

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday 25 June 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
 Adjourned 1820
 Reconvened 1825
 Concluded 1915

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS GROUP
Iqbal	Fear	Karmani
Jamil	Griffiths	
H Khan	N Pollard	
	J Sunderland	
	R Sunderland	

Observer: Councillor I Khan

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor R Sunderland be appointed Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the municipal year 2015/2016.

ACTION: City Solicitor

Councillor R Sunderland in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Griffiths be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the municipal year 2015/2016.

ACTION: City Solicitor



3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interests of clarity, Councillors Fear, Griffiths, Pollard and J Sunderland disclosed interests in the item relating to Bradford East Area Action Planning Fund 2014/15 (Minute 8).

ACTION: City Solicitor

4. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

5. DATES OF MEETINGS 2015/16

Resolved –

That the meetings of the Bradford East Area Committee for 2015/2016 be confirmed as follows:

- 22 July 2015
- 17 September 2015
- 15 October 2015
- 19 November 2015
- 17 December 2015
- 14 January 2016
- 11 February 2016
- 17 March 2016

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor

6. PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

All Wards

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “A”**) provided the annual report for the Parks and Green Spaces Service considering the significant issues that would have an effect over the coming 12 months and presented options where appropriate for future service delivery.

The Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure including the Area Parks Manager were both in attendance and jointly gave a synopsis of the report and a PowerPoint presentation of the flower beds in the East area.

A question and answer session ensued:

- Now that the Council had taken the decision to reduce the expenditure on flower beds by 80% across the district, can we presume that this would have implications for the East area?
 - This was correct however new models of delivering the service were being considered and if adopted then 60% of present flower beds would be maintained; all flowers would be planted this year and seen by the public next year however by October 2015 the service will understand further its position; the Council had also resolved to step up the annual charges for Bowling Greens in line with the savings target being set at £25k in 2015/16 and an additional

£25K in 2016/17. All clubs would collect record and pay £15 per player in 2015/16 under a mutually agreed method;

- The levels of cuts were 80% throughout the District, but was it accurate to assume that you were proposing a 40% cut with the new model on flower beds?
 - This was correct to assume for the foreseeable future. The Appendix was a snapshot of the Flower Bed proposals;
- Why were additional funding streams not resourced into the Bradford East area, resources such as the lottery fund?
 - There were no additional resources for the Bradford East area. Resources from the lottery for sites was now directed towards the Council revenue stream for the interests of heritage;
- How were lower priority areas identified?
 - A criteria was used by officers to identify the impact on areas such as how the public viewed flower beds, how it was valued and consultations with groups in areas; and,
- How much income was anticipated from bowling greens if players would be charged £15?
 - An income of £25,000 was expected.

During the discussion, the Committee and officers made the following comments:

- There were no further flower beds remaining in the Eccleshill area and certainly other areas. The reduction Bradford East area had undergone over the years was significantly disproportionate in comparison to other areas;
- It was unfair for the Bradford East area only to have greens with a lack of Flower Beds and not reflect an area similar to Ilkley;
- It was a Council approved decision to close the nursery and that reduction on flower beds be applied, hence the proposal;
- It was important that all areas in the district to take an additional loss as it seemed that the flower beds in the Bradford east area were insufficient at present and further more reductions were being applied; and,
- The committee had in the past requested that poor planting be driven out and that the a solution of the nursery being closed was not a useful one.

The chair expressed her reservations to the proposals and therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) **That the contents of Document “A” be noted in relation to the bowls club agreement.**
- (2) **That the Grants Advisory Group undertakes further consultation to explore alternative approaches towards flower beds in the Bradford East area and the consultation also includes the consideration of options to retain Peel Park Nursery. In addition, a further report be presented in November 2015 outlining the Grants Advisory Group’s options for the Committee’s final consideration.**

ACTION: Assistant Director – Sport and Leisure

7. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS FUNDING 2015 / 2016

All Wards

The report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator (**Document “B”**) considered the membership of the Grants Advisory Group in the Bradford East Area.

Resolved –

That a Grants Advisory Group made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair and an Opposition Spokesperson be established.

ACTION: Ward Officer (Ishaq Shafiq)

8. BRADFORD EAST AREA ACTION PLANNING FUNDING 2014/15 All Wards

The report of the Bradford East Ward Officer (**Document “C”**) provided an update on the allocation of the £66,214 Area Action Planning Fund in 2014/15.

The Ward Officer presented the report to the Committee.

In relation to a question by the Committee, it was responded that the CCTV camera had been deployed at various locations including Airedale College Road. The exercise had a positive effect and intelligence had been captured in order to proceed with enforcement.

Resolved –

- (1) That the Bradford East Area Committee notes projects and/or activities allocated Area Action Planning Funding through the Grants Advisory Group process for 2014/15.**
- (2) That an update report be presented to the Bradford East Area Committee in 12 months time on the CCTV project.**

ACTION: Ward Officer (Ishaq Shafiq)

Chair

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

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