

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 25 September 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1700  
 Adjourned 1750  
 Reconvened 1800  
 Concluded 1935

### PRESENT – Councillors

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

**Apologies:** Councillor L Smith

**Observer:** Councillor Ruding (Minutes 38 and 39)

### Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

#### 29. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Councillors Walls and L Cromie declared an interest in the item relating to Community Development (Minute 40) as they were personally involved with the Queensbury Community Programme, Councillor Walls was the Chair and Councillor L Cromie's husband owned the building.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

#### 30. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



### 31. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2014 be signed as a correct record.**

### 32. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

### 33. PROPOSED CAR PARK, WIBSEY FAIRGROUND

Wibsey

The Interim Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “U”**) which reviewed a previously approved proposal to create a car park on the fairground site in Wibsey and included consideration of a recent petition requesting that the proposal be abandoned.

The Interim Strategic Director gave a brief overview of the issues raised by the petition, drawing Member’s attention to the options set out in the report to either abandon the proposal or approve the advertising of the Off-Street Parking Order.

The lead petitioner requesting the proposal to be abandoned was present at the meeting and he stated the following points:

- That he had found it difficult to understand why so much importance had been given to the petition proposing the car park.
- That he had exchanged correspondence with the City Solicitor’s office raising objections on the validity of the first petition, and although the Council’s view was that it was a bona fide petition, he would be taking up the matter with the Local Government Ombudsman.
- That the initial petition supporting the proposal for the car park had been initiated in the name of the Wibsey Urban Village and in his view the name of this organisation had been misappropriated in supporting the petition and the petition should therefore be disregarded.
- That he was also a member of the Wibsey Urban Village and that his human rights had been contravened.
- That he had been informed of this meeting only a few days ago, which was insufficient time to organise and enable other people interested to attend the meeting.
- That the e-petition against the proposed car park was indicating the incorrect ward details.
- That there had been no consultation on the proposed car park.

In response the Strategic Director stated that legally the petition was considered acceptable, adding that the letters advising both parties of this meeting had been sent out late and he also confirmed that there he was aware that there was a technical problem on the e-petitions website regarding the ward entry.

A supporter of the original petition requesting parking on the Fairground was also present at the meeting and stressed that the petition had not been submitted in the name of the Wibsey Urban Village adding that the proposals had the full support of the businesses based in the village and that the petition had been signed by over 1500 people; that the proposed car park had been suitably designed and was in keeping; that there was no possibility of anti social behaviour as the Fairground was on a large open space and that it would benefit businesses and customers and the long term viability of the village.

The Interim Strategic Director stressed that the proposals were very much in draft stage and further work was required on the design aspects.

The Leader of Council, who was also a Ward Councillor for the area stated that he had been in correspondence with a number of Wibsey residents on the issue which at times had been a contentious one, adding that a balance had to be struck in terms of parking and traffic, clearly customers shopping in Wibsey were experiencing problems with parking and he urged Members to support the proposals, however he suggested that design concerns should be addressed such as the retention of the greenery.

During the discussion Members were supportive of the proposals and stressed that the proposed car parking would address the parking problems in the area which had been well documented at previous meetings of this Committee and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the petition as detailed in paragraph 2.5 and Appendix 1 to Document “U” be noted.**
- (2) **That officers proceed with the car park proposal for part of the Wibsey fairground site.**
- (3) **That approval be given to prepare and advertise an appropriate Off-Street Parking Places Order.**
- (4) **That the petitioners and those previously consulted on the proposal be informed accordingly.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**34. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES Wibsey  
WIBSEY BANK, BRADFORD**

The Interim Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “V”**) which set out objections to the recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Wibsey Bank, Bradford.

The Interim Strategic Director stated that following advertising of the Order, 3 objections had been received on grounds that a speed camera or a 20 mph speed limit would be a more appropriate measure, whereas the speed humps would cause noise vibrations, create road safety problems during the winter months and questioning whether they were required as the objectors were unaware of any road traffic accidents on Wibsey Bank.

In relation to a Member question on the type of humps it was stated that thermoplastic speed humps were being proposed.

Two residents of Wibsey Bank were present at the meeting to raise their objections. The following representations were made:

- That they had lived in Wibsey for a number of years and that during inclement weather Wibsey Bank was unusable.
- That residents in the area had been informed about this meeting at short notice and therefore residents had not had enough time to make representations at this meeting.

- That the views of the residents of Wibsey Bank had not been taken into account in drawing up the proposals.
- That the number of speed humps proposed was excessive given the length of the road.
- That a 20 mph speed limit, speed camera or a one way would be more effective in reducing speed.

In response to the issues raised by the objectors, the Strategic Director stated that the principle aim of the speed humps was to improve road safety and that the proposed humps would be 42mm and not cause a noise problem. He added that the number of days when the weather was particularly bad was limited and that only a small number of people had objected to the proposals and there was overwhelming support for the speed humps, he however expressed reservations on introducing a 20mph speed limit, one way system or the installation of a speed camera were not feasible options on the basis of enforcement and the costs involved. He further highlighted that the origins of the scheme had come from a Neighbourhood Forum and through the Odsal Residents Association and that it had the support of Ward Councillors.

During the discussion a Member stated that the evidence of speeding on Wibsey Bank had been established and that ultimately the protection of pedestrians was paramount and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures on Wibsey Bank be implemented as advertised.**
- (2) **That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**35. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING 2014/15**

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “R”**) which informed Bradford South Area Committee of the applications for the Youth Opportunities Fund and the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Youth Opportunities Grants Panel.

Young members of the Area Youth Opportunities Fund Panel were 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.

Members commended the work of the Panel and the diligent manner in which applications had been dealt with and what a worthwhile process it had been, but suggested that the remaining balance should be utilised to support youth service provision within Bradford South.

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the Youth Opportunities Fund applications be approved as set out in Appendix 2 to Document “R”.**

- (2) That the Bradford South Youth Opportunities Grants Panel be thanked for assessing applications and making recommendations.
- (3) That the Bradford South Youth Work Team monitors the development and implementation of the funded projects.
- (4) That the Senior Practitioner presents reports to future meetings of Bradford South Area Committee on the implementation of funded projects.
- (5) That the remaining unallocated balance be added to the Activities Budget to support Youth Service Provision in Bradford South.

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

(Children' Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

### 36. BRADFORD DISTRICT'S CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "S"**) which provided an overview of the work of Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Group and requested views and comments.

The Director of Strategy, Bradford District Clinical Commissioning Group gave a comprehensive overview of the work of the group which was detailed in the report.

During the discussion a Member stated that one of the biggest problems she had experienced in Great Horton was the difficulties people were experiencing in getting a GP appointment. In response the Director stated that issues such as this should be brought to the attention of the Practice Manager so the extent of the problem could be addressed. However he acknowledged that there was a problem with access to GP services and work was ongoing to address this.

A Member expressed grave concerns at some of the problems experienced by patients in secondary care and he was not convinced that the objectives set out in the report were achievable. In response the Director stated that the aim was to address these very problems and improve patient care and experience.

A Member expressed her dissatisfaction with the new GP triage system that had been introduced in many Practices throughout the district, which was inhibiting patients from seeing a GP. In response the Director stated that the new system was freeing up GP time as evidence had shown that many patients could be dealt with through other avenues such as a consultation with a Pharmacist or a practice nurse.

The Director also stressed that any complaints about GP services should be communicated to the Practice Managers and that every Practice also had a Patient Practice Group.

**Resolved -**

**That the views and comments of the Bradford South Area Committee be taken on board and that the Director of Strategy, Bradford District's Clinical Commissioning Group be thanked for his informative report and responses to Members' questions.**

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

(Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

### 37. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING

The Interim Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “T”**) which set out additional funding available to the Bradford South Area Committee for Highway Maintenance in the 2014/15 financial year.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) **That the proposed priority programme of works for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 1 to Document “T” be approved.**
- (2) **That officers be permitted to vary the allocated spend as necessary to ensure best value for the particular type and scope of works required, up to the £230,000 limit.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

### 38. PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE - PROJECT PRIORITISATION

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “W”**) which presented details of potential projects within Bradford South to allow members to confirm the priority order for delivery utilising the Service’s Technical Unit.

The Chair stated that as it was not within the remit of this Committee to determine projects in line with the Area Committee devolution process and it was therefore:

#### **Resolved -**

**That the report be received for information only and that an annual progress report be presented to this Committee on the outcome of the projects.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

### 39. PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE REPORT ON THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IN BRADFORD SOUTH 2014

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “X”**) which reflected back on the past 6 months and looked at how the Parks and Green Spaces Service had improved upon and the extra measures that were involved.

The Interim Strategic Director explained how the Service had put extra resources to bring the grass cutting in Bradford South back on schedule and he hoped that the more robust system would ensure that the Service achieved a better start in the new season.

The Chair acknowledged the improvements made by the Service and that she had been approached by Friends of Wyke Park complementing the grass cutting.

A number of Members expressed their concerns at the sporadic problems that were still being experienced with grass cutting and weed spraying in their respective Wards, and despite reassurances they were not convinced that problems would not occur in the future.

**Resolved -**

**That the content of the report and the progress made in grass cutting be noted and that Members comments and concerns be taken on board.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**40. DEVOLUTION OF COMMISSIONING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS TO AREA COMMITTEES**

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “Y”**) which set out the basis on which the Executive devolved commissioning of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants to Area Committees to increase local democratic accountability and transparency.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the proposed basis for the allocation of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants with transitional adjustment outlined in Table 1 to Document “Y” be approved, utilising the Grants Advisory Group process to make recommendations to the Area Committee on allocations.**
- (2) That a report be presented to the 27 November 2014 meeting of the Area Committee to enable allocations of the 2015-16 Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants to be determined.**

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

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**41. 2014/15 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

**Tong and Wyke**

The Interim Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “Z”**) which proposed projects in Tong and Wyke Wards and requested decisions on funding.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1 and 2 to Document “Z” 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)

Chair

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