

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 27 November 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700  
Concluded 1815

### PRESENT – Councillors

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

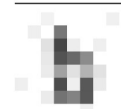
### Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

#### 50. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) Councillor Walls and L Cromie disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to Community Centre Cost Grants and Community Development Grants (Minute 56) as they both had involvement with Queensbury Community Programme, one of the community organisations recommended to receive funding, Councillor Walls was Chair and Councillor L Cromie co-owned the building with her husband, Councillor P Cromie.
- (ii) In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds disclosed an interest in the item relating to Local Highway Maintenance (Minute 55) as the scheme pertaining to Southmere Drive was on the road she resided on.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*



## 51. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2014 be signed as a correct record.**

## 52. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## 53. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 54. NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM SUPPORT HUB

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AF”**) which provided the Area Committee with an update of the Neighbourhood Team Support Hub and how this approach had made improvements to integrated working between the Council, Police and partners across the district.

The Strategic Director stated that the new co-location of officers in the Hub had already resulted not only in better integration, but improved the ability to capture and share data as well as target resource accordingly.

A number of Members commended the work of the new Hub in their respective wards and stated that a number of issues had been resolved in Bradford South as a result such as the crackdown on the use of quad bikes.

A Member stated that improvements needed to be made regarding information sharing between the Police and Ward Councillors, so Councillors were fully aware of the issues in their ward. The Police representative acknowledged the need to improve on information sharing.

A Member suggested that the work of the Hub should be better aligned with the Area Action Plan so that the desired outcomes could be achieved.

**Resolved –**

**That the report be noted and that officers within the Neighbourhood Team Support Hub and the Police be thanked for their work and that Members comments and concerns be taken on board.**

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

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 55. **LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE – DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW**

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

It also updated the Committee with regards to current operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year.

The Chair alluded to an interesting discussion that had taken place at a recent meeting of the Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee on how roads and footpaths could be improved.

In response to a question on spend and programming of works, the Strategic Director stated that it was the case that the highway maintenance programme was generally front loaded with more activity during the summer period, with a remission in maintenance during the winter months.

In response to a question on how the funding was allocated to Area Committees, it was explained that this was based on the length of the road network.

In relation to a question on pothole repairs, the Strategic Director stated that there was always a concerted effort to repair potholes well first time round, however with deeper type defects; a repair could be more problematic.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.**
- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the 2014/15 financial year be noted.**
- (3) That the list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6 to Document “AG” be approved.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 56. **ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR 2015-17**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AH”**) which outlined the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grant Advisory Group for Community Centre Core Costs and Community Development Grants.

A Member stated that she welcomed the proposals in her ward from the Sandale Community Trust; however she expressed a word of caution that it was important to support other organisations in order to put their applications together.

The Chair stated that a number of options had been looked at to try and support organisations.

The Area Coordinator highlighted that some organisations did not have the skills set to put an application together, however support was still available to organisations.

A Member stressed that the Grant Advisory Group had spent a long time assessing the applications and that one of the suggested recommendations was to provide future grants with a view to ensuring coverage in all Wards.

A Member highlighted the need for provision in the Great Horton Ward and welcomed the suggestions for organisations to resubmit their applications.

A Member suggested that the grants should be referred to as a commission and that community development work should be linked to the Ward Plans and the Area Action Plan in order to support and deliver those outcomes and priorities.

In relation to a question on contingency, it was explained that this would be utilised by organisations to support them in a particular crisis or indentified need.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the Community Centre Core Cost recommendations, as set out in Table 1 to Document “AH”, made by the Grant Advisory Group be approved.**
- (2) That the recommendation that Sandale Community Development Trust be allocated the Grant for Royds and Wibsey Wards made by the Grants Advisory Group be approved.**
- (3) That the Grant Advisory Group’s recommendation, as set out in Table 2 to Document “AH”, to provide further grants to ensure all Wards are covered be approved.**
- (4) The Grant Advisory Group be requested to assess the further details received and to present a report of its recommendations to the meeting of the Area Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January.**
- (5) Responsibility for any contingency funds for the Community Centre Core Costs funds be delegated to the Area Coordinator. The Area Coordinator to consult with members of the Grant Advisory Group before making any award and update the Area Committee.**

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

#### **57. BIG LOCAL – SCHOLEMOOR AND LIDGET GREEN**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AL”**) which informed Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

Representatives of Bradford CNet, one of the organisations involved in delivering Big Local were present at the meeting to explain how Big Local would deliver outcomes during the lifetime of the project. They stressed the good progress that was now being made after a slow start to try and identify projects for funding.

A Member stated that she had recently been appointed as a voting Member on the Partnership Board along with a fellow Great Horton Ward and a City Ward Councillor. She stated that despite her initial reservations she was now confident that suitable projects would be indentified for funding.

A Member ascertained how the Task Groups set up by the Partnership were linked to the Area Action Plan and the Ward Plan. In response a representative of CNet stated that the community plan drawn up by the Partnership closely mirrored the respective Council plans, and that it was the intention of the Partnership to try and compliment this work and avoid duplication and to this end they would be working closely with the Council to identify joint outcomes.

In response to a question on community involvement in Big Local it was pointed out that it was the intention to involve the community at a grass roots level, however getting local people involved had been problematic and more needed to be done in the area of engagement.

A Member reiterated that many residents in Great Horton were not aware of Big Local or how the money would be spent in the area.

A Member stated that Big Local had to be radical and imaginative and involve local people and Ward Councillors if it was going to be a success.

**Resolved –**

**That the progress made in the development of GreenMoor Big Local Programme be noted.**

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

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **58. STREET LIGHTING COLUMN REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AK”**) which sought to inform the Area Committee of the requirement to replace street lighting columns that had been identified as non-compliant. They were in need of urgent replacement due their age and condition based upon the findings of inspections carried out during the planned maintenance regime and reactive maintenance visits.

In response to a number of questions on particular street columns, it was pointed out that replacement programme was not ward specific but based on priority need.

**Resolved –**

**That the Priority 1 street lighting column replacement schemes listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 to Document “AK” be implemented.**

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

#### **59. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2014-17 UPDATE**

The Bradford South Area Committee will submit a report (**Document “AI”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

In welcoming the Ward Plan and the detailed contained in the Action Plan, Members commended the Ward Officers and staff in Bradford South for the excellent work done in the respective wards.

A Member suggested that the Action Plans should also detail tangible outcomes. The Area Coordinator stated that this could be achieved particularly in the context of the new Support Hub.

**Resolved –**

**That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2014 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 be noted, and that all officers within Bradford South be thanked for their work, and that the Committee's thanks be cascaded to the Street Cleansing Team and to the Council Wardens.**

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

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**60. 2014/15 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

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

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 to Document "AJ" 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: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**61. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair stated that John Breen, former Bradford South Area Coordinator was intending to be present at today's meeting. On behalf of the Committee the Chair expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to John Breen for his work as Bradford South Area Coordinator. During his many years of service John had showed immense passion and dedication to his role and the support he had given to Members and to the Area Committee was immensely appreciated. In echoing the Chair's comments Members stated that their thanks to John Breen be placed on record and that the Chair personally writes to John Breen expressing the Committee's thanks and best wishes in his retirement.

Chair

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