

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 23 July 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1700
Concluded 1755

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Carmody	Ferriby
	Jabar
	Johnson
	Peart
	Tait
	Wainwright
	Warburton

Apologies: Councillor Robinson

Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

12. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

13. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be signed as a correct record.

14. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



16. DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION

The Interim Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Customer Services submitted a report (**Document “E”**) which informed the Area Committee of the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which included, but was not specific to any one constituency area.

The Area Coordinator gave a brief overview of the report stating that the Youth Service had been through some fundamental changes in recent years, and that its work had been well received by this Area Committee, and that today was an opportunity for the Committee to focus on the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

The Officer responsible for coordinating the Award Scheme was present at the meeting, together with a number of young people who were participating in the Scheme within Bradford South. The young people gave a short resume of their experiences, the motivation for taking part in the Scheme and how they had benefited personally; this included:

- That the Youth Service had enabled many of the young people to carry on with their Award after completing the bronze level at School.
- That the Award Scheme was a way of engaging with young people and at the same time allowing them to have fun as well developing and improving their skills in the area of volunteering and physical aptitude.
- That currently 20 out of the 35 secondary schools in the district offered the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and that it was important to try and encourage more schools to join the Scheme.
- That within Bradford South, 5 Schools were currently offering the Award and this was being extended to other schools that had shown an interest, such as Queensbury and Tong High Schools.

The Chair thanked the young people for attending and sharing their experiences and in response to a question on how they had got involved in the Scheme, a young person stated that other young people, including parents who had completed the Award had been their primary inspiration for taking part.

In response to a question regarding the number of young people who had completed the Gold Award, it was pointed out that the completion rate was around the 30% mark in Bradford and there was a concerted effort to improve on this.

In response to a question on the routes into the Scheme, it was highlighted that schools, friends and the Youth Centres offered the main avenue and impetus for young people to join the Scheme.

In relation to a question on how the Scheme derived its income, it was explained that schools that participated in the scheme were charged £300 per head and that students also paid a nominal charge for undertaking activities. In addition, the Camp Store helped schools and students absorb some of the costs associated with equipment hiring.

In response to a question on how many more schools could be enrolled onto the Scheme and what promotional work was undertaken to advertise the Scheme, it was stressed that no specific promotional work was done, and primarily those joining the Scheme joined through word of mouth, however some hard to reach groups were being targeted such as

the black and minority ethnic groups as well as specific work with Keighley College. A member suggested that the Scheme could be better promoted through the use of social media as well as exploring other promotional avenues.

The Chair thanked the officer and the Young People for attending the meeting and sharing their experiences.

Resolved –

That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service as detailed in Document “E” be noted, and that the young people and officers be commended for their contribution and participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

17. SOAPER LANE, BUTTERSHAW – TRAFFIC CALMING AMENDMENTS Royds

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which sought to inform members of Traffic Calming amendments required as a condition to a planning approval for a housing development on land off Soaper Lane, Buttershaw.

The Strategic Director added that the traffic calming would facilitate access onto the site and that the cost of the scheme would be met by the developer.

Resolved –

- (1) That the approved Traffic Calming amendment on Soaper Lane as detailed on plan no. TDG/THS/102941/RH/CON-1A, attached as Appendix 1 to Document “F” be noted.**
- (2) That any valid objections to this Traffic Calming amendment be reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the traffic calming be implemented as advertised.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment & Waste Management)

18. VARIOUS SITES, BRADFORD SOUTH - 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which set out requests to modify a previously approved scheme for 20mph speed limits at various sites in Bradford South.

The Strategic Director stated that following consultation with Ward Members; a number of the comments had been received, requesting that the 20 mph scheme be widened in the Royds and Great Horton Wards. The Strategic Director added that in extending the Scheme, the costs of the overall scheme could escalate significantly and there was no evidence to suggest that increasing the 20 mph zone to a wider area would reduce traffic speed; furthermore the overall programme would also change significantly from the original proposals, and would require the need for additional survey work to be undertaken.

During the debate Members expressed a number of concerns around the request to widen the scheme, including that the original intention behind the scheme was to reduce vehicle speeds outside schools in the area; that the additional costs associated with expanding the scheme would not yield any significant benefits; that no debate had taken place around widening 20mph zones outside of the school zone and that this debate should take place on a district wide basis before any extension of this zone; and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the proposed 20mph speed limits at various sites in Bradford South, as listed in paragraph 2.1 to Document “G” approved by the Bradford South Area Committee on 26 March 2015 be progressed, subject to the amendment of the element of the proposal in paragraph 2.1 part vii to incorporate a new scheme boundary as detailed in Appendix 2 to Document G.
- (2) That any valid objections to the proposed Speed Limit Order(s) are reported to this Area Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the schemes be implemented as advertised.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment & Waste Management)

19. 2015/16 BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “H”**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 May 2015 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: *Strategic Director Environment and Sport*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

Chair

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