

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 23 July 2013 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1930

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	RESPECT
Billheimer	Griffiths	F Khan
I A Khan	Middleton	
Khaliq	G Reid	
	Sunderland	

Apologies: Councillors Karmani and Shafiq

15. COUNCILLOR SHAFIQ

It was reported that the Chair of the Committee Councillor Shafiq was absent from the meeting following the loss of his mother. Members of the Committee wished their condolences to be passed to Councillor Shafiq.

16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

- (1) Councillor Middleton as he was a member of the Bradford District and Bradford City Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to Minute 74.
- (2) Councillor Sunderland as she was the Chair of the Board of Inspired Neighbourhoods in relation to Minute 82.
- (3) Councillor I A Khan as he worked for voluntary organisations in relation to Minute 80.
- (4) Councillor G Reid was on the Eccleshill Village Steering Group in relation to Minute 81.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*



17. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

18. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

19. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AT :

- i. Welham Walk, Bowling & Barkerend
- ii. Woodroyd Road, Little Horton

Bowling & Barkerend \ Little Horton

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "H"**) considered the objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order to introduce Disabled Persons Parking Places at :-

- i. Welham Walk, Bowling & Barkerend
- ii. Woodroyd Road, Little Horton

Resolved –

- (1) **That having considered the objections to the proposed Formal Disabled Persons Parking Places at Welham Walk, Bowling & Barkerend, as indicated on plan number N/BE/102174/11B, attached as Appendix 1 to Document "H", and Woodroyd Road, Little Horton, as indicated on plan number N/BE/102174/13A, attached as Appendix 2 to Document "H", the Traffic Regulation Order should be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (2) **That the applicants and objectors be informed accordingly.**

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

20. KNOWSLEY STREET – WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Bowling & Barkerend

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "I"**) considered objections to proposals to introduce lengths of waiting restrictions on Knowsley Street and Upper Seymour Street, Bradford.

A member of the public was present and made the following points:

- Where are cars going to park?
- There used to be a lot of mini buses near the temple and mosque.
- Four of the cars are for sale.

- Coaches come in front of the Salvation Army building.
- Where would people park when they go and play football?
- I am speaking for the whole area and not just the Salvation Army.
- I pick up people once a month from this area and one of them was 91 years old.
- A lot of people from the church and disabled persons use Knowsley Street.

A second member of the public stated that they had made an offer to the Salvation Army which had been refused.

Members made the following comments:

- Was there a problem with parking?
- The coaches arrive on Sundays.
- We went through this issue quite a lot last year and managed to stop yellow lines along the road.
- There was sufficient space.
- People from the Hindu Cultural Society had been helpful to Akbars and others but had differences with the Salvation Army.
- The Hindu Cultural Society had purchased part of Knowsley Street and a space would be opened onto Leeds Road.

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

- There were obstruction and congestion issues as commuters' park on both sides of the road.
- Details of the objection were discussed with the Hindu Cultural Society.
- Knowsley Street at its junction with Leeds Road was restricted by parked vehicles.
- School coach parties also visit the Hindu Temple.

Resolved –

That the objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order be over-ruled and the scheme implemented as indicated on plan No. N/BE/102198/CON-1A attached as Appendix 1 to Document “I”.

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

21. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING

All

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “J”**) considered additional funding available to the Bradford East Area Committee for Local Highway Maintenance in the 2013/14 financial year.

Members made the following comments:

- Carriageway resurfacing done properly was more expensive but better than using micro asphalt.
- It looks like the Council was doing more work than we actually are.

- Folkestone Road should be changed to refer to Folkestone Street.
- Back Amberley Street should be Harewood Street to Folkstone Street not Barkerend Road to Folkestone Street.

The Principal Engineer responded that micro asphalt was to be used.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the Bradford East Area Committee approves the proposed programme of works for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix 1 to Document “J” with any amendments as deemed necessary, and the references in the appendix to Folkestone Road should be changed to refer to Folkestone Street instead.**
- (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 £100,000 limit.**

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

22. STREET LIGHTING COLUMN REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

All

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “K”**) sought to advise the Area Committee regarding the replacement of street lighting columns determined as non compliant and the subsequent recommendations as to how the remainder of the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Funding allocation was to be effectively utilised.

Members made the following comments:

- The Priority 2 and 3 schemes, (Broad Lane, Burras Road and Myers Lane) should be done.
- There was not £50,000 left for priority 2 and 3 schemes.
- Was there different funding for “A” Roads?
- There are often both light and dark sides of the road.

The Principal Engineer responded to members Comments and made the following points:

- Non compliant street lighting columns were being replaced.
- It might be possible to obtain more money.
- The priority 2 and 3 schemes could be done and we can also look at other schemes.
- The reporting mechanism was the only difference to “A” Road funding.
- Some work had previously been done on Leeds Road but it was not a lot.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the Priority 1 schemes listed in Appendix 1 to Document “K” be implemented as part of the 2013-2014 column replacement programme.**

(2) That further schemes from Appendix 1 to the value of £45k (approx) are selected by Members for implementation in the 2013-2014 column replacement programme as outlined below:

- Broad Lane, Laisterdyke – Bowling and Barkerend - £19,725.30 (Priority 2)
- Burras Road – Bowling and Barkerend – £8,044.90 (Priority 3)
- Myers Lane – Bolton and Undercliffe – £36,939.70 (Priority 3) (as much work to be carried out as possible depending on the finance available)

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

23. **THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BUDGETS TO THE BRADFORD EAST AREA COMMITTEE FOR DECISION MAKING IN RELATION TO HIGHWAY REPAIRS**

All

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “L”**) outlined that as part of the Council’s Devolution Review, Highway Repairs had been identified as a Service function which had been devolved to Area Committees. This report sets out the proposed arrangements for Area Committee agreement on how this function would continue to operate following devolution.

Members made the following comments:

- Any engineering assessments might be trumped by knowledge about the action plan.
- There was an urgent 28 day turnaround.
- Ward Councillors have a right to be informed of the programme.
- How many people report to the defect reporting line? Information should be provided in respect of Bradford East.
- Details of the numbers of customers contacting the Council should be provided in the next (first quarterly) report.

Resolved –

- (1) That the methodology of decision making for devolved Highway Repairs budgets as outlined in Document “L” be agreed and that in future it also relates to the Committee’s Action Plan.
- (2) That subsequent reports be presented to this Committee on a quarterly basis detailing expenditure against this budget together with the numbers of incidents responded to which fall within the CAT1 & CAT2 definitions.
- (3) That lists of all CAT3 repair sites and CAT4 schemes based on an officer assessment of the engineering need for the works will be presented to the Area Committee for consideration. Or, where Committee dates do not permit, details of the planned CAT3 programme will be discussed with the Committee Chair and retrospectively reported to the Area Committee, with Ward Councillors also being informed of the programme so they can provide local knowledge.

- (4) That officers prioritise the various Highway Maintenance works covered by the £55,000 revenue budget as detailed in paragraph 4.8 of Document “L”.

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

24. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD EAST

All

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

Members made the following comments:

- York City has cycle lanes.
- People have a fear to get out on the road to cycle.
- The Council doesn't put in cycle routes that were any good for cyclists.
- I am worried about combined bus and cycle lanes.
- We can move the report but what do we do then?
- We need to be bike aware and to utilise spaces in parks to enable people to become more experienced cyclists.
- The more practice you have the better cyclist you become but at the moment you can only practice where it was busy.

The Casualty Reduction and Road Safety Partnership Manager confirmed she would work with members in respect of this issue.

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator reported that the Council could not take action against car drivers' parked in cycle lanes.

Resolved –

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

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

25. BRADFORD EAST YOUTH SERVICE BUDGET FOR 2013-14

All

The report of the Director of Children's Services (**Document “N”**) informs the Bradford East Area Committee of the deployment of the annual allocation of the Bradford East Youth Service budget for 2013-14

A Member asked if contact was made with 25% of young persons in Bradford East?

The Service Co-ordinator confirmed 25% contact was a very ambitious figure and that contact ranged from 26% to 13% in different wards.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the Bradford East Area Committee agrees the existing deployment of Youth Service resources outlined in this report.**
- (2) **That the Bradford East Area Committee agrees to the reporting of Youth Service Performance against targets outlined in this report in the autumn of 2013 and spring 2014.**
- (3) **That the Bradford East Area Committee agrees to support the continued involvement of young people in local decision making.**
- (4) **That the Bradford East Area Committee endorses the development of the Positive for Youth Partnership for Bradford East Constituency.**
- (5) **That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator brings together officers from the Parks, Road Safety and Youth services to consider ideas such as helping young persons and others to become more bike aware and to encourage safe use of parks and roads and to assist cyclists to become more experienced road users.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: *Children's Services*

ACTION: *Strategic Director, Children's Services*

26. **PARKS AND GREEN SPACES OVERVIEW**

All

The report of the Parks and Green Spaces Service (**Document "O"**) outlined that the Council's Executive had identified the Parks & Green Spaces Service to report to Area Committees through the devolution agenda.

This report outlines the basis on which the Parks and Green Spaces Service operates in the Bradford East Area.

Members made the following comments:

- It was a good list of what the service was doing at the moment
- The Area Plan for Bolton Wood would project what the Council would be doing in 10 years time, showing where the different parts were and where the city boundaries were 80 years ago.
- The biggest part of Bolton Wood would come under Bradford East.
- Can the yearly budget allocation follow need?
- This report could be linked to road safety to try to prevent cycling accidents as cyclists could be killed before they were able to join safe cycle areas.
- I had to go to Ilkley to find a safe area for cycling.
- In Bradford there was a growing number of cyclists and we could have our own Tour de France in our parks.
- Cycle proficiency tests could be organised and "Cycle Safe" events could be held with involvement of a lot of children in these events to educate them about safe

cycling.

- It was not permitted to ride bicycles in parks.
- There could be links developed with Marie Curie hospice.
- Some green and open space areas are in dire need of attention.
- What operational activities are there?
- Were any policy changes possible.
- There was the issue of Bowling Cemetery as some green spaces like cemeteries were income generators.
- I welcome biodiversity and we should use British plants.

The Principal Manager, Parks and Green Spaces responded to members comments and made the following points:

- A member made a good comment in respect of Bolton Wood.
- We can try to ensure that the budget follows need and in future the report format would include information on areas of concern, on quality of parks and comments from park users.
- We do have a complaints hot line and we can present relevant data such as in respect of Peel Park.
- There are links with "Safe to cycle"
- For cyclists to be able to cycle in parks we need to change the byelaws.
- In respect of policy changes a consultation exercise could be held and the Council could work more closely with community groups.

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Committee notes the content of this report and that a more detailed report be considered by the Committee in 6 months time.

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

27. COUNCIL WARDEN SERVICE DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEE

All

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document "P"**) provided further information regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service and included specific information about:

- Service Delivery Plan
- Performance
- Involving citizens in service delivery
- Opportunities and challenges for the Service
- Finance

All

Resolved –

That the Bradford East Area Committee notes and welcomes the proposed devolution of Council Warden decision-making to the Area Committee as outlined in Document "P".

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate
ACTION: Bradford East Area Co-ordinator**

28. STREET CLEANSING - DEVOLUTION

All

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “Q”**) provided further information with regards to the devolution of Street Cleansing services and includes specific information relating to:

- Street Cleansing service delivery plan
- Finance
- Performance
- Involving citizens in service delivery
- Opportunities and challenges for the service

Resolved –

- (1) **That the Bradford East Area Committee notes the update and progress of the Street Cleansing Service.**
- (2) **That a breakdown of funding by ward be brought with the next report to this Committee.**

**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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