

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced:1800

Concluded: 2015

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
I A Khan (Chair)	Griffiths
Billheimer (DCh)	Middleton
S Khan	R Sunderland
Khalig	J Sunderland

Observers: Councillor H U Khan

18. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interests of clarity:

- (1) Councillor Griffiths in respect of Minute 21 as he had a professional relationship with the applicant. He left the meeting during consideration of that item.
- (2) Councillor Middleton in respect of Minute 23 as he was Secretary of the Friends of Peel Park.
- (3) Councillor Khalig in respect of Minute 25 as his son worked at the Thornbury Youth and Community Centre.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

19. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

20. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



21. **DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE – NEW HEY ROAD, EAST BOWLING**

Bowling and Barkerend

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “J”**) report considered a request for an informal disabled persons parking place at New Hey Road, East Bowling.

The applicant was at the meeting and made the following points:

- Number 41 had a disabled bay.
- There was previously a disabled bay at the location.
- I had a caravan parked on the site but I have removed it and there was now no reason to refuse my application.
- Why was there an objection?
- I don't see why people should complain as there were only three cars there.
- The map was not correct.
- I parked the caravan two houses away from my property as I live on the basement floor.
- I use the caravan when I am gardening at the allotments so it won't be coming back.

Members made the following comments:

- Where was the caravan moved to?
- There were two objections which mentioned the caravan which has been shifted.
- Part of the reason for the objection was that the caravan was taking up limited parking space in New Hey Road.
- The caravan was parked outside another person's property.
- Elderly persons who lived in the properties had difficulty getting into an ambulance due to the obstruction caused by the caravan.
- The caravan was only moved away recently.
- The informal disabled persons parking place was not for the sole use of the applicant but for any disabled person.
- As a ward Councillor I can't support this application as it would cause more issues than it would resolve.

The applicant responded that he had moved his caravan to his allotment three weeks ago.

The Principal Engineer responded to Members' comments and made the following points:

- There were other disabled persons parking places in the vicinity.
- If after consulting with neighbours there were no objections than the disabled persons parking place could be put in.
- The caravan was mentioned before.
- Both objectors made reference to the caravan.

Resolved –

- (1) That the request for a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 123 New Hey Road is refused.**

(2) That the applicant and objectors are informed accordingly.

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

22. PETITION – GRANT STREET, BRADFORD

Bowling and Barkerend

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “K”**) 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.

The Chair recommended that this item be deferred.

Resolved –

- (1) That consideration of the above Petition be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.
- (2) That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

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

23. PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

All

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “L”**) outlined that the Annual Report for the Parks & Green Spaces Service reflects back on the previous 12 months and presents options for future service delivery.

Members made the following comments:

- How much involvement had there been by ward members in the reduction of revenue funded front line operations outlined in paragraph 9.2 of Document “L”?
- Use of Section 106 monies should be considered.
- Any conversation and consultation with members about where cuts should take place should be open and transparent and so far me and my colleagues have not been consulted.
- Local ward members should know what was going on.
- I liked the work done on the planting of the poppies very much.
- Officers should talk to ward councillors about all these different areas on a ward by ward basis and then report back to the Committee, if necessary.
- What was the impact of the operation of the Green Belt Company?
- There was an issue about an income stream which does not come to us but does cost us.
- Members need to know about viability of sites and for discussions to be held on what we are trying to achieve in respect of education, recreation and other areas.

The Principal Manager, Parks and Green Spaces reported that the impact of the Green Belt Company was limited.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the contents of Document “L” be noted.**
- (2) **That following consultation with Ward Councillors officers provide further reports to change future operational delivery as outlined in section 9.2 of Document “L”**
- (3) **That the capital schemes for delivery in 2015/16 be prioritised as outlined in section 9.3 of Document “L”.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: *Environment and Waste Management*
ACTION: *Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport*

24. STREET CLEANSING DEVOLUTION

All

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “M”**) provided details on further updates of Street Cleansing services in Bradford East.

Members made the following comments:

- It was stated in a newspaper that a resident of Manningham had stated that there was no rubbish to clean up in affluent areas while in his area residents were expected to clear their own rubbish up.
- Businesses would move out due to litter problems.
- A lot of this was about perception as people were not helping themselves as the Council clears areas of rubbish and people dump rubbish again in those areas.
- Was the Council responsible for people throwing their rubbish out in some inner city areas and thus becoming more grotty and filthy while we have limited resources?
- In respect of Little Horton ward I had asked for a day of action to clear rubbish.
- Officers told me the rubbish was cleared in Little Horton but it was not.
- There were problems and there were a lot of full gullies in Bradford Moor ward.
- It was necessary to get a quicker response from the Council.
- The new system was not very good.
- There has to be a change in how the street cleansing operation was carried out.
- There should be a meeting with all operational officers.
- Joined up working should take place.
- Communities need to take responsibility for their own areas and might have been spoiled in the past by the Council.
- There were problems with litter around Immanuel College and the attitude was “we’ll do it when we can get around to it”.
- I do not throw litter down on the floor but some people do throw litter because they feel that they can as they have paid their Council Tax.
- We need to have a serious look on this issue as £730,000 was spent on the service.

- This report does not tally with peoples views.
- The allocated monies were not effectively spent in Bradford East area.
- I have repeatedly asked for a street cleansing schedule.
- The Council contact number was not working well.
- Action should be taken to create a better service as people can get frustrated.
- Wardens walk about issuing tickets.
- Members need information on action taken in their areas.
- Can you provide a complete operational breakdown?
- Members were told that there was a total lack of resources.
- People should be shamed into clearing their own rubbish.
- The Council should make it easier for people to access rubbish tips.
- When was the last time that enforcement action was taken in respect of fly tipping?

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

- I can't respond to the newspaper quote as it covers the Bradford West area and it does seem to refer to fly tipping on private land.
- We are aware of fly tipping cases and have gathered evidence and contacted environmental enforcement.
- Was the Little Horton ward councillor referring to gully cleaning?
- We do send out the street cleaners and if anyone makes an unsuitable comment do let me know.
- We can use the wardens to help change perceptions.
- We can provide relevant information but it would come with a health warning.
- Wardens do liaise with the clean team and fly tipping team.
- We do not record all the information as staff have to constantly move from one job to another.
- Picking up fly tipped rubbish from verges in Bradford Moor was an absolute nightmare.
- It was often difficult to identify the source of the rubbish.
- A lot of education work was carried out.
- Inner city areas have a lot of condensed housing and rubbish can build up quickly.

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator establishes a Task Group comprised of officers responsible for the street scene in Bradford East to consider how to deal more effectively with environmental problems, with a report back to the Committee.

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

25. DEVOLUTION OF COMMISSIONING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS TO AREA COMMITTEES

All

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "N"**) set 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.

Members made the following comments:

- We should keep this issue as open as possible.
- Are we accepting bids from outside the district?
- The money is ring fenced for Bradford East.
- The Grants Advisory Group would assess the applications.
- Paragraph 3.18 of Document “N” should be changed to refer to Bradford East organisations.
- It would be a grant rather than a tendering process.

The Stronger Communities Delivery Co-ordinator responded to Members questions and made the following points:

- The Grants Advisory Group would make recommendations to the Committee in November 2014.

Resolved –

- (1) **The Area Committee welcomes the proposed basis for the allocation of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants with transitional adjustment outlined in Table 1 in Document “N”.**
- (2) **That Community Development Grants should be awarded to organisations that can demonstrate an ability and commitment to deliver community development across a Ward and, where appropriate, across the Bradford East Area.**
- (3) **That the Grants Advisory Group made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair and a member from the other largest group represented on the Committee will assess applications and make recommendations to Area Committee for determination.**
- (4) **That a report be presented to the November 2014 meeting of the Area Committee to enable allocations of the 2015-16 Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants to be determined.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate
ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport**

In accordance with paragraph 25.6 of part 3 of the Constitution Councillors Griffiths, Middleton, J Sunderland and R Sunderland requested that their vote against the above Resolution be recorded.

26. **ALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

All

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “O”**) asks Members to consider the options for the allocation of Youth Opportunities Funding and Area Action Planning Funding. The report also outlines the make-up of the Grants Advisory Group.

Resolved –

- (1) That a Grants Advisory Group made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair and a member from the other largest group represented on the Committee be established.**
- (2) That the Bradford East Area Committee delegates decisions about the allocation of the Youth Opportunities, Area Action Planning, Community Chest and Young People Community Chest funding, to the Area Co-ordinator in consultation with the Grants Advisory Group. The decisions of the Area Co-ordinator should be reported to the Area Committee at its next available meeting.**

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ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport**

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Chair

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

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