

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Tuesday 15 April 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1848

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Billheimer	Griffiths	Karmani
H U Khan	Middleton	
Shafiq	Sunderland	
	Wallace	

Councillor Shafiq in the Chair

58. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Shafiq disclosed an interest in Minute 62 as he was a resident of Wensleydale Road and left the meeting during consideration of this item.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

59. MINUTES

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meetings held on 18 February 2014 be signed as a correct record.



60. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

60. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

61. CONSIDERATION OF A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT LINE IN THE CANAL ROAD CORRIDOR

All

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AG”**) considered the aspiration to revise a highway improvement line in the Canal Road Corridor. The report sought authority for delegated powers to be given to the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to progress this issue.

A Member stated that Canal Road and Stanley Road should be included in the junction improvements.

The Principal Engineer responded that work would start either by next month or early June with completion of the scheme by 2015.

Resolved –

That, subject to the outcome of an ongoing detailed study, delegated powers be given to the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to revoke an existing highways improvement line in the Canal Road Corridor and replace it with a new improvement line as outlined in Appendix 1 to Document “AG”.

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

Councillor Karmani in the Chair for the following item (Minute 62)

62. DEVOLVED BUDGET – SAFER ROADS SCHEMES

All

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AH”**) sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford East for the 2014/15 financial year.

Members made the following comments:

- It was good to have evidence based decisions rather than just being left as a decision of ward councillors.

- It was necessary to see the full list and the evidence that backs it up to see that the most logical decision was made.
- I am surprised that there were only nine schemes in Bradford East.
- What was the criteria for inclusion in a casualty reduction scheme?
- It was a very engineering structured approach to reduce the numbers of people killed and injured. Drivers should also be educated in respect of traffic safety or the engineering structured approach would not work.
- Leeds Road was short of traffic lights.
- The approach taken was to engineer solutions to people's bad behaviour rather than trying to change their behaviour.
- There were problems in different areas in respect of safety but because no one was killed nothing was done about these problems.
- The Committee should base its approach on the evidence provided and not on subjective impressions.
- How do we deal with petitions and would you forward me a written copy of the procedure? What happened to the petition in respect of Lister Lane?

Principal Engineers responded to Members comments and made the following points:

- It was a three year programme.
- Time would tell if the casualty reduction schemes had been successful.
- We have the support of the Executive and Public Health and £257, 000 was allocated to the Road Safety team.
- I would forward a written copy of the procedure. I am not aware of a petition having been received for Lister Lane but would check. The lead petitioner would be written to.

Resolved –

- (1) That the programme of casualty reduction schemes for 2014/15 listed in Appendix 1 to Document "AH" be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2014/15 listed in Appendix 2 to Document "AH" be approved.**
- (3) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**
- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.**

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

63. **BRADFORD EAST WARD PLANS****All**

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “AI”**) invited members to consider progress made on the delivery of actions identified within Bradford East Ward Plans 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 in response to priorities identified through the Ward Assessment process. In addition, this report presented the Bradford East Ward Plans 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Members made the following comments:

- In the Eccleshill ward the crime reduction safety initiative encouraged people to inform police about quad bikes but the police had said they would not do anything about this problem.
- Quad bikes were becoming an issue in my ward. What can we do about it?
- In respect of health and wellbeing the Silver Dreams project had lost its funding.

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator responded to member comments and made the following points:

- The issue of quad bikes had been dealt with successfully on some estates although it remained a huge problem across the district. It was a difficult issue to deal with and police need information in order to take any action
- The Silver Dreams project does have interim funding and it was awaiting a decision in respect of its lottery funding bid.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the six Ward Plans 2014 – 2015 as outlined in Appendix A to Document “AI” be approved and adopted.**
- (2) **That Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations be requested to support the implementation of the six Ward Plans 2014 - 2015.**
- (3) **That the work undertaken to deliver on the priorities in the 2013 – 2014 Ward Plans be welcomed and noted.**
- (4) **That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator reports back to this Committee on the progress in addressing the priorities contained in the Ward Plans 2014 - 2015.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: *Environment and Waste Management*
ACTION: *Bradford East Area Co-ordinator*

Chair

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

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