

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 26 June 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced: 1800

Concluded: 1940

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT
Billheimer	Griffiths	Karmani
I Khan	Middleton	
S Khan	Reid	
Khaliq	J Sunderland	

Observers: Councillors Fear, Jamil, R Sunderland and Wallace (Minute 8)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved –

That Councillor I Khan be appointed Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the municipal year 2014-15.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

Councillor I Khan in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Resolved –

That Councillor Billheimer be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the municipal year 2014-15.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*



3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

In the interests of transparency Members present made the following disclosures:

- Councillor Khaliq, in respect of the item relating to the Youth Service Report (Minute 10) as a family member was employed by the service.
- Councillor J Sunderland, in respect of the item relating to the Youth Service Report (Minute 10), as a current employer had a connection with one of the projects referred to in the report.
- Councillor Karmani, in respect of the item relating to the Youth Service Report (Minute 10), as he was a Director of the National Youth Project.
- Councillor S Khan, in respect of the item relating to Better Start Bradford (Minute 14), as he was on the Board of Bradford Trident.
- Councillor I Khan, in respect of the item relating to Better Start Bradford (Minute 14), as he was an alternate Member on the Better Start Bradford Partnership.

ACTION: City Solicitor

4. **MINUTES**

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meetings of the Area Committee held on 20 March and 15 April 2014 be signed as a correct record.

ACTION: City Solicitor

5. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

7. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2014-15**

Resolved –

That meetings of the Bradford East Area Committee, for the municipal year 2014/15, be held on the following dates at 1800:

**17 September 2014
15 October 2014**

13 November 2014
22 January 2015
24 February 2015
26 March 2015
23 April 2015

ACTION: City Solicitor

8. NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE: FAGLEY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE Eccleshill

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “D”**) explained that the Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as Fagley Youth and Community Centre as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report considered whether the nomination and the nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value Criteria set out in the Localism Act. It also explained the effect of listing in respect of the requirements upon the owners of a listed property if they wished to sell it.

The Interim Strategic Director reported on the substance of a letter received from the legal representatives of the Newlands Community Association; the owner of the property, which expressed the view that the nomination/asset did not meet the necessary criteria and stating that an appeal would be made against the decision if it was listed.

The Chair of the Youth and Community Centre was in attendance at the meeting and was permitted to address the Committee as follows:

- The Centre had seen a resurgence in activity in the last twelve months.
- A new Youth Work Partnership had been established and an extended range of activities and projects provided.
- The Centre benefited from 1.5 hectares of land. Significant investment had been put into the building and land in the last five years including the development of a community park.
- If the Centre was unable to continue it would be a massive loss to the community. There had been a significant reduction in anti-social behaviour as a result of the services provided. Over sixty young people regularly attended one youth club with between thirty and forty at another.
- The Trustees recognised that it would be a challenge to source the necessary funding, but had strong partners.
- The efforts required would be worthwhile; this was too valuable a facility to lose.

A Ward Councillor said that:

- The legal representative’s letter made reference to sustainability. Over 1000 trees had been planted.
- There were eight young people gaining work experience and qualifications on the site.
- There were a number of people who wished to become involved.
- This was an excellent project that needed to be encouraged.

Members made the following comments:

- The Trustees were doing a fantastic job and the actions of the owners were a source of frustration.
- All three of the Ward Councillors supported the Community Centre; it was important that the Council remained supportive of the Centre and the local community.
- This measure would give the Trustees the time to organise their future plans.
- The means of access and egress should be included.
- The original purpose of the organisation that owned the site had been related to the needs of the community.
- The Council had been asked to release the owners from a covenant on the land but had refused to do so.

A Member requested that the information in respect of the covenant be provided to her in writing.

Resolved –

That the land and property known as Fagley Youth and Community Centre, including the means of access and egress, be included on the list of Assets of Community Value under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: REGENERATION AND ECONOMY***

9. NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE: 1214 LEEDS ROAD, THORNBURY, BRADFORD Bradford Moor

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “E”**) explained that the Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as 1214 Leeds Road, Thornbury, Bradford as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value Criteria set out in the Localism Act. It also explained the effect of listing in respect of the requirements upon the owners of a listed property if they wished to sell it.

Resolved –

That the land and property known as 1214 Leeds Road, Thornbury, Bradford be included on the list of Assets of Community Value under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: REGENERATION AND ECONOMY***

10. YOUTH SERVICE REPORT

All

The Strategic Director, Children's Services presented a report (**Document "A"**) in respect of the transfer of the Youth Service from the Department of Children's Services to the Department of Environment and Sport, with effect from 1 July 2014.

The Strategic Director explained that:

- The focus was primarily on face to face delivery in local areas with only a small amount of district-wide provision, although two information shops had been retained.
- A lot of positive work had been undertaken in the last twelve months including a project in conjunction with the National Media Museum.
- The drive to get young people to register to vote had been a success and had also raised awareness of the political process.
- The service already had a number of volunteers and it was hoped that this would increase.

The Strategic Director answered questions from Members as follows:

- A breakdown of the amounts allocated in respect of the grants awarded and where the money had been spent could be provided for Members.
- Direct professional supervision would be undertaken by an Advanced Practitioner, against the quality standards set by the service, to ensure consistency across the district. There would also be a Commissioner Post with a district-wide overview, the Area Co-ordinators and management staff on the ground.
- The current maximum grant through the community chest process was £500.

Members made the following comments:

- It was suggested that £10,000 of the Youth Opportunities budget for the Bradford East Constituency be put into a Community Chest for young people and allocated through the Grants Advisory Group, with a £1000 maximum grant. This would make the process simpler and would mean that allocations could be made more quickly. There had been problems previously with allocating the money within the timescale.
- This funding was complex and by moving a large portion of the allocation to quick and easy schemes there was a concern that there may be unintended consequences. A further report to consider this proposal should be submitted to the Area Committee, this could include input from interested parties and a proposed allocation/application process. This could be done once the restructure was finalised and it was clear how much money was available.
- The Committee had the authority to allocate £35,000 of this funding. All the money would still be channelled towards young people. This was a chance to try and undertake the process in a different way and an opportunity to get more young people involved. It could be reviewed after twelve months.
- There was a need to look at new ways to engage young people and deliver services. Allocation should not be delayed until the restructure was completed.
- Young people felt disconnected from the democratic process and believed that the decision makers had no connection with them. This could be a flexible process engaging as many young people as possible.

The Strategic Director clarified that the finalisation of the restructure would not have an impact on the Area Committee's budget.

Resolved –

- (1) That the transfer of the Youth Service to the Directorate of Environment and Sport be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator be requested to ensure that the Youth Service Staff Team are effectively supported in their new roles.**
- (3) That progress reports be submitted to the Area Committee on a six monthly basis to allow the Committee to:**
 - (a) determine whether the deployment of current Youth Service budgets meets local need, and**
 - (b) monitor and shape partnership services and support for young people in the area.**
- (4) That £20,000 from the £35,000 available for activities be allocated by the Grants Advisory Group as follows:**

£10,000 for a Young People's Community Chest and £10,000 for Youth Opportunities Fund.

***ACTION: Bradford East Area Co-ordinator
Strategic Director, Children's Services***

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CHILDREN'S SERVICES

11. TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS RESTRUCTURE

All

A report was submitted by the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "B"**) which informed Members of the details of a restructure involving the Traffic and Highways Area teams.

In response to Members' questions the Interim Director said that:

- The planning department now published a weekly list of applications. This was forwarded to the Highway Teams who had the responsibility to check it and make comments as appropriate.
- It should be noted that, under planning law, a developer could not be required to resolve an existing highways problem.
- Ward Councillors should be consulted on highway issues as a matter of course. If Members had any specific concerns in this regard they should let him know.

Resolved –

That the details of the Area Teams set up as part of the Transport Delivery Group and Highway Asset Management Group restructure be noted.

NO ACTION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT & WASTE MANAGEMENT

12. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD EAST All

A report was presented by the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “C”**) which updated Members in respect of current casualty levels and trends in Bradford East. It also provided information in relation to the road safety education, training and publicity initiatives that were being undertaken with the aim of reducing these casualties.

A Member of the Committee requested that, in future reports, statistics also be included in respect of volumes of traffic. It was questioned whether there had been an increase in the number of incidents involving cyclists because there had been an increase in the numbers of people travelling by cycle.

It was also suggested that the figures could be split into two groups; adults and children.

The Interim Strategic Director said that the numbers of cyclists had increased and he believed that the casualty rate per cycle had not done so. This was an issue that was under consideration.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the information contained in Document “C”, in respect of casualty trends and road safety activities in Bradford East, be noted.**
- (2) **That the evidence based approach to the determination of road safety priorities continue to be supported.**

ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT & WASTE MANAGEMENT

13. PROGRESS REPORT ON BRADFORD’S FAMILIES FIRST PROGRAMME All

The report of the Assistant Director, Children’s Specialist Services (**Document “I”**) explained that Bradford’s Families First programme had identified and delivered interventions to 1,760 families with complex needs.

The programme aimed to turn the lives of these families around and deliver long term improvements in the outcomes for the whole family.

The following points were highlighted:

- 1104 families (63% of the cohort) had improved their lives and met the national target which triggered a payment by results reward.
- Improved outcomes for these families would reduce demands on services and deliver savings.
- This was a 3 year funded Payment by Results programme and work was underway to ensure that the lessons learnt were embedded into mainstream services.
- The Government had announced further funding for the programme for 2015/16.
- There had been a 49% reduction in fixed term exclusions.
- A 40% reduction in offending had been achieved
- 75% of families did not continue to meet trigger points for the programme.

- This was a multi-agency service providing a whole family approach.
- A 0.5% reduction in average unauthorised absence from school was considered significant whereas the programme had achieved a reduction of 2.3%

The Assistant Director responded to Members questions:

- Families were being tracked even after involvement with the programme had ceased to monitor if the impact had been sustained.
- There was a significant amount of movement of some families both within and in and out of the district. Notification took place between local authorities.
- More work was needed to try and understand the reasons for the difference in results between Constituencies.

Resolved –

That Document “1” be noted.

NO ACTION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CHILDREN’S SERVICES

14. BETTER START BRADFORD

All

A presentation was given in respect of the Better Start Bradford Programme. The following points were highlighted:

- The programme aimed to improve the life chances of 20,000 children, aged 0 to 3, and their families in the most deprived areas of the district.
- There was a particular focus on social and emotional development, language and nutrition, early intervention and prevention.
- Better Start Bradford was one of five such programmes nationally and Bradford Trident had been chosen as the lead body.
- The National Lottery funding was just short of £49 million over a ten year period.
- An area of high deprivation had been identified, with a population of 60,000.
- Research had been undertaken which had given the programme a clear steer on where its efforts should be focussed.
- It was hoped that the programme would lead to savings in the future.
- Early intervention made the biggest different to babies.
- This was a partnership project and the lessons learned would be used to inform work across the district.
- Money from existing budgets had been levered into the programme.
- It would include a range of evidence or science based projects that were known to be effective.
- Children would be tracked.
- The National Lottery would also be evaluating the results.
- If a particular approach was found not to be effective then a different approach would be tried.

A booklet summarising local needs was tabled for Members’ information.

Members made the following comments:

- This was a fantastic project.
- There would be a lot of pressure on volunteers to deliver what previous regeneration boards had not been able to do and the budget was very small. There should be a detailed assessment of where the money was spent and the effects it was having.
- The people in control should be local, having a commitment to Bradford and the community.
- There was a need to ensure that the knowledge gained was embedded and carried forward to the future.
- Young people were a vital component of projects such as this.

The Service Development Manager said that the Partnership Board included local parents and members of the community. The programme was community led.

No resolution was passed on this item.

NO ACTION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CHILDREN'S SERVICES

15. COMMUNITY CHEST BUDGET ALLOCATION 2013 / 2014 All

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document "F"**) set out the allocation of the Community Chest Budget for the financial year 2013/2014.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the allocation of Community Chest grants to local groups in the Bradford East Constituency for the financial year 2013/14, as set out in Document "F", be noted.**
- (2) **That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator be asked to submit a report on the allocation of the Community Chest Budget to local groups in Bradford East at the end of the financial year 2014/2015.**

ACTION: Bradford East Area Co-ordinator

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CORPORATE

16. COUNCIL WARDEN SERVICE DEVOLUTION All

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator submitted a report (**Document "G"**) which provided an update to the report presented to the meeting of the Committee held on 21 November 2013, regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service.

In response to a question about the CCTV vehicle the Area Co-ordinator said that the use of the vehicle was considered to be beneficial and had assisted in situations where it had been difficult to issue tickets in the past perhaps due to time constraints.

Resolved –

That the information in Document “G”, which is intended to inform decisions on the Council Warden Service in Bradford East, be noted and welcomed.

NO ACTION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CORPORATE

17. AREA ACTION PLANNING FUNDING 2014/15

All

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “H”**) informed Members that there was £60,000 of Area Action Planning Funding available in 2014/2015 to support priorities within the Bradford East Area Ward Plans. The report also provided an update on the spending of the £74,664.04 Area Action Planning Funding in 2013/2014.

Members made the following comments:

- The amount available to Members to allocate was getting smaller.
- The funding would be better allocated on a needs basis with it all being placed in one central pot and allocated by the Committee’s Grants Advisory Group.
- This funding had come to the Area Committee through the deal associated with the sale of Leeds Bradford Airport. It was considered that allocation should be determined, as it had previously, by Ward Councillors.
- An allocation of £10,000 per Ward meant that there was a limit on what could be achieved. It was considered to be preferable to support fewer projects with larger sums of funding; focussing on schemes that could become sustainable and independent.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the Bradford East Area Committee allocate its £60,000 Area Action Planning Funding on a needs-basis to projects and/or activities that support priorities in the Bradford East Area Ward Plans for each Ward, this funding to be allocated by the Grants Advisory Group.**
- (2) **That the projects and activities funded by Area Action Planning Funding during 2013/2014, as set out in Appendix A to Document H, be noted.**

ACTION: Bradford East Area Co-ordinator

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: CORPORATE

Chair

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

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