

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 27 March 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700

Concluded 1900

## PRESENT – Councillors

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

## Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

### 79. 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 Council Wardens (Minute 90), as her son was employed as a Council Warden, however as the item was for noting only she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.
- (ii) In the interest of transparency Councillor Ferriby disclosed an interest in the item relating to the Safer Roads Scheme (Minute 84) as the scheme pertaining to the Residents Parking Scheme on New Works Roads, had been requested by one of her neighbours, however as the scheme was for noting only, she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item. Councillor Warburton also disclosed an interest in the same item, as the scheme pertaining to the 20 mph zone on Rooley Crescent / Dean Beck Avenue was on the road he lived on, however as the scheme was for noting only, he also remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.



- (iii) In the interest of transparency Councillor Ferriby further disclosed an interest in the item relating to Developer Traffic Regulation Orders (Minute 85), as the scheme pertaining to New Works Roads, was situated on the road she lived on, however as the scheme related to the far end of New Works Road, she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.

**ACTION:** *City Solicitor*

## 80. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 be signed as a correct record.**

## 81. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## 82. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 83. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ON WHEATER ROAD, BRADFORD

Great Horton

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “AY”**) which set out the objections received to the Traffic Regulation Order recently advertised for a one way system on Wheeler Road between Beckside Road and Back Beckside Road, Bradford.

The Principal Traffic and Highways Engineer explained that the TRO had been approved by this Area Committee in March 2014, and that as a consequence 5 objections and a 264 named petition had been received, as well as a single issue Neighbourhood Forum also held on the matter.

In summary, the Principal Traffic and Highways Engineer stressed that in the main the objections related to the transfer of traffic to adjoining roads in the area and congestion. In response to the objections received, it was now proposed not to proceed with the one way proposal, but to implement a number of lesser measures to ease some of the congestion and road safety concerns.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area, stated that although on paper the proposals made sense, clearly the community felt otherwise and it was a good outcome that the officers had listened to the concerns that had been expressed by residents.

A Member stated that he knew the area well and that although he appreciated resident's concerns, the measures now being proposed would resolve some of the issues.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the objections be upheld and that the Traffic Regulation Order for the one way on Wheater Road be abandoned.
- (2) That the yellow box marking and keep clear marking at the junction shown on Drawing No. TDG/THS/102666/CON-3A, attached as Appendix 3 to Document "AY", be implemented.
- (3) That a Traffic Regulation Order for additional double yellow lines, 30 minute limited waiting and loading restrictions shown on Drawing No. TDG/THS/102666/CON-3A, attached as Appendix 3 to Document "AY", be advertised and any resultant objections be considered by this Area Committee or in the event of there being no objections, that the waiting and loading restrictions be implemented as advertised.
- (4) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**84. DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES**

**All Wards in  
Bradford South**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document "AZ"**) which sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford South for the 2015/16 financial year. The Principal Traffic and Highways Engineer stressed that the primary focus around the schemes was to prevent road collisions and serious injuries. He also alluded to a number of amendments to the schemes relating to Cross Lane, Great Horton Road/Beckside Road and Beckside Road/Spencer Road, as part of the schemes resided in the jurisdiction of the Bradford West Area Committee; which would result in additional resources being available for schemes in Bradford South, and this reallocation would be reflected in a further report to this Area Committee during the autumn of 2015.

In response to a question on the delays that may be experienced from seeking approval for the schemes from the Bradford West Area Committee, the Strategic Director confirmed that it was planned to take a report to Bradford West Area Committee during April 2015.

During the discussion Members suggested that the schemes pertaining to Birks Fold, Great Horton and Knowles Lane, Tong should be given greater priority as and when future schemes are submitted for approval to this Area Committee.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction Schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendix 1 to Document "AZ" be approved, subject to revisions to the entries in respect of A6177 Cross Lane/Great Horton Road/Beckside Road – contribution reduced to £9000, and Beckside Road/Spencer Road – contribution reduced to £10000, subject to joint funding for both schemes being approved by the Bradford West Area Committee.
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 to Document "AZ" be approved.

- (3) That a further report be presented to the Bradford South Area Committee in Autumn 2015 to update members on progress with the 2014/15 schemes programme and to give consideration to the allocation of any residual funding.
- (4) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising, subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.
- (5) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

85. **BRADFORD SOUTH AREA – DEVELOPER TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS** Queensbury, Wyke

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “BA”**) which sought to update members on Traffic Regulation Orders associated with planning approvals in Bradford South, adding that consultations on the schemes would be carried out as and when the proposals are developed.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the approved Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in Appendices 1-4 to Document “BA” be noted.
- (2) That any valid objections to these Traffic Regulation Orders be reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Orders be sealed and implemented as advertised.

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

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

86. **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD SOUTH - 2015/16** All Wards in Bradford South

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “BC”**) which provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding for 2014/15 – 2015/16 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites in Bradford South for 2015/16.

The Chair stressed that action was required to ensure that the gas utilities completed their work on New Works Road in a timely manner, as the resurfacing of the road was now a priority.

**Resolved -**

**That the proposed programme of works for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3 to Document “BC” be approved.**

**ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture**

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

**87. YOUTH SERVICE – SOUTH AREA**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “BB”**) which gave an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in Bradford South since the service was transferred to Neighbourhood and Customer Services on 6 July 2014. It also gave details of the budget for the Youth Service in 2015/16.

A number of young people were present at the meeting to give an outline of the work undertaken by the Youth Service and how the support had helped them tackle issues affecting their lives. In particular the young people highlighted the recent New Deal meeting which had resulted in the organisation of a community clean up, which had been a positive experience for the young people involved and had also tackled the negative stereotypes around young people.

The young people also alluded to the important function youth clubs played in their lives and that they were essential to enable young people to socialise and feel safe. A young person and her partner also alluded to the help they had received from a youth worker in accessing housing and an education placement after they had suffered homophobic harassment in the area where they had lived, and that this help had been invaluable in restoring confidence and in enabling them to move on with their lives.

The Advanced Youth Work Practitioner stressed that the young people had highlighted the real tangible work that was going on within the Youth Service and that he was immensely proud of the Service.

He also alluded to the 244 young people who had achieved accredited outcomes in the Bradford South area, ranging from Duke of Edinburgh Awards to Food and Hygiene Awards as a direct result of the support offered by the Bradford Youth Service team. Work done by the team in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation was also highlighted.

Members commented on the successful ‘clean up’ undertaken by young people and how it had changed perceptions in the community about young people. Members also welcomed the excellent work taking place in all areas of Bradford South and the valuable input young people had provided at the New Deal Consultation meeting, which would help the Council in its decision making process and how it structured its services.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area as detailed in Document “BB” be noted.**
- (2) That Bradford South Area Committee receives reports on the work of the Youth Service on an annual basis.**

- (3) That Bradford South Area Committee notes the potential, for young people in the area to make a positive contribution to embedding aspects of the New Deal.

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

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 88. **ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "BE"**) which highlighted issues relevant to the Area Committee which arose from the resolution passed unanimously by Council on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) and from the attached detailed report accepted by the Executive on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Executive Document "AM"), regarding the same issue.

The Assistant Director Children's Specialist Services gave a brief overview of the work undertaken by the Council in tackling CSE both in a local and national context, in particular she highlighted the preventative, partnership approach and work with faith groups in the district and how Bradford was spearheading some excellent work in this area. This had resulted in 90 individuals arrested and charged, securing 23 convictions and a number of historical offences also coming to light.

In welcoming the report Members endorsed the ongoing work in tackling CSE and the positive impact the 'Somebody's Sister, Somebody's Daughter' play had had in educating young people on the issue of CSE.

The Chair stressed the need for all Councillors to undertake the online training on CSE and suggested that training should also be rolled out to ensure front line staff, such as Council Wardens were also trained and were able to report any issues around CSE.

**Resolved -**

**That the report be welcomed and that officers be thanked for the work done in tackling Child Sexual Exploitation, and that all Councillors be encouraged to complete the online training on CSE and that all front line staff also receive appropriate training on CSE.**

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

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

## 89. **NEW DEAL PROGRAMME AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES**

The Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change submitted a report (**Document "BD"**) which provided an overview of the New Deal programme along with details of the public participation activities to date, and highlighted some of the key elements of feedback.

The Chair ascertained if any activities were planned for 'Friends of and Residents Groups' in the district. In response the Strategic Engagement Manager explained that engagement with this sector could be factored in as the consultation progresses. She however alluded

to the 12 consultation events that had taken place so far, with over 500 people attending, and although it was acknowledged that this was not a representative sample, wider work was ongoing to improve this aspect and ultimately inform the Council's policy making process.

A Member stated that in his Ward a number of issues had been flagged up by the New Deal process, such as the input from young people was crucial in shaping services, the need to improve recycling rates and the issue of litter was also a concern that had been expressed.

The Strategic Engagement Manager acknowledged the behaviour changes required across a number of service areas, in particular recycling and how the Council dealt with residual waste.

A Member welcomed the valuable feedback and suggestions received from the young people, during the Odsal and Delph Hill consultation event.

The Chair highlighted the need to particularly engage with the 25 to 50 age group as this group was generally the least likely to engage, particularly as the configuration of Council Services would change profoundly over the next few years, and their views were therefore crucial in shaping those Services.

The Strategic Engagement Manager in welcoming Members' comments stated that further work was required to improve engagement on the New Deal and the need to develop a partnership approach between the Council and its citizens.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the report be welcomed and noted.**
- (2) That as per the option set out at 4.3 to Document "BD", Members of the Area Committee commit to promoting the New Deal programme to stakeholders and their constituents.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

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

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "BF"**) which provided an update to the report, presented to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013, regarding the devolution of the Council Warden Service.

In relation to question on deploying wardens effectively, the Area Coordinator stated that better use of smart phone technology could potentially improve data collection and free up Warden time. Members welcomed the work undertaken by the Warden Service and the significant improvements made to the Bradford South area as a result.

#### **Resolved -**

**That the information contained in Document "BF" which is intended to inform decisions on this Devolved Service in Bradford South be welcomed and noted, and that the Council Warden Service and the Ward Officers be thanked for their exemplary and invaluable work in the Bradford South area.**

***ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator***  
(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

91. **DRAFT UPDATED BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2014-17**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “BG”**) which set out a Draft Updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 for consideration by the Area Committee.

In welcoming the Action Plan, Members thanked the Ward Officers and the Area Coordinator in compiling the Action Plan.

**Resolved -**

- (1) **That the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 be approved and adopted.**
- (2) **That Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations be requested to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.**
- (3) **That the Area Co-ordinator be requested to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Area Committee Action Plan, as adopted, and to prepare a schedule of reports about progress, to be presented to future meetings of the Area Committee.**
- (4) **That the Interim Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2015-16 be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.**
- (5) **That the Bradford South Ward Officers and the Area Coordinator be thanked for their hard work in compiling the Action Plan.**

**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.