

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 24 January 2013 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700
Concluded 1950

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS	INDEPENDENT
Dodds	L Cromie	Robinson
Ferriby		
Jabar		
Johnson		
G Thornton		
Wainwright		
Warburton		

Observer: Councillor V Slater (Change Programme, Housing Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder (Minute 65))

Councillor Johnson in the Chair

61. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds declared a non pecuniary interest in the item relating to Birks Fold (Minute 67) as a school governor of Lidget Green Primary School because the school had raised an objection to the proposals, she however stayed in the meeting during consideration of the item.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

62. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



63. MINUTES

Resolved –

- (1) That the minutes of the Joint Meeting with Bradford East Area Committee held on 22 November 2012 be signed as a correct record.
- (2) That the minutes of the meetings held on 22 November and 13 December 2012 be signed as a correct record.

64. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

65. LOW MOOR RAIL STATION UPDATE

Wyke

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AN”**) which provided an update to the Area Committee on the current progress towards delivery of a new railway station at Low Moor. It provided information about the current delivery issues in relation to the business case, design standards and budget implications which have arisen during the development of detailed proposals together with details of key activities for Metro, Network Rail and Council Officers to address these and continue to progress the delivery of the new railway station.

The Transportation Development Manager and a Projects Manager from Metro were present at the meeting to give a comprehensive update and overview on the issues surrounding the delivery of Low Moor Rail Station which were detailed in Document “AN”, stressing that Metro was fully committed to the delivery of a station at Low Moor.

During the discussion Members asked a number of questions, the questions together with the responses are detailed below:

- A Member stated that back in 2007, Metro had set out proposals for a new station at Low Moor, with resources committed to the project in 2009, however, Metro had failed to deliver on these promises, citing a number of groundwork issues for the lack of progress. To this end Metro had failed the residents of Bradford South and why had Metro not foreseen the problems on site. In response the representative from Metro stressed that Metro were aware of the depth of feeling among the people of Bradford South which had been demonstrated at a recent public meeting on the issue, however issues relating to the gas pipes and mine shaft had come to light later on and Metro was keen to resolve these and other outstanding issues affecting the site.
- A number of other Members reiterated similar concerns, stating that problems should have been foreseen in the context that a clear timetable was in place for the development of the station, so why were issues around the need to have more car parking spaces hindering progress. In response the representative from Metro stated that discussions had taken place with a number of companies such as Northern Gas, the Council’s Planning Department and Network Rail and given the nature of the issues identified they were taking longer to resolve.
- In response to a question on the possible completion date and how the additional costs that had been identified would be met, the representative from Metro stressed that they were working towards an earliest completion date of 2014, subject to the all the outstanding issues being resolved in a timely manner. In relation to the additional cost it was highlighted that the funding gap would have to be addressed through the Local Transport Plan Fund.

The Change Programme, Housing Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder was also present at the meeting and stated that she understood and acknowledged the concerns that had been expressed by Members and the level of feeling in the locality, however the development of the station had to be seen in a wider context such as the electrification of the Caldervale line, discussions around rail devolution which would give the region a bigger say in train service provision and development.

In response to a question on the electrification of the Caldervale line, it was pointed out that if electrification was to happen, this could open up the possibility of a 3 trains per hour service from the new station.

The Chair stated that he welcomed the renewed commitment from Metro to deliver the project, adding that clearly there was a demand for a new station, and that Metro was working hard to find solution to the problems, but suggested that this Committee be kept informed of progress and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted, specifically the continued commitment from Metro to delivery of a station at Low Moor.**
- (2) That the current action plan towards continuing to progress the delivery of a railway station at Low Moor by Council and Metro Officers together with Industry partners be endorsed, and that officers expedite this as soon as possible.**
- (3) That a further report be presented to Members at the March and June meetings of this Committee, following completion of the industry discussions outlining the revised delivery programme, budget and proposals for any additional budget contributions necessary to secure delivery of Low Moor Station, and that a special neighbourhood forum takes place as soon as possible following submission of the business case.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

66. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING 2012/13

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "AO"**) which informed the Area Committee of the applications for Youth Opportunities Fund for the area and the recommendations of the Area Youth Opportunities Fund Panel.

Young people who were members of the Youth Opportunities Fund Panel were present at the meeting and gave an overview of how the application detailed in Appendix 1 had been determined.

The Chair commended the Panel in the diligent manner in which they had determined this and previous applications.

The Area Coordinator tabled a number of additional recommendations setting out how the remaining balance should be spent and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the recommendations of the YOF Area Panel be accepted.
- (2) That the Bradford South YOF Area Panel be thanked for assessing applications and making their recommendations.
- (3) That the Area Youth Work Team continues to work with the YOF Panel to monitor the development and implementation of the YOF projects.
- (4) That the Senior Youth Work Manager presents reports to future meetings of this Area Committee on the implementation of projects who receive YOF.
- (5) That the balance of £24,910.00 remaining to be allocated be divided equally between the 6 Bradford South Wards, with each Ward having an allocation of £4,151.66.
- (6) That the Ward Lead Youth Worker, working with a group of young people, Ward Councillors and the Ward Officer decide on projects/schemes to benefit young people within that Ward funded from the Ward allocation.
- (7) That a report be presented to Bradford South Area Committee on 28 March 2013 outlining the agreed projects/ schemes on a Ward basis.

ACTION: Strategic Director / Area Coordinator

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

67. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON BIRKS FOLD

Great Horton

A Ward Investment Traffic Regulation Order at various locations for various waiting restrictions was being progressed in the Great Horton Ward. At one of the sites on Birks Fold adjacent to Birks Fold Primary School, 3 objection/comments had been received.

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "AP"**) which requested the Area Committee to consider these 3 objections/comments and the options set out.

Resolved –

That the report be deferred to a future meeting at the request of Ward Councillors.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

68. 2012/13 TRAFFIC MEASURES PROGRAMME AND BUDGET UPDATE

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "AQ"**) which detailed the progress of the 2012/13 Traffic works programme as of January 2012.

Resolved –

That the progress and current spending levels on the schemes within the works programme be noted.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

69. PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING ON HOLROYD HILL

Wibsey

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AR”**) which detailed the design and formal consultations carried out for a proposed Zebra crossing to be situated on Holroyd Hill, Wibsey.

Resolved –

(1) That the proposed scheme be constructed as advertised.

(2) That the lead petitioner be notified as appropriate.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

70. TONG WARD FORUM

Tong

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AS”**) which informed the Area Committee about the pilot Ward Forum held in the Tong Ward on 10 September 2012.

The Area Coordinator stated that the Tong Ward Forum had been set up last year in order to develop a more Ward focus approach and that the pilot had been hailed a success.

The Chair stated that the process had enabled the public to engage within our planning process and identify priorities in the area, enabling complaints to be dealt with via the Wardens and Ward Officers. The Chair stressed that this approach might not necessarily work in other Wards within Bradford South, however it would allow and facilitate for a more focussed based approach; however there was no scope or resources to hold both a Ward Forum and a Neighbourhood Forum.

In welcoming the new process, Members were keen to explore the possibility of having the new Forum format, acknowledging that a different approach may be required in different Wards.

Resolved –

(1) That the success of the Tong Ward Forum be noted.

(2) That the Area Coordinator liaises with Ward Councillors on the format of Neighbourhood and Ward Forums for the 2013/2014 municipal year and reports back on the outcomes of these discussions to the March meeting of this Area Committee.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

71. 2012/13 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submit a report (**Document “AT”**) which outlined proposed projects in Great Horton, Queensbury and Wibsey Wards and requested decisions on funding.

Resolved –

- (1) That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Document “AT” be approved.**
- (2) That the Area Co-ordinator presents a report to a future meeting of Bradford South Area Committee on progress made on the development of this project.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

72. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2011-14 UPDATE

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AU”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2012 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

The Area Coordinator highlighted that the Action Plan was very much a working progress and that a fuller picture would be presented to Members in due course.

Resolved –

- (1) That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2012 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 be noted.**
- (2) That the constructive engagement with local communities at Neighbourhood and through other forms of Community Engagement in the period 1 April to 30 September 2012 be noted.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

73. 2012/13 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AV”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 October 2012 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South.

The Area Coordinator welcomed the Officer / Member input into the Community Chest Grants process which had resulted in good partnership working.

The Chair stated that although the grants generally amounted to small amounts, organisations were very appreciative of this funding.

Resolved –

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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

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