

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 26 June 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

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Concluded 1925

## PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS	CONSERVATIVE
Dodds	L Cromie	Walls
Ferriby		
L Smith		
G Thornton		
Wainwright		
Warburton		

Observer: Councillor Robinson

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Ferriby be appointed Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the municipal year 2014/2015.

*ACTION: City Solicitor*

### Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Wainwright be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the municipal year 2014/2015.

*ACTION: City Solicitor*



### 3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds declared a non pecuniary interest in the item relating to Council Warden Devolution (Minute 16) as her son was employed as a Council Warden, but as the report was for noting only she remained in the meeting.
- (ii) Councillors Ferriby and Warburton disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to the Petition regarding Cleckheaton Road and Dyehouse Road Minute (7) as they had previously advised on the matter in their capacity as Ward Councillors and they left the meeting during consideration of that item.
- (iii) Councillor Wainwright disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to A647 Sandbeds, Queensbury (Minute 8) as he was a member of the Area Planning Panel (Bradford) which recommended the Traffic Regulation Order as part of a planning permission and he left the meeting during consideration of that item.

**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 27 March 2014 be signed as a correct record.**

### 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

### Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

#### 7. PETITION RELATING TO THE BLOCKAGE OF A ROUTE BETWEEN CLECKHEATON ROAD AND DYEHOUSE ROAD

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The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which set out a petition which was submitted to the Chief Executive in May 2013 relating to the blockage of a route running between Dyehouse Road and Cleckheaton Road, Oakenshaw.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Manager gave a brief summary of the issues raised by the petition, stating that how the Council had dealt with the petition had been reviewed by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting in February 2014, and that they had recommended that this Area Committee looks again at the issues raised by the Petition.

The lead petitioner was present at the meeting and requested if it would be possible to jump the queue and get the footpath registered and in the event the matter became complicated it be returned to its original place in the queue. The petitioner also suggested that a triage system could be applied with 2 lists operating in tandem with the first list dealing with straightforward cases like her petition and another for complicated time consuming requests, resulting in a much more streamlined, results orientated system for dealing with rights of way requests.

In response to the issues raised by the petitioner, the Rights of Way Manager stated that the proposed system would not be feasible, as there was already a deregulation bill going through Parliament which would impact on how rights of ways requests were dealt with and therefore it would be prudent to await the outcome of this legislation.

The Chair thanked the lead petitioner for attending the meeting and stated that in the context of the officer response, all this Committee could do, would be to note the current situation and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

**That the current situation be noted and the procedure for dealing with the Designated Map Modification Order application as outlined in Document “B” be noted.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**Councillor Ferriby in the Chair**

**8. A647 SAND BEDS, QUEENSBURY – OBJECTIONS TO Queensbury  
A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “C”**) which set out objections to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for parking restrictions on the A647 Sandbeds, Queensbury. The Strategic Director summarised the objections that had been received which were detailed in the report.

An objector was present at the meeting and stated the proposed traffic island would be situated directly outside of his property and this would affect his residential amenity as well impact on his ability to park on street.

In response, the Strategic Director stated that there was already a proposal to allow for permit parking outside of the property in question and that it was always difficult in any scheme to please all the objectors.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area highlighted that the objectors concerns had been fully addressed as he now had dedicated parking outside of his property, which he previously didn't have.

**Resolved -**

**(1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed scheme for parking restrictions on the A647 Sandbeds and the proposed new residential site access road be implemented as advertised and the associated Traffic Regulation Order sealed.**

**(2) That the objectors and those who have made comments be informed of the Committee's decision.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 9. **TRAFFIC & HIGHWAYS RESTRUCTURE**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which sought to inform members of the details of a restructure involving the Traffic and Highways Area teams.

In acknowledging the changes, Members thanked Darren Badrock for the work he had done in Bradford South over the years and the support he had provided Members.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the details of the Area teams set up that forms part of Transport Delivery Group and Highway Asset Management Group restructure be noted.**
- (2) That Darren Badrock be thanked for his support to the Area Committee and that this Committee welcomes Andrew Smith and looks forward to his support.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 10. **YOUTH SERVICE REPORT**

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which detailed the transfer of the Youth Service from the Department of Children's Services to the Department of Environment and Sport from 1 July 2014, pointing out that that a dedicated senior youth service practitioner would now be based within the Area Coordinator's office.

In response to a question on how youth provision had been mapped out in each ward, it was explained that each area team had completed an area profile of the provision available to young people; in addition a comprehensive review would also be undertaken on youth provision.

A Member commented that in any assessment of provision it was important that young people were fully consulted.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the transfer of Youth Service staff and projects be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office supports the Area Committee in ensuring the Youth Service Staff Team are effectively supported into their new roles.**
- (3) That an allocation of £10,000 is made for the Bradford South Youth Opportunities Fund in order that schemes can be determined at the September meeting using the process undertaken in previous years.**
- (4) That the balance of £25,000 be used to fund activities throughout the year at the direction of the Senior Practitioner and details of those activities be reported to a future meeting of the Area Committee.**

- (5) That Councillor L Smith be appointed as Link Member to work with the Area Coordinator and the Senior Practitioner in moving the Service forward.
- (6) That Bradford South Area Committee monitors and shapes partnership services and support for young people in the area in line with the Local Youth Offer.
- (7) That this Area Committee receives reports on the progress of the Youth Service on a six monthly basis.

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Children's Services*

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 11. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE – DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "H"**) which detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance function and allocated resources. The report also updated the Area Committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network.

In welcoming the report and the work that had been undertaken by the maintenance team, Members expressed their gratitude to the gully team for their exemplary work in the Bradford South area.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.
- (2) That the indicative spend to date for the 2014/15 financial year be noted.
- (3) That the current list of Cat 3/4 works as shown in Appendix 4 to Document "H" be noted.

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 12. PROGRESS REPORT ON BRADFORD'S FAMILIES FIRST PROJECT – PART OF THE NATIONAL TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME

The Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services submitted a report (**Document "A"**) which outlined the multi agency work to deliver the Bradford's District wide Families First Programme which formed part of the National Troubled Families Programme.

The Assistant Director gave an overview of the programme and success it had yielded.

A Member stated that she had met some of the families that had been referred to the programme and the excellent work that had gone into turning these families around.

In relation to a question regarding future funding arrangements, it was reported that the Government has announced additional funding which would secure the future of the Project beyond 2015.

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the report be welcomed and that officers be thanked for their work on the Families First Project.**
- (2) **That a progress report be submitted to this Committee in 12 months time.**

**ACTION: Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services**

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**13. BOWLS CLUBS IN THE BRADFORD SOUTH AREA**

The Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure Service submitted a report (**Document "D"**) which highlighted and detailed all the Bowls Clubs and their facilities within the Bradford South Area and also included the level of maintenance provided by the Parks and Green Spaces Service.

During a discussion on the options set out in the report, Members suggested that all the options should be explored in terms of the delivery of the service to the clubs, and in that way an informed decision could then be made and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

**That the operational content for dealing with Bowls Clubs be noted and that officers explore all the options set out in Document "D" including the possible use of astro turf, and that a report on the options be submitted to this Area Committee in 6 months time.**

**ACTION: Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure Service**

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**14. PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure Services submitted a report (**Document "E"**) which set out the Annual Report for the Parks and Green Spaces Service reflecting back on the previous 12 months and presented options for future service delivery

During a lengthy discussion Members asked a number of questions, the questions, comments and responses are set out below:

A number of Members questioned the lack of details in the report regarding the spending of Section 106 contributions on parks, in particularly where money had already been earmarked. In response the Assistant Director stated that he will report back on the progress of schemes at the July meeting.

A number of Members also raised serious concerns regarding grass cutting in their respective wards, particularly in relation to the general untidiness of the area, once an area had been cut. A Member also circulated photographs showing the extent of the problems he had experienced in his ward. In response the Assistant Director acknowledged that there had been some failings with grass cutting and that he was keen to ensure that a good level of service was being provided, and to this end he was happy to meet individually with Ward Members with a view to identifying and addressing the concerns that had been expressed.

A Member raised concerns about a number of issues affecting Wibsey Park and that despite the efforts of the friends of group and Ward Councillors, they had not been resolved. In response the Assistant stated that he would look into the matters raised, acknowledging that he was hoping to renew the dialogue with Friends of Groups as they were an important part of the parks infrastructure.

Members also raised concerns about the lack of weed spraying or where spraying had take place no effort had been made to clear away dead foliage. In response, the Assistant Director explained that the Contractor should be clearing up post spraying, however he stressed that where spraying had taken place the kill rate had been 100%.

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the report be noted.**
- (2) **That a report be presented to the September meeting of this Committee detailing the revenue funded frontline operations and the cost associated with each element.**
- (3) **That the Area Committee recognises the issues with grass cutting in Bradford South and noted that a full review of the system of working has now taken place. The Area Committee request that a report be presented to the September meeting outlining the impact of these changes.**
- (4) **That a report be presented to the September meeting of this Committee detailing the current list of possible capital projects for prioritisation.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure Service***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 15. **STREET CLEANSING DEVOLUTION**

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “I”**) which provided details on further updates of Street Cleansing services in Bradford South.

The Area Coordinator paid testament to the work of the Street Cleansing Team and the proactive approach taken, in particular the quick response times.

Members echoed the Area Coordinator’s comments and it was:

**Resolved -**

**That the progress of the Street Cleansing Service be noted and that the Bradford South Street Cleansing Team be thanked for their continued hard work and effectiveness in keeping Bradford South clean.**

***ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 16. **COUNCIL WARDEN SERVICE DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEE**

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “J”**) which provided an update to the report, presented to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee on 28 November 2013, regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service.

**Resolved -**

**That the information in Document “J” which is intended to inform decisions on this Devolved Service in Bradford South be welcomed and noted, and that the Council Warden Service be thanked for their exemplary work in the Bradford South area.**

***ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator***

(Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **17. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLANNING FUNDING 2014/2015**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “K”**) which outlined the resources to be re-allocated from Action Plan Support (Revenue) in 2014/15 to support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

**Resolved -**

**That the Area Committee Action Planning Funding be allocated equally between the 6 wards in Bradford South using the existing Ward Budget process.**

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **18. 2013/14 COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “L”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 28 February 2014 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South.

**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: Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)



19. **DATES OF MEETINGS 2014/2015**

**Resolved -**

**That future meetings of the Bradford South Area Committee for 2014/2015, be confirmed as follows:**

**Thursday 24 July 2014**

**Thursday 25 September 2014**

**Thursday 27 November 2014**

**Thursday 22 January 2015**

**Thursday 26 March 2015**

***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.