

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on 17 September 2014 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1950

## PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Sykes	Azam	Ahmed
	Dunbar	
	Engel	
	Arshad Hussain	
	Thirkill	

Apologies: Councillor Mohammed

## Councillor Arshad Hussain in the Chair

### 20. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received:

- (i) Councillor Thirkill was a Clayton Parish Councillor for discussion in minute 26.
- (ii) Councillor Engel had expressed support towards the subject matter for discussion in minute 26.
- (iii) Councillors Ahmed and Dunbar were employed as Community Development Workers and based in different constituencies to Bradford West for discussion in minute 31.

### ***ACTION: City Solicitor***

### 21. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 22. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



**23. PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS****Heaton**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “J”**) considered a petition requesting that the Council restricts parking on Haworth Road at its junction with Heather Grove.

The Principal Engineer gave a synopsis of the report.

Following presentation, the Chair invited a resident who was in attendance to outline his following concerns. The lead petitioner (also a resident) stated that he was a resident of 45 years in Heather Grove; it had been extremely arduous to gain access in/out of the street especially during peak time traffic flow; and, the safety aspect of Heather Grove was questionable and therefore important that this concern was addressed before a serious injury occurred.

The Committee asked a number of questions to which it was responded:

- There were no restrictions presently at the junction;
- For the proposal to be enacted, costs around £2,000 would be occurred towards legalities, Traffic Regulation Order and advertising without objections;
- Enforcement Officers would walk along the length of Haworth Road and put relevant illegal notices on any vehicles that displayed For Sale signs; and,
- There was the possibility of a select number of residents were selling cars from their homes, hence the influx in the excess numbers of cars.

The Chair concluded by stating that it was important for residents to live a quality of life without the risk of safety in their area and therefore expressing his favour towards the residents concerns being alleviated as soon as possible through fast-tracking.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the option to prohibit waiting at the junction of Haworth Road and Heather Grove be fast-tracked for implementation.**
- (2) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management***

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

**24. DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE****Toller**

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “K”**) sought approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a Disabled Persons Parking Place on Jesmond Avenue, Bradford.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the option to prepare and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for a legally enforceable Disabled Persons Parking Place at 76 Jesmond Avenue be approved.**
- (2) That any valid objections to the Order be submitted to the Bradford West Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management***

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

25. **NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - THE KINGS ARMS PUBLIC HOUSE, HIGHGATE, HEATON**

Heaton

The Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as The Kings Arms Public House, Highgate, Heaton as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “L”**) considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value Criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nomination should be approved.

**Resolved –**

**That in accordance with Option 1, as outlined in Document “L”, the nomination of land and property known as The Kings Arms Public House, Highgate, Heaton as an Asset of Community Value be approved.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management  
ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture**

26. **NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - CLAYTON LIBRARY**

Clayton and  
Fairweather  
Green

The Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as Clayton Library as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “M”**) considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value Criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nomination should be approved.

**Resolved –**

**That in accordance with Option 1, as outlined in Document “M”, the nomination of land and property known as Clayton Library be listed as an Asset of Community Value be approved.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management  
ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport**

27. **LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING**

All Wards in  
Bradford West

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “N”**) considered additional funding available to the Bradford West Area Committee for Highway Maintenance in the 2014/15 financial year.

The Principal Engineer Highway Maintenance (South) introduced the report to the Committee.

Following presentation, a question and answer session ensued:

- Why had some wards not been included in the proposed list of works?
  - The roads that required attending to due to their conditions had been identified and listed;

- A list of proposed works without equal allocation to all wards was not best in principle?
  - Funding was tight during present period and therefore each local area team had different pressures for spending and allocation of works. Proposed works were to cover the various aspects of highway maintenance, including potholes, strategic patching road resurfacing and other proprietary treatments to extend the life span of the network;
- The Committee was aware of other highways that were in a worse state of repair than the proposed list of schemes and wished to know why they had not been included onto the list?
  - The proposed list of schemes was identified by experienced engineers as worst and needed most attention. The Committee highlighting other schemes could be looked into and possibly added to next year's proposals;
- Could the proposed list be amended to reflect the wishes of the Committee?
  - The funds allowed for Highway Maintenance schemes had come in late for this year and were only available for this financial year. A considerable amount of time would have to be invested in order to investigate new schemes and would push the maintenance process back by several months eventually work may not be implemented therefore the time was an essential element before the implementation process;

A Member of the Committee representing the Thornton and Allerton Ward expressed his disappointment to the lack of funding his ward had received over a number of years. He appreciated that there was limited funding available given current constraints on the Council's budget. However he felt that a report needed to be presented to the Committee which showed the distribution of Highway Maintenance funding to the Wards of the Bradford West Area. Members agreed that the distribution of Highway Maintenance seemed unfair as the majority of funding for District targeted on major road junction rather than on residential streets. The Committee felt that this apparent misallocation of funding had left many local residents aggrieved about the state of some streets in their Wards.

The Principle Engineer responded to the concerns of Members by stating that Highway Officers had undertaken an extensive cost-benefit analysis in determining how the funding available should be spent in the Bradford West Area. Therefore, the proposed priority programme of works outlined in Appendix 1 targeted funding at Major Road Junctions in some cases as they could not be allowed to deteriorate too far as in this case the future repairs would be prohibitively expensive.

The Committee suggested that prior to the production of future highway maintenance programme reports for the Bradford West Area officers liaise with Ward Councillors to help alleviate particular areas of concern in their Wards, and therefore:

**Resolved –**

- (1) That priority programme of works for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix 1, as outlined in Document "N", 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.**
- (3) That production of all future highway maintenance programme reports for Bradford West be undertaken in consultation with Ward Councillors.**

- (4) That a report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in March 2015 detailing a breakdown of highway maintenance funding to each Ward in the Bradford West Area over the last four years.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**

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

**28. PROGRESS REPORT ON BRADFORD'S FAMILIES  
FIRST PROJECT PART OF THE NATIONAL  
TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME**

**All Wards in  
Bradford West**

The report of the Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services (**Document "O"**) outlined the multi agency work to deliver the Bradford's District wide Families First Programme which formed part of the National Troubled Families Programme.

The Manager of the Families First Programme presented a synopsis of the report.

Following presentation, the Committee asked how funding was received for the programme and how it was being spent. The Manager of the programme explained that funding for the scheme came from National Government in a 3 year Payment by Results programme. Furthermore the programme helped to top-up current Council expenditure on families with complex needs through targeted interventions with aim of turning around of lives of "Troubled Families".

The Committee further queried how families were targeted for interventions and whether particular ethnicities were over-represented in the programme. In response, the criteria for which families could be considered for an intervention was set by National Government limiting the level of flexibility in the programmes approach. However, the Families First programme was moving into a new 5 year phase that would give Council's more flexibility on which families could be targeted. He then went on to highlight that while the ethnicity of targeted families was being tracked no ethnicity group was over represented thus far.

He was further asked whether a breakdown of interventions on a Ward basis for the Bradford West Area was available and how long families were monitored after successful interventions. In response it was explained that a break down of interventions on a Ward basis could be presented to the Committee at a later date and that families were monitored for a minimum of 3 years. Moreover, the new 5 year phase of the programme would allow families to be monitored for longer to ensure interventions had been successful.

**Resolved –**

**That the report be noted.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services**

**LEAD: Assistant Director, Children's Specialist Services**

**29. PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION IN BRADFORD  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**All Wards in  
Bradford West**

The report of the Director of Public Health (Document "P") informed the Bradford West Area Committee about the work of the Public Health Department, following the transfer of the Public Health function from the NHS to Local Government and a year's establishment in the Authority.

The Senior Public Health Manager was in attendance and gave a detailed presentation to the Committee. The presentation was followed by a number of concerns regarding Public Health in the Bradford West Area.

It was queried whether information and advice that was available for people in the area was helping to improve the health of residents in the area and questioned whether there was a particular focus on educating young people across the district. The Senior Public Health Manager stated that there may be some degree of dissatisfaction that information and advice available for residents was not always acted upon, however, the Public Health Department was working with Neighbourhood Co-ordinators to increase awareness on issues such as obesity and some of the services commissioned within their areas. The Committee agreed that it was responsibility of individuals to act on advice available relating to health issues. It was then stressed by the presenting officer that great efforts were being made to improve the health of young people through education and preventive approaches through pre-school early years and during school age.

Concerns were raised regarding the lack of access to GP surgeries for some residents across the Bradford West Area, as this was having a negative impact on the health of residents. Moreover, the Committee felt that this reflected a larger issue of health inequalities across the Bradford District and that appropriate measures were needed for specific communities in order to rectify this issue.

**Resolved –**

**That the report be noted and a further report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in June 2015 outlining the progress made on the work of the Department of Public Health in Bradford West.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care***

***ACTION: Director of Public Health***

**30. MANNINGHAM MASTERPLAN OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS** All Wards in Bradford West

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “Q”**) described changes following the budget decisions for 2014-15.

**Resolved –**

**That the changes outlined in Document “Q” be noted and that an update on implementation be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 6 months time.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy***

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

**31. DEVOLUTION OF COMMISSIONING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS TO AREA COMMITTEES** All Wards in Bradford West

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “R”**) 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.

The Stronger Communities Delivery Co-ordinator presented a summary of the report.

Following introduction, a question and answer session ensued:

- Concerns were expressed towards whether there were only regular contenders as opposed to new groups trying to gain access to the grants allocation process?
  - An important part of this allocation process was for transparency in front of this committee, hence its presentation. It was for this Committee to allocate funds.
- As part of process, would the Committee receive feedback whether funds had been spent wisely?
  - Performance was definitely a strand that would be looked at such as organisations performing good or poor.
- How many years had Pakistani Community Centre and Worldwide Link Ltd been in receipt of funds as there was uncertainty of any work being deployed from this organisation; and, how could the Committee be certain of all organisations deploying worthwhile work?
  - A report could be presented in the future to give a breakdown of information.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the proposed basis for the allocation of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants with transitional adjustment as outlined in Table 1 in Document “R” be welcomed.**
- (2) **That a report be presented to the 12 November 2014 meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee to enable allocations of the 2015-16 Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost grants be determined.**
- (3) **That the Grants Advisory Group will assess the Expressions of Interests and make recommendations to Area Committee for determination.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Environment and Sport***

**Chair**

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

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