

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday 24 June 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800

Concluded 1905

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS
Amran	Collector
Azam	
Duffy	
Dunbar	
Engel	
Mohammad Shabbir	
Thirkill	

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)**Resolved –**

That Councillor Engel be appointed Chair of the Area Committee for the municipal year 2015/2016.

ACTION: City Solicitor**Councillor Engel in the Chair****2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)****Resolved –**

That Councillor Azam be appointed Deputy Chair of the Area Committee for the municipal year 2015/2016.

ACTION: City Solicitor

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interests of clarity:

- (a) Councillor Shabbir disclosed an interest in the item relating to Ward plans (Minute 5) as the Chair of Sharing Voices and as member of the Manningham Mills Community Association.
- (b) Councillor Amran disclosed an interest in the item about a Petition relating to traffic matters Bavaria Place (Minute 7) as he had an interest in a property in the area.

ACTION: City Solicitor

4. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

5. WARD PLANS PROGRESS REPORT 2014-15

The report of the Interim Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document "A"**) outlined the work of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office in addressing the Ward priorities contained in the six Ward Plans.

Members welcomed the ward plans and thanked the Ward Officers for the way in which they responded to issues as they arose.

Resolved –

- (1) That the work of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office in supporting Ward priorities within the Bradford West Ward Plans 2014-2015 be noted.**
- (2) That the commitment and involvement of residents, local community and voluntary organisation and partner agencies in supporting the priorities be welcomed and supported.**
- (3) That the constructive engagement with local communities at Neighbourhoods and through other forms of Community Engagement in meeting the Ward Plan priorities be noted.**
- (4) That the Ward Officers be thanked for their commitment and responsiveness to their work in 2014-15.**

ACTION: Interim Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Customer Services

6. PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "B"**) provided the annual report for the Parks and Green Spaces Service considering the significant issues that would have an effect over the coming 12 months and presented options where appropriate for future service delivery.

The Assistant Director Sport and Leisure responded to member questions as follows:

- With reference to Clayton roundabout it was confirmed that it was proposed that the middle of the roundabout would have permanent planting and the flower beds round the outside would be removed. It was noted that the permanent planting would be low so that visibility would not be obstructed.
- It was confirmed that the annual charges for bowling clubs as set out in the report had been agreed and the pricing and payment dates had been signed off by all of the clubs.
- It was confirmed that it was financially sustainable to continue planting flower beds that were sponsored by businesses and that discussions would take place with businesses as they may have favoured permanent planting.
- The costs of cleaning up the site vacated by travellers on Mumby Street had been met in house and there was no dedicated budget to protect sites against future occupation.

Members suggested that groups and organisations such as Parish Councils and Britain in Bloom groups be given the option of providing planning.

Resolved –

(1) That the content of Document “B “ be noted and in particular:

- **The bowls club agreement**
- **That there will be no provision by Parks and Green Spaces of hanging baskets from summer 2016 following consultation with all relevant parties. However the Area Committee would encourage any organisation that wishes to take over such provision.**

(2) That the proposals for each flower bed based on the options and detail in section 3.1.3 and Appendix 1 of Document “B” be approved.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport

7. PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

The report of the Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “C”**) considered a petition from Miriam Lord Primary School requesting that Bavaria Place be closed and other changes be made to the roads around the school.

A suggestion was made that warden patrols could be increased in the area when schools closed.

One ward Councillor had requested that the Committee defer a decision on the item and requested that a further report be presented to the Committee addressing the issues raised by the petitioners.

Members were of the opinion that closure of Bavaria Place would increase congestion on surrounding roads. However they agreed that additional signage and more enforcement of existing restrictions should help to alleviate the problems.

Members discussed the issue of child safety. They referred to the 2 recorded collisions at the junction of Bavaria Street and Church Street and noted that no injury to pedestrians had occurred.

Resolved –

- (1) That no action be taken on the request for the closure of Bavaria Place or the provision of a formal pedestrian crossing on School Street.**
- (2) That improvement to the school warning signs be investigated.**
- (3) That Miriam Lord Primary school contacts the School Crossing Patrol Coordinator to request a School Crossing Patrol.**
- (4) That the Area co-ordinator look to increase warden patrols in the area and arrange for wardens to work with the school to raise awareness of road safety issues.**
- (5) That the petitioners are informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

8. GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP

The Bradford East Area Co-ordinator reported on the setting up of the Grants Advisory Group for the municipal year 2015/16 for the Bradford West Area.

Resolved –

That for the 2015-16 municipal year, the Grants Advisory Group be made up of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee and one opposition member.

ACTION: Bradford East Area Co-ordinator

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Resolved –

That the future meetings of the Bradford West Area Committee for 2015/2016 be confirmed as follows:

Wednesday 22 July 2015

Wednesday 16 September 2015

Wednesday 21 October 2015

Wednesday 18 November 2015
Thursday 28 January 2016
Wednesday 24 February 2016
Wednesday 23 March 2016

ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor

Chair

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

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