

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 27 June 2013 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1745
 Adjourned 1935
 Reconvened 1945
 Concluded 2025

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS	CONSERVATIVE
Dodds	L Cromie	Walls
Ferriby		
Jabar		
Johnson		
Wainwright		
Warburton		

Observers: Councillors Swallow and Thirkill (Minute 7)
 Councillor Robinson (Minute 12)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Johnson be appointed Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the municipal year 2013/2014.

ACTION: City Solicitor

Councillor Johnson in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Ferriby be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the municipal year 2013/2014.

ACTION: City Solicitor



3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

- (i) In the interest of transparency Councillors Ferriby and Warburton declared non pecuniary interests in the item relating to Low Moor Station (Minute 12) as they were both Members of the Low Moor Station Working Group. In addition Councillor Ferriby lived in the vicinity of the proposed new station on New Works Road.

The following disclosures of interest were received and the Members concerned left the meeting during consideration of those items:

- (ii) Councillor Warburton in relation to the right turn Traffic Regulation Order from Cemetery Road into Clayton Road (Minute 7) as his daughter was the lead petitioner.
- (iii) Councillor Ferriby in relation to the petition requesting the relaxation of the permit parking near to Appleton Academy (Minute 8) as a member of the Governing Body at Appleton Academy.
- (iv) Councillor Dodds in relation to the Traffic Regulation Order on Birks Fold (Minute 13) as she was a member of the Governing Body at Lidget Green Primary.

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. **MINUTES**

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2013 be signed as a correct record.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

7. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FROM CEMETERY ROAD INTO CLAYTON ROAD, LIDGET GREEN** Great Horton

The new ASDA Development had a planning condition associated with it to process a banned right turn Traffic Regulation Order from Cemetery Road into Clayton Road, Lidget Green, which included an alternative route and a mini-roundabout.

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “D”**) which requested the Area Committee to consider the objections that had been received and the options set out in 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 to Document “D”.

The Strategic Director stated that the proposed right turn ban had been suggested to ease congestion on Cemetery Road as part of the planning approval for the Asda development; and that following the advertising of the order, a considerable number of objections had been received which were detailed in Document "D". The Strategic Director summarised the objections that had been received around the impact the proposals would have on businesses in the area; on bus turning movements; that it would unduly affect residents and also increase journey times.

A number of objectors were present at the meeting and they raised the following objections to the proposal:

- That a compulsory purchase of a disused building in the vicinity of the proposed right turn ban would solve the problem of congestion, as the road could be widened at this point.
- That the right turn should be retained as it would be the safest option from a road safety perspective.
- That the proposal would cause havoc as it would transfer traffic and cause congestion on adjacent roads such as Beckside Road and Spencer Road.
- That congestion and parking problems were already an ongoing issue in the area.
- That the proposals would result in 'rat running'.
- That the proposals would cause problems for public transport, as buses would have to follow an alternative route, leading to increase journey times as well as impacting on passengers, as there were no safe crossing points on some of the alternative suggested routes.

Ward Members representing Clayton and Fairweather Green were present at the meeting and reiterated the points made by the objectors, stating that journey times and safety would be severely compromised by the proposal.

Members of the Committee who were also Ward Members for Great Horton also echoed the same sentiments, adding that Beckside Road was a main artery road used by the emergency services.

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposed banned right turn be abandoned.**
- (2) That this matter be referred back to the Area Planning Panel (Bradford) to make a variation to the existing Planning Conditions for the ASDA development.**
- (3) That the Area Planning Panel (Bradford) be asked to examine the potential to widen Cemetery Road at the point adjacent to Club Street.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

8. PETITION REQUESTS THE RELAXATION OF THE EXISTING 24/7 PERMIT PARKING SPACES/ZONES NEAR TO APPLETON ACADEMY

Wyke

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "H"**) which set out a petition of 17 signatories, supporting the relaxation of the permit parking near to Appleton Academy.

The Strategic Director stated that the permit parking had been put in place for the benefit of residents living in the vicinity of the Academy, however the petition supported relaxation of the scheme as it was considered to be too restrictive, however following consultation with other residents in the area, there had been overwhelming support to retain the original permit parking scheme and therefore officers were recommending that the petition be dismissed.

The lead petitioner was present at the meeting and stated that he had lived on the corner of Woodside Road and High Fearnley since 1979 and that throughout this time he had seen many changes, including the development of the Academy. However since the permit parking had been introduced residents were restricted as to where they could park their vehicles, as were other family members and friends who might be visiting as householders were only allowed one visitor permit.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that despite initial concerns, the parking situation in the area had improved and parents were now using the designated school pick up and drop off points and he therefore urged retention of the permit parking scheme.

Resolved -

(1) That the petition be dismissed.

(2) That the petitioner be informed of the decision.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**9. SPEED LIMIT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER OBJECTIONS:
ON HIGHGATE ROAD, CLAYTON HEIGHTS, AND A6177 ROOLEY AVENUE**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which requested the Area Committee to consider the objection and the options set out in the report.

A representative from First Bus was present at the meeting and requested that the matter should be deferred until such time as issues around bus capacity and reliability issues on the route could be resolved, as the proposed reduction in the speed limit would affect bus journey times and reliability.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that bus punctuality on this route was not an issue and that the proposal would not adversely impact on this, adding that the proposals were about reducing speeds and improving pedestrian safety.

The Strategic Director stressed that the proposed reduction in speed would have a huge impact on casualty reduction as well as changing driver behaviour.

Resolved -

That the existing proposals as shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Document “G” be implemented as advertised based upon the review carried out in 2009 and shown in Appendix 4 to Document “G”.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

10. **CONSULTATION ON WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2 (2014-17)**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “A”**) which provided details of the consultation on the emerging shape of the draft West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) - Implementation Plan 2 (2014-17) and asked the Committee for their views on the programme areas, types of intervention and priorities for funding.

The Strategic Director gave a brief overview of the planning and delivery stages of the implementation plan, alluding to the draft programme set out in the report and stated that Members views and comments on the priorities and overall shape of the LTP would be fed back into the consultation process. The Strategic Director drew Members attention to an error in the report, stating that £5.5m had been allocated to the Low Moor Station works in Implementation Plan1 and not £ 5.1m as indicated in the report. £3.2m had been identified for the station in Implementation Plan 2 and this was considered a 'must have'.

During the discussion Members made the following observations on the LTP:

- Freight was identified as a priority, particularly in the area of the motorway and there should be sufficient funding to deliver schemes as well as undertaking studies.
- A Member suggested the inclusion of Low Moor Station within the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund and the Strategic Director confirmed that this funding would be met from the Local Transport Plan.
- In response to a question regarding the congestion on Tong Street and whether there were any plans to alleviate this congestion, the Strategic Director stressed that as part of the West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund package, a programme for Tong Street and Canal Road had been identified as a priority, however funding for these programmes had not been finally secured and that further assurances on funding mechanisms were being sought from Government.
- A Member suggested that a smartcard system for use on public transport similar to the Oyster card system used in London should be rolled out in West Yorkshire.
- The Chair indicated that Programme 1 (Manage Asset Condition) and Programme 7 (Safer Roads) should be endorsed as priority programmes and this was supported by the Committee.

Resolved -

That the views expressed by Members of the Area Committee on the emerging shape of Implementation Plan 2, be taken into consideration as part of the consultation process.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

11. **DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEES – HIGHWAYS REPAIRS**

As part of the Council’s Devolution Review, Highway Repairs had been identified as a Service function which had been devolved to Area Committees.

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which set out the proposed arrangements for Area Committee agreement on how this function would continue to operate following devolution.

The Strategic Director drew Members attention to revised figures at 4.2 of the report, stating that in the case of Bradford South the budget for CAT1 and 2 repairs would now equate to £120,000 for 2013/2014, and that at 4.4 of the report CAT 3 and 4 allocations to this Area Committee would equate to £220,900.

The Chair in welcoming the report stated that the proposals would enable this Area Committee to have an overall view of spend, allowing for flexibility, and requested that officers bring a report back in July indicating how the money had been spent so far.

Resolved -

- (1) **That the devolution of decision making to Area Committees outlined in Document “B” be agreed.**
- (2) **That a report be presented to this committee at the earliest opportunity confirming the following:**
 - **Service delivery plans for the year;**
 - **Performance and financial information on the operation of the service;**
 - **Proposals for involving citizens in service delivery; and**
 - **Opportunities and challenges for the service.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

12. LOW MOOR RAIL STATION PROGRESS REPORT

Wyke

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

In welcoming the progress that had been made, Members urged that the momentum that had been gained should be maintained and that should a further funding round be announced for the New Stations Fund, Metro should be encouraged to make a further application to obtain the shortfall in funding.

In response the Strategic Director stated that on the assumption that a further funding round may be announced work was now progressing addressing the short fallings of the previous bid so that a bid was ready to be submitted if this opportunity arose. The Strategic Director also agreed to provide further information to Members on the outcomes of the summit held on 27 June 2013 involving Network Rail, Northern Rail, Department for Transport and senior Council Officers on matters affecting the delivery of the station at Low Moor.

Resolved -

- (1) **That the contents of Document “C” be noted.**
- (2) **That the current action plan being progressed by Council and Metro Officers towards continuing to progress the delivery of a railway station at Low Moor be endorsed.**

- (3) That a further report be presented to Members following the outcome of the industry summit, business case update and derogation application decision.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

13. **BIRKS FOLD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – UPDATE** Great Horton

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “E”**) which referred to a series of objections received to a traffic regulation order for Birks Fold previously reported to committee in January 2013 and deferred to enable further discussions to take place.

The Strategic Director stated that further consultation was now needed to resolve the outstanding issues and it was therefore:

Resolved -

That the Traffic Regulation Order for Birks Fold be abandoned.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

14. **BRADFORD SOUTH AREA 2013/14 – TRAFFIC MEASURES WORKS PROGRAMME - UPDATE**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which detailed proposed additions to the Works Programme for Traffic Measures to be undertaken in the Bradford South Constituency Area the 2013/14 financial year following an increase in funding.

The Strategic Director stated that following a decision by the Integrated Transport Authority to increase the funding for traffic measures, officers were recommending the inclusion of a number of additional schemes into the traffic measures programme which were detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Resolved -

- (1) **That the proposed additional programme of works for 2013/14 as shown in Appendix 1 to Document “F” be accepted.**
- (2) **That the advertisement of schemes, any relevant formal consultations and the design and construction of the schemes included within the 2013/14 programme be authorised.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

15. **STADIUM ROAD, ODSAL – MATCH DAY & EVENT PARKING PROBLEMS** Wyke

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “I”**) which detailed problems experienced on Stadium Road, Odsal during Match Days and events and made recommendations to the committee for five possible mitigation measures.

The Strategic Director stated that there were number of outstanding legal issues which still needed to be resolved and it was therefore:

Resolved -

That consideration of the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

16. **DEPLOYMENT OF STREET CLEANSING – BRADFORD SOUTH**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which outlined the deployment of Street Cleansing in Bradford South.

The Bradford South Area Coordinator highlighted the excellent level of service provided by the street cleansing team within Bradford South, in particular how they proactively dealt the cleansing issues affecting the area.

In echoing the above comments, Members expressed their thanks to the Street Cleansing team on how they had dealt with issues reported in their respective wards.

The Chair stressed the need to maintain the current level of service, particularly in the context of the limited resources available, for which staff should be commended, and it was therefore:

Resolved -

That the report be noted and that the Area Coordinator communicates the Committee’s thanks to cleansing staff on the excellent level of service they provide within limited resources.

ACTION: The Strategic Director Environment and Sport

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

17. **BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2011-14 UPDATE**

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “K”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 October 2012 to 31 March 2013 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

The Area Coordinator stressed that the Action Plan gave a flavour of the range of work being undertaken in the Bradford South Area in line with the priorities that had been identified by the Area Committee. He thanked officers within the Bradford South Area office for their hard work and the excellent working relationship they had developed with the Ward Members.

Members welcomed the partnership working that had been developed and the outcomes arising from the Action Plan.

Resolved -

- (1) That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period 1 October 2012 to 31 March 2013 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 be noted.**
- (2) That staff within the Area Coordinator's office be thanked for the excellent work undertaken on the Action Plan.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

18. 2013/14 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "L"**) which outlined proposed projects in Queensbury, Royds, Tong and Wyke Wards and requested decisions on funding.

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Document "L" 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 Improvement Committee)

19. 2012/13 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document "M"**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 28 February 2013 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South.

The Chair highlighted the difference the grants made to individual organisations within the Bradford South area, and that organisations in receipt of these grants were extremely grateful to the Council for giving them this money.

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 Improvement Committee)

20. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2012/2013**

Resolved –

That future meetings of the Bradford South Area Committee for 2013/2014, be confirmed as follows:

Thursday 25 July 2013

Thursday 26 September 2013

Thursday 28 November 2013

Thursday 23 January 2014

Thursday 27 March 2014

ACTION: City Solicitor

Chair

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