

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 22 January 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700
Concluded 1855

PRESENT – Councillors

| LABOUR | QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS | INDEPENDENT |
|------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Dodds | L Cromie | Robinson |
| Ferriby | | |
| Jabar | | |
| Johnson | | |
| G Thornton | | |
| Wainwright | | |
| Warburton | | |

Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

62. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds disclosed an interest in the item relating to the Zebra Crossing on Hollingwood Lane (Minute 66) as she had already expressed an opinion on the matter. She also declared a pecuniary interest in the item relating to Ward Budgets (Minute 74) as she was vice chair of the Lidget Green Project, one of the organisations that had requested funding, and she therefore left the room during the discussion and voting on these items.
- (ii) In the interest of transparency Councillor Dodds also disclosed an interest in the item relating to Council Wardens (Minute 72) as her son was employed as a Council Warden, but as the item was for noting only she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.



- (iii) Councillor L Cromie disclosed a disclosable pecuniary interest in the item relating to Development Grants (Minute 76) as she co-owned the building with her husband, Councillor P Cromie, from which the Queensbury Community Programme was undertaking its work and as the project was earmarked to receive funding, she left the room during the discussion and voting on this item.

ACTION: City Solicitor

63. MINUTES

Resolved –

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

64. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

65. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

66. OBJECTIONS TO A PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING HOLLINGWOOD LANE, BRADFORD

Great Horton

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AP”**) which set out objections to a recently advertised proposal for a zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane, Bradford.

The Strategic Director explained that the scheme had been approved last year by this Area Committee; however objections had been received to the proposals from residents on grounds that the proposals would result in a loss of car parking spaces. In light of the objections the scheme had been slightly modified to retain and facilitate some parking, although it was acknowledged that there would be a net loss in the number of parking spaces as a result of the new crossing.

An objector was present at the meeting and stated that the crossing would have a detrimental impact in terms of a loss of car parking outside his house; that if he had to park elsewhere this would cause inconvenience to his neighbours; that as the crossing would be directly situated outside his property this would pose privacy problems as stationary traffic would be able to look into his property and he stressed that the modified scheme would not make much of a difference.

The Strategic Director reiterated that the proposed build out to facilitate the crossing would result in a loss of 2 parking spaces, however he stressed that Hollingwood Lane was a busy public highway and that residents did not have an absolute right to park outside of their property and that in his opinion, a zebra crossing would not be out of keeping, and that this also had to be balanced with the ability of pedestrians to cross safely on a busy road.

The Chair thanked the objector for coming to the meeting and expressing his views, however she stressed that it was always difficult to get a balance between the need for a crossing and the concerns of local residents.

Resolved –

That the objections be overruled and the proposed zebra crossing on Hollingwood Lane be implemented subject to the modifications detailed on Drawing No. R/PTH/THS/102667/GA-2B attached as Appendix 2 to Document “AP”.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

67. NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOLUTION PANELS – PROGRESS REPORT 2014

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AM”**) which gave an update on the progress that had been made in the setting up and use of Neighbourhood Resolution Panels (NRPs) in the Bradford district over the past 12 months.

The Safer Communities Delivery Coordinator stated that NRPs enabled both parties to come together and address the issue of low level nuisance and that as a result of the initiative, positive outcomes had been achieved, and that perpetrators had taken responsibility for their actions and that problems had not escalated. The Initiative had received national recognition and was gaining strength in terms of delivering tangible outcomes.

Members commended the success of the Programme and its ability to engage both parties to reach a satisfactory conclusion and the work of the volunteers was particularly acknowledged.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress made over the past 12 months in developing Neighbourhood Resolution Panels in the Bradford district as set out in Document “AM” be noted and that the Service be thanked and commended in winning a national award.**
- (2) That a progress report be submitted to this Area Committee in 12 months time.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

68. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES – BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AN”**) which informed Bradford South Area Committee of the work of the Bradford Dementia Friendly Communities Project and provided an update on the creation of dementia friendly communities within Bradford South. It was explained how Bradford was leading the way on this initiative and how Ward Member involvement had been invaluable in ensuring its success.

A representative from the Alzheimer’s Society was present and outlined the progress and the work that had been undertaken in the Great Horton, Wibsey, Wyke and Queensbury wards and that there were plans to roll out the work to other areas of Bradford South.

In welcoming the Project and its success Members thanked the team for the work they had undertaken in their respective wards and how it had brought the issue of dementia to the fore through training and awareness raising.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress made in the development of the Dementia Friendly Community Programme be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator presents a report to a future meeting of this Area Committee to provide an update on initiatives undertaken within Bradford South to support communities to become dementia friendly.**
- (3) That work to become dementia friendly remains on the Ward Plans for wards where work has already started.**
- (4) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office supports the remaining wards to develop their own dementia friendly community actions.**
- (5) That community/ward officer leads be encouraged to engage with the new Dementia Friendly mutual support network.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

69. BE NEIGHBOURLY CAMPAIGN

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "AO"**) which informed the Bradford South Area Committee on the development and progress of the Be Neighbourly Campaign.

The Community Engagement Coordinator explained that the campaign aimed to develop and encourage neighbours to have contact at street level and support each other. As a result a number of street champions had been created to provide support to their neighbours as appropriate.

A Member welcomed the initiative and stated how it was a good way of dealing with isolation, which could result in poor health.

A Member suggested that the initiative could be better linked with existing initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch.

The Chair suggested that the campaign could be rolled out further and that interested parties should be contacted with a view to increasing the campaign's exposure.

Resolved –

That the report be welcomed and that the officers details be passed onto interested parties with a view to increasing the campaign's exposure.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

70. **PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE REPORT ON THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE IN BRADFORD SOUTH 2014**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AQ”**) which reflected back on the past 6 months and detailed the proposed changes/improvements planned for the service area for 2015.

The Chair stressed that this report had been submitted to this Committee for information only as part of the budget setting process.

The Strategic Director alluded to some of the issues the Service had been facing in terms of the backlog maintenance and that by the end of the summer season, with the injection of additional resources, this issue had been resolved. To this end planning was ongoing to ensure the summer 2015 season went smoothly without any major issues. It was acknowledged that the input of Members and Friends of Groups had been invaluable in ensuring the problems were picked up and acted upon.

Members welcomed the progress that had been made by the Service, stressing the need to plan ahead for the summer season and ensure that adequate resources were allocated.

Resolved –

That the contents of the report be noted and that officers be thanked for the progress made by the Service.

(ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*)

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

71. **BOWLS CLUBS IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT – ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY AND CHARGING MODEL FOR BOWLS PROVISION**

As part of the departmental budget cuts the Parks and Green Spaces Service had been identified to achieve specific savings within its operational areas. The maintenance and upkeep of bowling greens and their associated facilities has been identified as one area where significant savings could possibly be achieved as the current level of maintenance was not sustainable.

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AR”**) which set out an alternative delivery and charging model for bowls provision in the Bradford district, which was more sustainable.

A Member stated that he had been approached by the Bowling fraternity to make representations in respect of the proposals and that they would not be able to undertake maintenance of the greens as they did not have the expertise, nor the equipment or funds to purchase the equipment and that physically it would be difficult.

He alluded to a number of suggestions the bowlers had made to him regarding saving money, which included the rationalisation of the current service structure; that the scheduled maintenance regime should be strictly adhered to and that the price paid by bowlers should also be increased.

A Member also stated that bowlers, given their age profile, would be unable to maintain the greens and that the proposals would also impact on the Friends of Group.

A Member stated that this was a highly subsidised service and that an increase in the price paid by bowlers could be a way forward.

Resolved –

That the report be noted and that Members' comments be taken into account in developing an alternative delivery and charging model for bowls provision.

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

72. COUNCIL WARDENS – BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AS”**) which outlined work undertaken by Council Wardens in Bradford South in the period 1 April 2014 – 31 Sept 2014.

Members commended the work of the Council Wardens and how they had dealt with issues in their respective wards and that it was a highly visible and approachable service.

Resolved –

That the wide range of activities undertaken by Council Wardens in the period 1 April to 30 September 2014 be noted and that the Council Warden Service be thanked for their exemplary and invaluable work in the Bradford South area.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

73. STREET CLEANSING

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AT”**) which provided a further update of Street Cleansing services in Bradford South in 2014.

A Member raised a particular issue in the Wyke ward relating to fly posting and urged that rigorous enforcement action be taken to deal with the problem. The Area Coordinator agreed to look in to the matter.

Members commended the work of the Street Cleansing Teams in Bradford South 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 and proactive work and effectiveness in keeping Bradford South clean.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

74. 2014/15 WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport will submit a report (**Document “AU”**) which outlined proposed projects in Great Horton, Queensbury and Wyke Wards and requested decisions on funding.

The Area Coordinator tabled an additional appendix (Appendix 4) relating to projects that had requested funding.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the proposed projects outlined in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to Document “AU” together with the additional projects outlined in Appendix 4 (Tabled at the meeting) 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 these projects.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

75. 2014/15 BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AV”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 October 2014 deadline.

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 Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

76. ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR 2015-17

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AW”**) which outlined the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for Community Development Grants on the allocation of the remaining funding of £50,000.

Resolved –

That the remaining Community Development Grant funding, as set out in Table 1 to Document “AW”, made by the Grants Advisory Group be approved.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

77. ENGAGEMENT WORK WITH COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERS WITHIN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “AX”**) which provided information from engagement work carried out with communities and partners within Bradford South in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

Resolved –

That the engagement work carried out with communities and partners across Bradford South be welcomed and that the additional information be used to inform the Ward Plans and that Ward Members be consulted as part of this process.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

78. CHAIR’S CLOSING REMARKS

The former Bradford South Area Co-ordinator, John Breen, was present at the meeting and the Chair on behalf of the Area Committee expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to John Breen during his tenure as Bradford South Area Co-ordinator. The former Area Co-ordinator thanked Members and officers for their invaluable support and input over the years, stating that he had immensely enjoyed his role and that he would miss colleagues and the Councillors he had worked with.

Chair

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