

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

Commenced 1803
 Adjourned 1910
 Reconvened 1916
 Concluded 1955

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
I A Khan	Fear	F Khan
Billheimer	Griffiths	
Khaliq	Middleton	
H U Khan	Reid	

Apologies: Councillors Karmani and J Sunderland

Portfolio Holder in attendance: Councillor V Slater – Housing, Planning and Transport

Councillor I A Khan in the Chair

27. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) Councillor Billheimer was a Member of the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Authority for the subject matter under discussion in minute 32;
- (ii) Councillor Griffiths was a General Practitioner and a Liaison Officer - Bradford Districts Locality and Branch Member for YOR Local Medical Committee Ltd (YORLMC) for the subject matter under discussion in Minute 34;
- (iii) Councillor Khaliq, as his son was employed by the Council to work in a Community Centre for the subject matter under discussion in minute 35.

ACTION: City Solicitor

28. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



29. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

30. PROPOSED FORMAL DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AND THE REVOCATION OF REDUNDANT FORMER DISABLED PERSONS PARKING SPACES IN THE BRADFORD EAST CONSTITUENCY

**Bowling & Barkerend,
Bradford Moor and Eccleshil**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “P”**) sought approval for the preparation and advertisement of a Traffic Regulation Order for formal Disabled Persons Parking Places.

Resolved –

- (1) That a Traffic Regulation Order for On-Street Parking Places for formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at locations detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 attached to Document “P” be approved for process, advertisement and implementation.
- (2) That a Traffic Regulation Order for an On-Street Parking Place for a formal Disabled Persons Parking Place to be relocated as detailed in Appendix 3 attached to Document “P” be approved for process, advertisement and implementation.
- (3) That a Traffic Regulation Order for the revocation of redundant formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at the locations as detailed in Appendix 4 attached to Document “P” be approved for process, advertisement and implementation.
- (4) That any valid objections to the Traffic Regulation Order be submitted to the Bradford East Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.

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

31. PETITION – GRANT STREET, BRADFORD

Bowling & Barkerend

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “Q”**) considered a petition requesting that the existing No Waiting At Anytime restrictions on the south side of Grant Street are reviewed to allow parking on Saturdays and Sundays.

Resolved –

- (1) That no further action be taken on the request to modify the waiting restrictions on Grant Street to allow parking on both sides of the road.
- (2) That Grant Street and Garnett Street be added to the outstanding list of requests for Traffic Regulation Orders to be given future consideration for funding by the Bradford East Area Committee with a view to modifying waiting restrictions on these streets to facilitate additional parking and improve access.

(3) That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

**32. OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS
FOR THE CITY CONNECT CYCLE SUPERHIGHWAY**

**Bowling & Barkerend,
Bradford Moor**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “R”**) detailed objections which had been received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders needed to enable construction of the Bradford to Leeds CityConnect Cycle Superhighway and sought a decision on the objections.

The Principal Engineer, Highways Design was in attendance and emphasised during his synopsis of the report that Executive approved the principles of the programme and the Leeds / Bradford Cycle Superhighway and associated 20mph Zones projects within that programme. Additionally, the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Transport, were delegated authority to progress and approve the detailed design of the scheme, undertake appropriate consultation, advertise the necessary legal orders and approve implementation of the works. The objections received to the legal orders were now brought to this Committee for decision.

Following presentation, the Chair invited a member of public to make representations. He said that he had been a resident of Leeds Old Road for over 28 years and had lived in Bradford for 40 years. He had seen considerable improvement works in the area and commended the Council for the significant developments over the years. However this scheme contained works that included proposed double yellow lines in front of houses 4 to 28 on Leeds Old Road. Despite the proposal the residents had not been given assurance of any facts or figures by the Council to justify the proposed double yellow lines and residents were unhappy due to the loss of parking outside their houses. No more than six cyclists were seen throughout the whole day and hardly any over the weekends, therefore the scheme could not be justified. This scheme would have a detrimental impact on his standard of life. £1,900 was paid in rates and he expected to receive a valued standard of living in return. There were many families with young children that used the island crossing as a refuge. It was important for officers to monitor Leeds Old Road and obtain correct facts and figures of families using the road. Residents from the wider community were upset with the proposal as parking would have an impact on the streets where they resided. Residents had a right to park.

In response to a particular comment made by the resident, the Principal Engineer reported that the yellow lines were proposed due to the proposed narrowed width of the road and that it was difficult to park vehicles on both sides of the road opposite to each other. The intention was to provide parking on the opposite side of the road where parking would not be interrupted by driveways.

A petitioner, in objection to the whole scheme, was also in attendance and was given the opportunity by the Chair to make representations. He outlined that a petition of 200 signatures had been submitted to the Council. No signatory was happy with the proposed scheme. He had been a resident of the area for nearly 30 years. He had not seen any cyclists in his immediate area. At present there were lengthy traffic delays with long vehicle tailbacks. This was an overly expensive scheme, to the cost of £29M that the Council could utilise this better elsewhere.

The Portfolio Holder, Housing, Planning and Transport outlined that the scheme was being financed by the Government and the Council's contribution towards the scheme was officers time. The scheme was not credited on the numbers of cyclists but to improve the cycling rates in the Bradford District for the interests of improving health and to make areas safer for all to live and use. The money for the scheme could not be utilised elsewhere because it was earmarked by the Government only for this purpose. The public speaker had spoken about the right for residents to park on public highways but it was important to note that no one had a right to park on roads but only to use them for travelling on.

A question and answer session ensued:

- When was the Council intending to arrange a meeting with residents?
 - A consultation had already been undertaken;
- Why were traffic islands on Leeds Old Road proposed to be removed?
 - A new signal controlled crossing would be installed near Silver Hill Road. The scheme proposed further removals of traffic islands on Leeds Old Road and signal control crossings would provide safer crossing points;
- What was the width of the proposed cycle lane?
 - The cycle lane would measure a width from 1.5 to 2.5 meters. This was to assist cyclists in comfortably overtaking each other; and,
- What plans were proposed for the footpath?
 - The intention is to implement a narrowed footpath with a kerb installed between the footpath and cycle lane.

Members made the following comments:

- The scheme was at the implementation stage and therefore it was about making the best of what the situation was now. It seemed that there were significant issues at Leeds Old Road;
- The footpath and verge on Leeds Old Road are very wide. There was an opportunity to narrow the footpaths and create parking bays;
- The Bradford East Area Committee have delegated authority to consider objections received to traffic measures in the Bradford East area;
- This was a joint capital project through the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, one that involved Leeds and Bradford Councils' Executives. It was important to note that funding was coming from Government and was time restricted;
- There were an ever-increasing number of people cycling and therefore a cycle lane was the way forward; and,
- The proposal was also to include 1 or 2 lay-bys along the length of Leeds Old Road to avoid yellow lines.

Resolved –

- (1) That having considered the objections to the proposed legal orders associated with the CityConnect Cycle Superhighway the orders should be sealed and implemented as advertised together with the alterations summarised in Appendix 14 to Document "R", with the following additions:**
- (i) That the proposed No Entry into Roydstone Road from Leeds Old Road be reviewed after an appropriate period of established operation and following consultation with local Ward Members, a report be brought back to the Bradford East Area Committee.**
 - (ii) That a parking lay-by be constructed to the south side of Leeds Old Road between Killinghall Road and Thornhill Terrace, where the existing footway and verge width permits, to allow frontage parking.**

- (iii) That the advertised residents' permit parking on Upper Rushton Road be removed and that future requests for permit parking on Upper Rushton Road be included as a candidate for funding on the list of schemes considered when the Bradford East Area Committee determines its future Traffic Measures programme.
- (2) That approval is given to convert lengths of footway adjacent to signal controlled crossings on the length of the CityConnect Cycle Superhighway, and indicated by signing, to shared use between pedestrians and cyclists.
- (3) That the lead petitioners and other individual objectors be informed accordingly.

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

33. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING

**All Wards in
Bradford East**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "S"**) considered additional funding available to the Bradford East Area Committee for Highway Maintenance in the 2014/15 financial year.

Resolved –

- (1) That proposed priority programme of works for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 1 attached to Document "S", with any amendments as deemed necessary be approved.
- (2) That officers be permitted to vary the allocated spend as necessary to ensure best value for the particular type and scope of works required, up to the £230,000 limit.

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

34. PUBLIC HEALTH

**All Wards in
Bradford East**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "T"**) provided an overview of the work of Public Health in the Bradford East Area and requested views and comments.

Officers then proceeded with a handout presentation. The following points were explained:

- New NHS structure and responsibilities;
- The Council's Public Health Department with lead officers;
- An overview of the health of the residents of Bradford East was given. The overview also included birth rate, low birth weight rate and all age mortality;
- How did the Public Health make a difference: Healthcare Public Health and preventing premature mortality; wider determinants; health improvement and health protection; and,
- Successes and Challenges for teenage conceptions, infant mortality, immunisation uptake, heart disease, respiratory disease and cancers were explained.

A question and answer session ensued:

- How was cancer screening accomplished in the Bradford East area?
 - The Bradford East area had one of the lowest breast, bowel and cervical cancer uptake nationally. Concerns expressed at low uptake of screening tests and officers were open for the Committee's suggestions on how this could take effect;
- Which was the highest form of cancer in the area?
 - Lung cancer was a worrying factor for residents in this area. This number could be reduced by preventing people from smoking through pursuing other activities;
- What were the teenage conceptions rates for the area?
 - This was not a significant issue in the area as a whole but Eccleshill had previously experienced a high number and through partnership interventions, numbers had reduced;
- Had any work been undertaken to alleviate language barriers as there was a lot of screening carried out by Practice Nurses in GP Surgeries?
 - There was an increasing the numbers of health trainers in local areas;
- How was child poverty impacted on the work of the CCG?
 - It would not impact on the CCG but the Public Health;
- The Committee had been informed through previous reports that East and West areas were the worst in the district however nothing seemed to have been successfully achieved as the statistics expressed no significant improvements over the years. What would be implemented differently in comparison to previous years in order to make a positive change?
 - There was now an opportunity due to Local Authority presence. The department was now in a position to influence key determinants that affected health including housing and employment ;
- How could the issue of residents finding it impossible to gain access to appointments with their local GP's be resolved?
 - It was acknowledged that it was a issue but it was the responsibility of the NHS England and not the Council's Public Health department; PH will provide a contact to invite to attend a future Area Committee Meeting;
- What had the Public Health department learnt from the start of this process up to present?
 - This is was a continuous process and differing approaches were required for different communities; and,
- Through research, what had the Public Health department realised that had been missed over the years to tackle the concerns of health of the District?
 - That, people in general were reluctant to change their behaviours for a healthier and longer life. Extensive work was ongoing with health officers in order to familiarise the way communities behaved.

During the discussion, the Committee received the following comments that access to GP Surgeries was not related to the Council's Public Health department but the NHS England. It was important for a NHS representative to attend a future Committee and listen to the concerns of the Committee. The issue of child poverty was not one for the Public Health department to resolve alone but for the whole council. It was important to train front line staff in all public health services so that they were competent in explaining the dangers of poor health choices, such as smoking.

In conclusion, the Committee praised the work that had been invested into reducing teenage pregnancies.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care

ACTION: Director of Public Health

35. AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING

**All Wards in
Bradford East**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “U”**) provided an update on the allocation of Children and Young Peoples Community Chest Funding and Community Chest Funding. The report further outlined the process, criteria and timescales for the allocation of Youth Opportunities Funding and Area Action Planning Funding.

Resolved –

- (1) That the decisions of the Grants Advisory Group in consultation with the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator be noted.**
- (2) That Bradford East Area Co-ordinator submits a further report after the next Grants Advisory Group meeting detailing the decisions made about Bradford East Communities Funding, Youth Opportunities Funding and Community Chest Funding.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate

ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport

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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