

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

Commenced 1801  
Concluded 1820

## PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
H Khan	Griffiths	Karmani
I Khan	Middleton	
S Khan	R Sunderland	
Khaliq		

Apologies: Councillors Billheimer, Reid and J Sunderland

## Councillor I Khan in the Chair

### 43. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

### 44. MINUTES

#### Resolved –

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 October and 13 November 2014 be signed as correct records.**

### 45. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 46. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



47. **ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR 2015-17****Bradford Moor/Bowling and Barkerend**

The Chair mentioned that at its meeting on 13 November 2014, the Bradford East Area Committee resolved to approve three grants for community development work of £25,000 each. However, it was agreed that the allocation of the remaining £25,000 grant should be referred back to the Grants Advisory Group (GAG) to make a recommendation to this Committee. The report of the Strategic Director Environment and Sport (**Document “Z”**) highlighted the outcome of the meeting of GAG.

The Chair introduced the item, stated that the Committee previously resolved that GAG should hear presentations from the Karmand Community Centre and the Thornbury Centre, in order to make a recommendation to the Area Committee as to which organisation would be best placed to undertake community development work in Bradford Moor and Bowling and Barkerend (excluding East Bowling).

The Karmand Community Centre and the Thornbury Centre delivered presentations to GAG. GAG also asked questions of the representatives from the Centres. The presentations and questions were scored by the Members of GAG. This was inconclusive as both organisations achieved the same score. However, 2 of the Members scored the Karmand Community Centre higher and 1 Member scored the Thornbury Centre higher.

Following the introduction, a question and answer session ensued:

- As majority of Members of the GAG membership were in favour of Karmand Community Centre, was the Committee minded to meet the recommendations of GAG or did the Committee have a choice to make its own recommendation. If the decision belonged solely to the Committee then this would be difficult as the Committee did not have an opportunity to see the presentations as presented at GAG.
  - A final decision had to be made by the Committee as GAG could only make a recommendation to the Committee;
- How could the Committee make a final decision without receiving the presentations?
  - Previous decisions on the three organisations were based on GAG’s recommendation and the decision making needed to be consistent; and,
- Document “Z” was clear in stating that GAG was not in a position to make a decision, and if this was the case, then how was the Committee in a position to make a final decision?
  - GAG was part of the democratic process and therefore in a position to make recommendations to the Committee as the membership was from this Committee.

The Committee made comments. Concerns were expressed about GAG being unable to make a final decision which left this Committee without the opportunity of receiving the two presentations. GAG could only make recommendations to this Committee for a final decision. A view was put forward that the Thornbury Centre had given a strong presentation at the meeting of GAG but the Karmand Community Centre had also made a worthy case based on being able to address issues within the Asian communities. At the meeting of GAG two Members had scored that Karmand Community Centre higher and it was proposed that the recommendation made by GAG be followed and it was:

**Resolved –**

**That the allocation of a Community Development grant for the value of £25,000 in 2015/16 and £25,000 in 2016/17 be awarded to Karmand Community Centre.**

***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 East Area Committee.**

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