1835
Concluded	1900

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Sykes	Azam	Collector
	Engel	Shabbir
	Amir Hussain	
	Arshad Hussain	
	Shabir Hussain	
	Thirkill	

Apologies: Councillors Ahmed, Dunbar and Mohammed

Councillor Arshad Hussain in the Chair

45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

46. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 October and 12 November 2014 be signed as correct records.

47. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



48. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

49. **2014/15 DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES, PROGRESS AND BUDGET UPDATE** All Wards in Bradford West

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “Z”**) sought to update members on progress with the 2014/15 Safer Roads schemes programmes.

Following presentation of the report by the Principal Engineer, a question and answer session ensued:

- Bullroyd junction needed upgrading urgently and was on the approved Casualty Reduction Scheme list but was outstanding due to match funding requirements
 - One of the original schemes in the Casualty Reduction Scheme programme Allerton Road / Bullroyd Lane double mini roundabout was to be match funded by a Developer as part of a new car park to be constructed on land off Squire Lane for the Bradford Royal Infirmary. It was uncertain at this time when the Developer planned to allocate funds, however funds were due prior to construction commencement;
- Was Stoney Ridge to remain on the programme?
 - Yes, there was an ongoing consultation; and,
- What were the numbers of incidents on Morley Street and Easby Road?
 - Over a 5 year period, Lumb Lane (Green Lane to Carlisle Road) had 15 accidents and Easby Road had 18 accidents;

During the discussion, it was mentioned that the list of works in Appendix 1 would be completed before the end of this financial year with the exception of the Allerton Road / Bullroyd Road scheme. If it was not possible to progress with the Allerton Road / Bullroyd Lane scheme then either casualty reduction schemes at Lumb Lane (Green Lane to Carlisle Road) or Easby Road should be considered for implementation as funding was available. Lumb Lane (Green Lane to Carlisle Road) and Easby Road were both on the reserve list of schemes and had similar accident statistics. When asked, the Principal Engineer advised that the Lumb Lane (Green Lane to Carlisle Road) scheme should be implemented.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the progress on the 2014/15 Safer Roads Schemes programme as detailed in Appendix 1, attached to Document “Z” be noted.**
- (2) **That Lumb Lane (Green Lane to Carlisle Road) traffic calming scheme, be approved for implementation.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture50. **NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE – THE FORMER REGISTER OFFICE, MANOR ROW, BRADFORD** City

At its meeting 12 November 2014 the Area Committee considered a nomination of the Former Register Office at Manor Row, Bradford for inclusion on the list of assets of community value. The Area Committee resolved:

- (1) *That the former Register Office, Manor Row, Bradford be withdrawn from auction.*
- (2) *That the consideration of nomination of land and property known as the former Register Office, Manor Row, Bradford as an Asset of Community Value be deferred and brought back to the Bradford West Area Committee for consideration in June 2015.*
- (3) *That during deferment, opportunity be given for organisations to bid for the former Register Office, Manor Row, Bradford.*
- (4) *That legal explanation be sought and presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in December 2014 on the legislation and implementation for applications to list assets of community value.*

It is a legal requirement that the Council must decide whether land nominated by a community nomination should be included in the list within eight weeks of receiving the nomination. This meant that a decision on listing was required by 19 December 2014 and the report of the Assistant City Solicitor (**Document "AA"**) sought such a decision and provided the further legal advice sought.

The Chief Executive of Bradnet was in attendance and circulated at the outset a paper that detailed the key points it wished the Committee to take into consideration.

The Committee was advised that the former Register Office was not a type of asset which was excluded from listing under the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 and that it had been properly nominated. The Committee was also advised that if the Committee consider the former Register Office met the definition of an asset of community value it must be listed. The relevant definition of land of community value in section 88(2) of the Localism Act 2011 was detailed in the report of the Assistant City Solicitor.

Resolved –

That the former Register Office be included on the list of assets of community value.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management
ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture**

**51. GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS
ON FURTHER ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE
CORE COST AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

**All Wards in
Bradford West**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "AB"**) outlined the considerations and recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group (GAG) on the allocation of contingency fund to help reduce the potential negative impact identified in the meeting of 12 November 2014.

The Bradford West Area Co-ordinator was in attendance and gave a synopsis of the report.

The Chair of Frizinghall Community Association was in attendance and was invited to make representations to the Committee. He stated that the amount already awarded through the Community Centre Core Costs funding was a small amount and would only contribute to basic expenses. The amount awarded was restricted in usage. The centre had been functioning for many years and a further reduction in funding could possibly have a detrimental effect on its operation.

A question and answer session ensued:

- What was the primary purpose for Community Centre Core Costs funding?
 - Core funding covered basic “core” organisational and administrative costs of the organisation;
- What amount of core cost funding was awarded to the Frizinghall Community Association?
 - A contribution of £3,672 for 2015/16 was awarded; and,
- Which section or working group would be responsible for the £11,090 contingency funding?
 - This contingency would be held to support community centres to continue to operate and support communities in Bradford West. The GAG would be overseeing the allocation process.

The Committee and officers made comments. It was said that every community centre in the Bradford West area was being put under immense pressure due to reduction in funding and Members were generally aware of the pressures concerning centres within the wards they represented. It was important for community centres to adapt to the current climate by changing the way they operate and exploring other avenues for resources. The Bradford West Area Co-ordinator’s office was there to support the work of community development. If the Council expected organisations to become self funding then it was paramount that community centres deployed professional assistance including that of its existing Community Development workers.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the use of the Contingency fund made by the Grant Advisory Group as detailed in Table 1, in Document “AB”, be approved and that this funding replaces the Core Cost Community Centre Grants for the year 2015/16 approved on 12 November 2014 at the meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee for Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association, Frizinghall Community Association and the Millan Centre.**
- (2) **That the responsibility for the allocation of the remaining contingency fund be delegated to the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator in consultation with Members of the Grant Advisory Group.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management
ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

Chair

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

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