

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on 22 July 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

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### PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Amran	Collector
Azam	
Duffy	
Dunbar	
Engel	
Shabir Hussain	
Mohammad Shabbir	
Shaheen	

### Councillor Engel in the Chair

#### 10. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Shabbir disclosed that he was a work colleague of a resident living on Crow Tree Lane in relation to Minute 13.

#### 11. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

#### 12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 13. OBJECTION RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A POINT CLOSURE ON CROW TREE LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH PEARSON LANE, DAISY HILL LANE AND DUCKWORTH LANE, BRADFORD.

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The report of the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture (**Document “D”**) set out an objection received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for closure of Crow Tree Lane at its junction with Pearson Lane, Daisy Hill Lane, and Duckworth Lane Bradford.



The principal engineer was in attendance and gave a synopsis of the report.

The Chair confirmed that an Executive Portfolio Holder was a Ward Councillor and wished for his support for closure be voiced at the Committee in his absence; and that all Ward Councillors were supportive of the road closure due to numerous accidents in the past.

A question and answer session ensued:

- A question was asked in relation to a one-way as opposed to a closure?
  - In response, to close the road would alleviate dangers pedestrians were facing on a daily basis due to the excessive speed of motorists;
- There had been issues with similar schemes in other parts of the Heaton ward, roads being closed and residents returning to the Council after a period of time to request that the roads be opened.
  - In response, all residents had been consulted on Crow Tree Lane;
- There were significant queues on Daisy Hill and Squire Lane during peak time travelling hours and maybe there was an alternative solution as opposed to closure?
  - The safety of children was paramount and a road closure would bring about this safety precaution.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the objections to the Traffic Regulation Order to close Crow Tree Lane as shown on drawing TDG/THCW/102699/GA-4A to Document “D” be overruled.**
- (2) **That the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Moving Traffic) (Consolidation)(Amendment) Order, Crow Tree Lane, Bradford be sealed and implemented.**
- (3) **That the objector be notified accordingly.**

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

#### 14. **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUNDING 2014/15**

**All Wards in  
Bradford West**

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document “E”**) informs the Bradford West Area Committee of the projects funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund for the Bradford West area. The report will also highlight the range of activity provided and the achieved outcomes for young people.

The Bradford West Area Co-ordinator alongside the Advanced Practitioner were in attendance and gave a summary of the report.

A question and answer session ensued:

- During the assessing of applications, what did you find that was an important element to be missing?
  - Cultural and educational programmes’
- Were skills being gained by participants?
  - Yes, young people were growing with essential skills on their own;
- How was funding that was available advertised?
  - Information was sent out through the voluntary sector and other areas where minimum costs entailed; and,
- How was information gained on knowing what form of programmes would be delivered for young people?
  - Consultations had taken place with users on a local level.

During the discussion, the Committee and officers made the following comments:

- The service continued to ensure that resources were spent in the best interests of young people;
- Allocating funds were easier than obtaining returns regarding how money had been spent;
- It was important that young people be empowered during the delivery of programmes;
- A value for money programmes were essential such as young people gaining employable skills for the prospect of securing future employment; and,
- It was an important fact to note that the number of young people in the Bradford West area was higher than other areas in the District and it was important for elected members to raise the issue of a significant level of new arrivals coming into the area.

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) **That the Bradford West Grants Advisory Group and all the young people involved in the decision making process be commended for their efforts.**
- (2) **That the allocation of the Youth Opportunities Funding be referred to the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further consideration with a view to looking at a reappraisal of the present formula for the allocation of funding between the five constituencies, that's better reflective of the population of young people residing in the constituency, and that the Overview Scrutiny Committee makes an appropriate recommendation to the Executive regarding funding.**
- (3) **That, with the inclusion of young people during every stage, the Bradford West Area Youth Work Team continues to develop and work with the Youth Opportunities Funding (YOF) members to run further rounds of YOF from the allocated budget (£33,000) for 2015/16, through the following apportion:**
  - £2,000 to each ward towards the Youth Opportunities Fund for activities, things to do and places to go;
  - £10,500 towards holiday provision and out of school activities; and,
  - £10,500 towards Youth Service based activities.
- (4) **That the Bradford West Youth Service Advanced Practitioner presents a report in January 2016 that highlights the progress made on the projects funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund for the Bradford West area.**

***ACTION: Interim Assistant Director – Neighbourhood and Customer Services***

#### **15. DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION**

**All Wards in  
Bradford West**

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document "F"**) informed Area Committees of the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which includes, but is not specific to any one constituency area.

A short DVD presentation was given to the committee at the outset.

Young people who had participated in youth activities were also present and gave details of their involvement, as follows:

- One participant commented that she used to cause trouble but since her involvement in youth activities, her attitude had improved to a positive one around people;

- They had participated in projects for young people to remain safe while on the streets;
- Some participants used to be shy but had now become confident and had gained knowledge in Anti Social Behaviour and bullying; and,
- There had been day trips in which young people had been a part of, such as visiting Girlington Community centre, visits to the cinema, meals out and go karting.

The Advanced Practitioner stated that that the service was acting creatively to get the attention of young people and since moving to the Culture Fusion, the foot flow was very slow and officers were working exceptionally hard in order to increase the level of participants.

A question and answer session ensued:

- As the Culture Fusion was a multi million pound investment for the interests of young people, was it possible for the building to do more than just providing advice services?
  - There were disability sessions on Thursdays however the foot flow was not great as it used to be however the Culture Fusion building was part of the consideration in the youth services building review; and,
- Were young people representing the Roma community involved in youth sessions?
  - Arrivals from the European Accession states were not as comfortable at present and were not engaging actively enough. Nevertheless Eastern Europeans were given a safe place to participate before linking them with other groups.

The Committee expressed its concerns to the fact that there was no longer the subject of sexual health on the agenda for young people; and, an element of education work should be part of every theme delivered for the interest of young people eventually leaving the service with some form of essential educational skill that would assist them in the future

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) **That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, as detailed in Document “F”, be noted.**
- (2) **That a letter of thanks be sent to each Advanced Practitioner, congratulating them, their team and the young people for the invaluable efforts in their creative and wide ranging youth offer provided to the young people across the Bradford district.**
- (3) **That an update report be presented in January 2016 from staff and young people directly involved in the projects focusing on key outcomes, impacts and progress against future plans, as detailed in Document “F” in the meeting of July 2015.**

***ACTION: Interim Assistant Director – Neighbourhood and Customer Services***

**Chair**

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