

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on 22 January 2015 in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall, Keighley

Commenced 1800

Concluded 2035

PRESENT – Councillors

| CONSERVATIVE | LABOUR | INDEPENDENTS | UKIP |
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| Mallinson | Abid Hussain | Hawkesworth | Morris |
| B M Smith | Khadim Hussain | | |
| Poulsen | Pullen | | |
| | M Slater | | |

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor V Slater, Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, Planning and Transport.

Councillor K Hussain in the Chair

44. CHAIR'S NOTE

The Chair welcomed Councillor Morris, a new member of the committee who was attending the meeting for the first time.

45. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

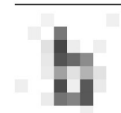
46. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 23 October and 27 November 2014 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).

47. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



48. **OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT (EXCEPT FOR ACCESS) RESTRICTION ON LAYCOCK LANE, BRAITHWAITE ROAD AND GREEN SYKES ROAD, LAYCOCK** Keighley West

The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document “AC”**) which considered an objection received to the proposed 7.5 Tonne Weight Limit (Except for Access) restriction on Laycock Lane, Braithwaite Road and Green Sykes Road, Laycock.

Members were reminded that approval for the scheme had been granted at the meeting on 10 April 2014 following concerns expressed by local residents and Ward Members regarding the traffic conditions in the area and associated road safety implications. The proposed restrictions had been advertised on 18 September 2014 and the report was being presented to Members following the receipt of one objection from a local resident. A summary of that objection and corresponding officer comments was provided.

Concern was expressed that the measures proposed may not prevent the problems experienced in the village. In response it was acknowledged that HGV drivers would not be in breach of the restrictions if they were accessing land or property abutting the length of restricted highway or land or property only accessible from the length of highway under discussion. The measures would, however, prevent HGV drivers taking short cuts through the area where other routes were available or if the area should be further developed. Possible time restrictions were suggested but it was explained that these would require the police to monitor and be difficult to enforce.

Two local residents addressed the meeting to convey their support for the proposals and report the current problems experienced by residents from HGV vehicles driving through the village. Document “AC” also outlined four letters of support which had been received.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the objection be overruled and the scheme be implemented as advertised.**
- (2) **That the objector be informed accordingly.**

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

49. **STREET LIGHTING COLUMN REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, (**Document “AD”**) informed Members of the requirement to replace street lighting columns that had been identified as non-compliant. That is those that were in need of urgent replacement due to their age and condition based upon the findings of inspection.

Members suggested it would have been more helpful if the budget available for the programme had been identified by individual wards in the appendix to Document AD.

In response to concerns that taller replacement columns could block the light to residents or be hindered by trees it was explained that columns would be located towards the back of footways and the position of trees and residents windows, driveways, and overhead

powers lines would be considered when the columns were relocated. It was agreed to email local Ward Councillors the location of proposals to enable their local knowledge to be utilised.

Following discussions about the condition of street lighting columns it was explained that a rolling programme of replacement had ceased following funding cuts. Replacement was now based upon the age and findings of inspection. Assurances were provided that the service did have an adequate inventory of the ages of columns.

The location of additional priority one schemes to those outlined in the appendix to Document "AD" were questioned. The Strategic Director confirmed that he was not aware of any additional priority one schemes in the Keighley constituency.

Resolved –

That the Priority 1 street lighting column replacement schemes listed in Table 1 of Appendix 1 to Document "AD", be implemented.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

50. **KEIGHLEY TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE (THI)**

Keighley Central

The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document "AE"**) which informed Members of progress being made in the Keighley Townscape Heritage Initiative Grants scheme.

It was explained that the scheme was progressing well and progress on Church Street and the repaving of North Street and High Street was discussed. Endorsements for improvement works at 30 North Street, The Arcade on North Street, Keighley Civic Centre and 3 High Street were reported.

Members were advised that as the impact of the scheme was becoming evident more property owners were applying for grants, particularly on High Street and Church Street. Letters to owners of priority buildings on North Street had been issued to generate interest.

It was reported that a Heritage Skills Training course would be held for local construction students in March 2015 and an additional course would be organised for contractors later in the year.

The remaining finances for the initiative were questioned and it was agreed to provide that information in the report to be presented in April 2015. The ability to allocate any surplus funding to public realm improvements was questioned and it was confirmed that such a measure would have to be approved by the National Lottery Fund. In response to a question about the extent of pathway works on North Street it was explained that the intention was to progress works to the end of the library dependant on the funds available.

Members were reminded that the scheme would run until December 2015 unless it was extended by the National Lottery Fund. If an extension was granted the scheme could progress to June 2016 at the latest.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Members' appreciation of the involvement of local businesses who have engaged with the Keighley Townscape Heritage Initiative be conveyed.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

**51. NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY Worth Valley
VALUE – CHANGEGATE CAR PARK, HAWORTH**

It was reported that the Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as ChangeGate Car Park, Haworth, as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document "AF"**) revealed that the nomination had been assessed against the criteria for listing. The criteria had not been met and it was recommended that the car park not be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

It was explained that of the four criteria used to assess the nomination it had been established that the nominator was eligible to nominate the asset and that the nominated assets were not exempt. It had been felt that the remaining two criteria, that the asset be used to further social well being and social interests of the local community and that it was realistic to think that the asset would continue to be used in a way to further the social well being and social interests of the community within the next five years, could not be satisfied.

Members questioned the definition of social well being and interest of the community. The view of some Members was that the car park was used for community events and should have been assessed as meeting the criteria for nomination. Opposing views were expressed by other Members and the financial cost to the Council should the owners appeal the nomination was questioned.

Resolved –

That in accordance with Option1, contained in Document "AF", the nomination of land and property known as ChangeGate Car Park, Haworth, be approved as an Asset of Community Value.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

**52. NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY Worth Valley
VALUE – THE OLD SUN INN, HAWORTH**

Members were advised that the Council had received a nomination to list land and property known as The Old Sun Inn, Haworth, as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AG”**) considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value Criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation that the nomination should be approved.

Resolved –

That in accordance with Option 1, contained in Document “AG”, the nomination of land and property known as The Old Sun Inn, Haworth, be approved as an Asset of Community Value.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

**53. KEIGHLEY TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT Keighley Central/
MEASURES Keighley East/Keighley West**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture (**Document “AH”**) provided information on progress on traffic management measures and highway improvements in Keighley. It also recommended that the continued development of a clockwise gyratory scheme for the town centre and the implementation of experimental right turn bans on Hard Ings Road at its junctions with Lawkholme Lane, Back Byrl Street and Back Caledonia Road be supported.

It was reported that since the issue had last been considered by Members at the meeting in April 2013 a refined cost estimate had been developed and alternative options and parking layouts had been considered for the Keighley gyratory scheme. Details of those alternative options; the impact of those options including reduced journey times, a proposed town centre gyratory plan, and the details of a proposed experimental order to prohibit right turns into Hard Ings Road/Lawkholme Lane were included in the report and the details expanded on at the meeting.

Following a detailed discussion Members raised a number of issues to which the following responses were provided:-

- Discussions would be required with WYCA about the impacts on bus services if the proposed experimental right turn ban into Lawkholme Lane was introduced.
- The three month experimental order would provide sufficient time for officers to evaluate the impact of the proposals.
- The gyratory proposal would simplify the junction at Cavendish Street and East Parade and a balance between pedestrian and vehicle times at the junction would be considered.
- Concern including that the right turn ban could force commercial vehicles to travel through residential areas was acknowledged and was the rationale for the experimental order. This would allow officers to fully understand the impact of the proposal.
- The impact of future housing developments had been taken into account when traffic management measures and highway improvements were being developed.
- Measures to encourage the use of public transport, cycling and walking were being considered.

- There were no plans to widen East Parade. The removal of parking in that location had been considered previously but the scheme had been abandoned because of concerns about its impact on businesses.
- Linking of traffic signals would prevent traffic backing up from the proposed pedestrian crossing(s) on Hanover Street to the Worth Way junction. The possibility of providing an additional pedestrian crossing with shorter crossing times may be considered.
- It would not be possible to develop a pilot gyratory system due to the cost but the experimental order and consultation process should provide officers with an analysis of the impact of the proposals to report back to the Area Committee.
- The modelling work did indicate an increase in traffic on Park Wood Street and the impact of that increase would be considered during the consultation process.
- A meeting would be held shortly to discuss the consultation proposals with the Area Co-ordinator and the Airedale Masterplan Manager.

The Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, Planning and Transport, referred to the necessity for traffic management measures in the area and the limited resources available. The reduction in 100 hours travelling time which the current proposals would provide were discussed and the substantial health benefits to residents of that reduction, including improved air quality, were welcomed.

Members questioned the consultation process which would be used on the traffic management measures and highway improvements in the area and were advised that the consultation would include a public exhibition on the proposals. Discussions with businesses in the area would be arranged separately. It was suggested that the town centre shopping centre be considered as a venue to engage with residents.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the continued development of a clockwise gyratory scheme for Keighley Town Centre and the implementation of experimental right turn bans on Hard Ings Road at its junctions with Lawkholme Lane, Back Byrl Street and Back Caledonia Road be supported.**
- (2) **That a consultation be undertaken on the gyratory scheme and the outcome of the consultation be reported back to this Area Committee.**
- (3) **That subject to consultation with the emergency services and West Yorkshire Combined Authority a three month experimental traffic regulation order be introduced on Hard Ings Road, Keighley the effect of which would be to ban the right turn into Lawkholme Lane, Back Byrl Street and Back Caledonia Road and that the impacts of the experimental order on congestion on Hard Ings Road and other local roads be reported back to this Area Committee.**

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

54 AIREDALE, WHARFEDALE AND CRAVEN CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “A1”**) provided information about the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and requested the views and comments of Members.

A detailed presentation on the activities of the Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group was provided and included:-

- The role of the Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group; the identification of 17 member practices caring for 156,000 patients and the utilisation of a budget of £187 million.
- The geographical area covered by the Clinical Commissioning Group.
- The organisational structure of the group and the services it procured.
- Engagement methods utilised with stakeholders and the public.
- Progress against previous objectives.
- Performance against national measures.
- The vision of a “proactive, co-ordinated person centred care” and strategic objectives of the group.
- The investment required to provide the new models of care; the expectations from those models and the next steps in that provision.

Following the presentation a number of suggestions were made and questions arose to which the following responses were provided:-

- Due to the nature of the diverse workforce and high demand for services it would be very difficult to provide cost effective weekend cover or to devolve ambulance provision to GP surgeries.
- Ideally there would be specialist services at all hospitals, however, in order to address a shortage of some specialist services hospitals were working in partnership. Technology may be utilised, in some cases, to get opinions from specialists working elsewhere.
- Technology was being utilised to allow some patients, mainly at nursing homes or for those requiring end of life care, to have equipment installed in their homes to provide access to medical care remotely. GPs currently used telephone services more frequently and there was the potential for tele medicine to be developed further.
- Patients who were likely to require additional heart surgery would be referred to their nearest specialist unit for angiogram tests. If it was felt that they were unlikely to need additional specialist services investigations would probably be carried out at their local hospital.
- The strategic objectives were part of a five year vision. To achieve that vision changes were required and to implement those changes investment must be made. The group were working nationally on funding bids to acquire those resources.
- There were no plans for a ‘health village’ to provide accommodation at the Airedale Hospital site.
- Hospitals had to meet regulatory targets. They would have to procure services if they were unable to meet demand.
- Patients would be encouraged to actively participate in their own health care. Technology would play an increased role in that participation.
- Easier /alternative access to medical care must be provided. The current models were not sustainable.
- Enhanced primary care could include a ‘pharmacy first’ initiative. All pharmacists’ premises had private consultation facilities.
- Changes to GP contracts had resulted in difficulty in attracting affordable out of hours care. Some surgeries had grouped together to bid for funding to provide seven day a week opening hours.
- It was the National Health Service (NHS) not the CCG which commissioned GP services. The CCG did have, however, the responsibility to support the GP practises.

A Member reported a lack of assistance when residents of Lothersdale and Cowling had been interested in developing a first responder scheme. The representative of the Clinical Commissioning Group agreed to investigate the issue further.

In response to discussions about a potential 'health village' the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, Planning and Transport, reported discussions which had taken place to consider potential funding from the Homes and Community Agency to develop intermediate care facilities at the old Bronte School site.

The vision and views of the representative of the Clinical Commissioning Group were welcomed and he was thanked for a very informative presentation.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That the representative of Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group be thanked for his informative presentation and be requested to provide annual progress reports.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care

ACTION: *Strategic Director, Environment and Sport*

55. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTION TO LOCAL AUTHORITY

The Director of Public Health presented a report, (**Document "AJ"**) which provided an update on the work of the Public Health Department following the transfer of the public health function from the National Health Service (NHS) to Local Government and its establishment within the Authority.

Members questioned the oral health improvements reported and if measures were undertaken in schools to encourage good oral health practices. It was confirmed that funding was provided to the Bradford District Care Scheme for such measures and that health visitors promoted oral health in nurseries and children's centres.

Measures to reduce drug and alcohol misuse were discussed and work undertaken including needle exchange and treatment services at Project 6 in Keighley were reported. Concerns that referral to drug/alcohol misuse treatment was not as good as it could be were expressed. In response Members were advised that a review of the service had been undertaken and would be completed by August 2015.

Health inequality issues in Keighley Central Ward were raised as an issue of concern. Members were advised that public health services were provided across the constituency, however, areas of highest need did demand a higher volume of those services. The Portfolio Holder with responsibility for Housing, Planning and Transport, advised of a meeting she was facilitating between Executive Members and officers from the Public Health Department to ensure that budgets were targeted appropriately.

Following discussions about encouragement which could be provided to ensure residents availed themselves of the pneumonia vaccine it was explained that the National Health Service (NHS) England were responsible for the immunisation programme. A Member of the Public Health Department was on the Executive Committee of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Resolved –

That the report be welcomed and the views and comments of Members be noted.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care

ACTION: Director of Public Health

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

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