

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 28 November 2013 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700
Concluded 1900

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	QUEENSBURY INDEPENDENTS
Berry	L Cromie
Dodds	
Ferriby	
Jabar	
Johnson	
Wainwright	
Warburton	

Observer: Councillor P Cromie

45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) In the interest of clarity Councillor Dodds declared an interest in the item relating to Council Wardens (Minutes 56 and 57) as her son was employed as a Council Warden, however as the items were for noting only she remained in the meeting.
- (ii) Councillor Dodds also disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to Ward Budget Allocation (Minute 55) as she was vice chair of the Lidget Green Community Partnership, one of the organisations which had requested funding and she left the meeting during consideration of that item.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

46. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



47. MINUTES

Resolved –

- (1) That the minutes of the Joint meeting with Bradford East Area Committee held on 27 June 2013 be signed as a correct record.
- (2) That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013 be signed as a correct record.

48. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

49. PETITION FOR THE CONVERSION OF A SECTION OF WIBSEY FAIRGROUND INTO A TEMPORARY PARKING AREA

Wibsey

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AI”**) which set out a petition of 972 signatures referred from a meeting of full Council on 22 October 2013, which requested that consideration be given to converting a section of the Wibsey Fairground site to a temporary parking area.

Following the presentation of the report by the Strategic Director, the Chair invited the lead petitioner to speak on the issue. The petitioner highlighted that parking had been a long standing issue in the Wibsey area and that there were now over 1500 people who had signed the petition. He believed that the scheme would be largely self funding due to the imposition of parking charges and moreover the improved parking provision would help to revitalise business in Wibsey which had struggled in recent years. In addition, he stated that businesses in Wibsey were fully supportive of the petition.

The Chair then invited a local resident to speak. The resident stated that this scheme had come “out of the blue” as there had been previous consultations on the issue over a number of years that had come to no fruition. The resident asked the Strategic Director what measures would be taken to keep the site secure and to stop travellers from using the site illegally. In response the Strategic Director stated that access to any car parking area on the site could be restricted by fencing off the grounds and by the installation of a gate, however the addition of a gate would probably require a Warden to lock and unlock on a daily basis increasing the cost of the scheme.

During the discussion a Member stated that the proposed car parking would only use a small area of the fairground therefore ensuring the site continued to be used as a fairground when required. Moreover, it was felt the scheme would be helpful for both residents and businesses as it would resolve the long standing parking issue in Wibsey. The Chair highlighted that there had been no opposition to the scheme however, continued consultation with local residents should be undertaken prior to the implementation of the scheme.

In response to a question on the layout of the parking area, the Strategic Director stated that due to the modular nature of the proposed scheme the parking could be expanded as demand required and that the parking bays would be clearly marked out.

Resolved -

- (1) That the submitted petition be accepted.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Committee requests the further development of proposals to introduce a parking area on Wibsey Fairground (to an agreed size as detailed in 3.2-3.4 to Document “AI”).**
- (3) That the completed proposals be brought to the March 2014 Committee meeting for consideration for funding in the 2014/15 financial year.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

50. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES – BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AD”**) which informed the Area Committee of the work of the Bradford Dementia Friendly Communities Project and how the Area Committee might contribute to the creation of dementia friendly communities within Bradford South.

The Bradford Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator was present at the meeting to give an overview of the Project, stressing that Bradford was at the forefront of creating dementia friendly communities to ensure dementia sufferers were fully supported in their communities, whilst retaining their independence. She added that work was ongoing to develop projects in the Queensbury, Wibsey and Wyke areas with a view to extending the project to other areas of Bradford South, highlighting the work that had already been undertaken in Idle Ward and that a support group had been set up to take the work forward. She also added that the aim of the project was to work with over 20 communities over a 2 year period.

A Member stated this was an important project to have measures and support in place for dementia sufferers and she welcomed the opportunity to see a project being developed in the Great Horton area.

A Member stated that dementia was an issue that had to be dealt with on a more intergenerational basis as well as providing more care and support and working with communities to better understand the issues affecting sufferers.

A Member stressed that dementia was an emotive issue for families and for sufferers and that if support mechanisms were in place to deal with the early signs of dementia we would be better placed to deal with issues in the context of an ageing population.

Resolved -

- (1) That initiatives to support communities within Bradford South to become Dementia Friendly be supported.**
- (2) That a priority be incorporated into the Ward Plans for 2014/2015 with a view to supporting dementia friendly work in each Ward within Bradford South.**

- (3) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office presents a report to a meeting of this Area Committee in November 2014 updating the Committee on initiatives undertaken within Bradford South to support communities to become Dementia Friendly.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

51. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING 2013/14

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

A young member of the Area Youth Opportunities Fund Panel was present at the meeting and gave an overview of the applications and the recommendations of the Panel which were detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

A Member commended the work of the Panel and the diligent manner in which applications had been dealt with.

Resolved -

- (1) That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations of the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) Area Panel set out in Appendix 2 to Document "AE".
- (2) That the Bradford South YOF Area Panel be thanked for assessing applications and making their recommendations.
- (3) That the Youth Work Team continues to work with the YOF Panel to monitor the development and implementation of the YOF projects.
- (4) That the Youth Work Manager presents reports to future meetings of Bradford South Area Committee on the implementation of projects who receive YOF.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Children's Services*

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

52. A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE YOUTH SERVICE IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services submitted a report (**Document "AF"**) which summarised the range of work undertaken by the Youth Service and included a focus on its work to encourage young people into positive activities.

The Youth Service Senior Manager for Bradford South was present at the meeting and gave a detailed account of youth service activities in the Bradford South area, in particular drawing Members attention to how the Service had played a key role in tackling issues around crime and diversionary work, youth unemployment, racism and the issue of teenage pregnancies. He also drew Members attention to the recognition the service had achieved at the recent service excellence awards.

Members welcomed the work undertaken by the Youth Service in particular their work with the Eastern European Community in Great Horton, alcohol awareness campaign in Queensbury and the intergenerational work in the Wyke area.

The Chair acknowledged the excellent work of the Youth Service in the Bradford South area which was borne out by the statistics.

Resolved -

- (1) That the report be noted and that the Bradford South Youth Team be congratulated for exceeding their membership targets.**
- (2) That Bradford South Area Committee expresses its thanks to the Youth Service staff for their continued hard work in meeting its targets.**
- (3) That a further report be presented to this Committee in June/July 2014 detailing the work of the Service in relation to volunteering and also their work with the Eastern European community in the Great Horton Ward.**

ACTION: Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

53. PARKS & GREEN SPACES BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Council's Executive had identified the Parks and Green Spaces Service to report to Area Committees through the devolution agenda.

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AG"**) which detailed the overall Parks and Green Spaces budget, setting in context the area budgets devolved to Area Committees.

Following a synopsis of the report by the Principal Parks and Green Spaces Manager and Bereavement and Amenities Manager, a member of the Committee asked what measures were being taken to prepare War memorials in time for the centenary of the First World War. In response the Parks Manager stated that a full programme of service and repairs were in progress in and that it would hopefully be completed in time for the Centenary in August 2014. However, it was highlighted by the Principal Parks and Green Spaces Manager that there were budgetary pressures on the Service and that only 5% of the budget was available for discretionary spending in the Bradford South area.

A member went on to state that he had received good support and feedback in his ward from the technical service and commended their work. The Chair concluded the item by stating that the report had just enough transparency regarding the financial position of the Service and that there was a clear lack of discretionary funds available for the service in the Bradford South area.

Resolved -

- (1) That the contents of Document "AG" be noted.**
- (2) That a report be submitted to this Committee at its January 2014 meeting setting out further financial information on the Parks and Green Spaces budget.**
- (3) That a report be submitted to the June/July 2014 meeting of this Committee detailing service performance.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

54. **LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE –
DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AH”**) which detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance function and allocated resources.

The report also updated the committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network.

Resolved -

- (1) **That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.**
- (2) **That the indicative spend to date for the 2013/14 financial year be noted.**
- (3) **That the current list of Cat 3/4 works as shown in Appendix 4 to Document “AH” be approved.**

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

55. **2013/14 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AN”**) which outlined proposed projects in Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds and Wyke Wards and requests decisions on funding.

Following the presentation of the report by the Area Co-ordinator the Committee raised concerns regarding the request from the Asa Briggs Bowling Club for a lawnmower. A discussion ensued regarding the servicing of bowling greens in the Bradford South area. The Area Coordinator recommended that the request from the Asa Briggs Bowling Club should be rejected and that there should also be a review of the wider strategy for the care and maintenance of bowling greens in the Bradford South area.

The Chair stated that he could not remember the Committee ever having to reject a request before, however it was important to have a consistent policy around the upkeep of bowling greens in the district and it was therefore:

Resolved -

- (1) **That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1, 3 and 4 to Document “AN” be approved.**
- (2) **That the proposed projects outlined in Appendix 2 to Document “AN”, with the exception of project Asa Briggs Bowling Club (ref no: WBQ/06/1314), be approved.**
- (3) **That the Asa Briggs Bowling Club (ref no: WBQ/06/1314) application be forwarded to the Assistant Director Sport & Leisure Service in order that it can be considered as part of a wider strategy for the care and maintenance of bowling greens to be completed by March 2014.**

- (4) That the Area Co-ordinator presents a report to a future meeting of Bradford South Area Committee on progress made on the development of these projects.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

56. COUNCIL WARDEN SERVICE DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEE

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “AJ”**) which provided an update to the report presented to the meeting on 25 July 2013 regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service

Resolved -

That the proposed devolution of Council Warden decision making to the Area Committee outlined in Document “AJ” be noted and welcomed.

No ACTION

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

57. COUNCIL WARDENS – BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport will submit a report (**Document “AK”**) which outlined work undertaken by Council Wardens in Bradford South in the period 1 April – 30 September 2013.

The Area Coordinator stated that the report not only showed the work done by the Wardens but also the level of engagement which was a testament of their dedication.

The Chair thanked the Warden Service for their sterling work.

Resolved -

That the wide range of activities undertaken by Council Wardens in the period 1 April to 30 September 2013 be noted.

No ACTION

(Corporate Improvement Committee)

58. STREET CLEANSING - DEVOLUTION

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “AL”**) which provided further information with regards to the devolution of Street Cleansing services and includes specific information relating to:

- New working arrangements for road and pavement sweeping
- Financial information by Ward
- Requests for service information by Ward
- Fly tipping reports by ward

The Chair commended the work of the Street Cleansing Team and requested that the Committee’s thanks be passed onto them.

Resolved -

- (1) That the update of Street Cleansing Services be noted.**
- (2) That further financial and operational information with regards reports continue to be brought to this Committee.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

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

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “AM”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2013 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

The Area Coordinator expressed his gratitude to the Ward officers on their work on the Action Plan.

Resolved -

That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2013 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 be noted.

NO ACTION

(Environment & Waste Management 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.