

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on 19 February 2015 in the Council Chamber, Keighley Town Hall, Keighley

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1910

PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENTS	UKIP
Brown	Farley	Hawkesworth	Morris
Miller	M Slater		
B M Smith	Pullen		

Councillor M Slater in the Chair

56. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interests of clarity Councillor Morris disclosed an interest in Minute 63, Public Conveniences, as a Member of Keighley Town Council which had agreed to take over the running of the toilet block at East Morton.

In the interests of clarity Councillor Pullen disclosed an interest in Minute 63, Public Conveniences, following his association with the Friends of Crossroads Park who were involved with arrangements for the running of the toilet block in that location.

57. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 be signed as a correct record.

58. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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



59. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the provision at Part 3B, Paragraph 6 of the Council's Constitution the following public question was presented:

"Having raised concerns at several neighbourhood forums what has the Council and the Police done about persistent and continued abuse of obstruction and traffic regulations at the following Keighley central spots:

- *The corner of Bradford Street and Lawkholme Lane outside car sales and repair garage.*
- *The bottom of Mornington Street joining North Street where the local bus company has had to make unscheduled detour to avoid the spot and*
- *Alice Street outside a supermarket where there is a total lack of enforcement.*

Why has there been a lack of action and support on the part of Keighley Central Councillor who have (sec) been aware of these problems for nearly two years to bring any tangible results".

In accordance with provision at Part 3B, Paragraph 6 of the Council's Constitution the Chair advised that a written response to the question would be provided after the meeting.

ACTION: Keighley Area Co-ordinator / City Solicitor

60. NOMINATIONS TO LIST LAND AND ASSETS AS ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE AT ILKLEY TOWN HALL, THE LIBRARY, KINGS HALL AND WINTER GARDENS, ILKLEY. Ilkley

The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document "AK"**) which detailed nominations to list four pieces of land and property known as Ilkley Town Hall, The Library, Kings Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley, as Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report considered whether the nominations and nominated assets met the Asset of Community Value criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nominations should be approved.

A representative of the applicants, Ilkley Civic Society, addressed the meeting and reported her belief that the four buildings were a useful community space, of historical interest and architecturally imposing. She explained that the society wished to see the buildings used to generate funds for the Bradford district. A Member expressed her support for the society and thanked its representative for her hard work in developing the application.

Resolved –

That, in accordance with the advice detailed in Option 1 of Document "AK", the nominations of land and property known as Ilkley Town Hall, the Library, Kings Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley, be approved as Assets of Community Value.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Regeneration and Economy
ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture

61. ALL TO PLAY FOR: A STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN'S PLAY IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT 2013-2016

The report of the Assistant Director, Education and School Improvement, (**Document "AL"**) provided an update on recent accomplishments/activities in Keighley relating to All to Play For – Bradford's Play Strategy 2013 to 2016.

Members had received a report in April 2014 outlining Bradford's Play Strategy and the report presented provided an update and raised awareness of activities since that time. Examples of play provision available in the Keighley district were presented and comparisons with the report presented in April 2014 demonstrated that demand had increased.

Members questioned the number of 'Play Pod' sessions, provided in a shipping container stocked with loose parts and resources for play, which had been held in the Keighley area. They were advised that six active sessions either within a pod or community centre had been held. It was hoped to develop a further session at Stockbridge.

The funding arrangements for play provision were questioned and it was explained that funding was provided from the Children's Services budget. Opportunities to generate external funding were available by offering paid provision to schools.

In response to questions about how outcomes from play were measured it was explained that a questionnaire was produced and analysed to quantify the outcomes.

The variance in participation documented in Appendix 1 to Document "AL" was questioned and it was reported that open access community events were affected by issues outside of the control of the service such as inclement weather or school term times. Details of an event arranged on a date which should have been within the school holidays was quoted as an example of those issues. It was difficult to compare attendance at events as some were held to coincide with other events such as national play week which was traditionally well supported.

The Forest School Strategy was questioned and Members advised that forest schools were a nationally recognised process of providing outdoor activity around woodlands and were often, but not always, more structured than play. In total 21 forest schools sessions were delivered between April and October 2014.

Members reported that they had been impressed with the activities they had witnessed taking place in their wards and congratulated officers on their achievements.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That all those involved be congratulated on their accomplishments/achievements in the Keighley area relating to All to Play For – Bradford's Play Strategy 2013 to 2016.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children's Services

ACTION: Assistant Director, Education and School Improvement

62. NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOLUTION PANELS

The Strategic Director, Environment and Sport, presented a report, (**Document “AM”**) which provided an update on progress that had been made in establishment and utilisation of Neighbourhood Resolution Panels in the Bradford district over the past 12 months.

It was revealed that Neighbourhood Resolution Panels, facilitated by volunteers, brought local victims, offenders and criminal justice professionals together using restorative and reparative approaches.

It was questioned if there were any particular ‘hotspots’ from where referrals arose and it was explained that less referrals had arisen in the Keighley area than in the wider Bradford area. Referrals came from the Police and efforts were ongoing to increase intervention at an earlier stage.

Members questioned if more experienced volunteers handled more complex cases and it was confirmed that cases were matched to the most appropriate volunteers. The age limit for people volunteering to facilitate Neighbourhood Resolution Panels was discussed and it was explained that there was no limit on age. The report revealed that 14% of referrals had involved assault. A definition of assault was requested and provided.

The ability for Councillors to be trained as facilitators was questioned and it was agreed to investigate that issue and respond after the meeting.

Officers were thanked for their informative report and requested to present evidence and experiences from those involved in the service in a future report.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That all those involved be congratulated on their accomplishments/achievements in the Keighley area relating to Neighbourhood Resolution Panels.**
- (3) That the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport, be requested to provide a future progress report including examples/experiences of volunteers and users of the service.**

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

63. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport, (**Document “AN”**) reported progress on the future of public toilet provision in Keighley.

The report reminded Members that draft budget options published by the Council’s Executive in autumn 2013 included proposals to close a number public toilet blocks across the Bradford district. In the Keighley constituency only Brook Street, Ilkley and Haworth (Bronte Parsonage) were proposed to be kept open, however, following a public budget

consultation process Executive, at its meeting on 18 February 2014, amended that draft budget by withdrawing proposals to close the toilets at Haworth Park and Riverside (Ilkley). The amended proposal was recommended to, and approved by a meeting of Council on 20 February 2014.

The intent of the proposal approved by Council was to retain toilet facilities in high-traffic tourist areas, where possible. Since March 2014 officers had been engaged in dialogue with Parish Councils, friends of parks, town centre partnerships and other interested parties to identify possible ways to keep blocks open (including citizens volunteering to open, close and clean blocks) or agreeing to take over the sites and their associated costs. Progress on those negotiations was reported as follows:-

- Punch Bowl (Silsden) and Sugar Hill (Addingham) – Silsden Town Council and Addingham Parish Council had engaged a street cleaner whose duties after the end of March, would include opening, closing and cleaning the public toilets. Property Management were in the process of drawing up a tenancy agreement with Addingham Parish Council and that process would soon be followed with Silsden Town Council.
- East Morton - Keighley Town Council had agreed to take over the toilet block. The process of transferring the building was underway.
- Crossroads – discussions were being held with the newly formed Friends of Crossroads Park who were keen to take over the running of the toilet block subject to affordability.
- Penistone Hill - there were no expressions of interest for Penistone Hill and the block had been transferred to Asset Management for sale and/or disposal.
- White Wells, Ilkley – Discussions were taking place with the café nearby to explore options to enable that block to remain open. A further meeting was to take place in February 2015.
- Keighley market – The block had been transferred to Property Management for sale or disposal.

It was explained that as updates on those remaining toilets occurred on a weekly basis a further report would be provided in April 2015.

Members questioned the transfer of the building at East Morton as it was believed that process had not been straight forward and funding issues had arisen. It was explained that further discussions would be held.

It was questioned if the takeover of facilities would be completed by the end of March 2015. In response it was explained that sales of buildings may not be completed by that time but arrangements for facilities to be transferred to the Council's Property Management service for sale or disposal would be completed.

A Member was concerned that discussions had not taken place with Ward Members on the facilities being disposed of in their wards. He believed that Council policy had been breached by the lack of discussions. It was agreed to investigate that issue and contact Members directly.

Resolved –

- (1) That progress on the future of public toilet provision in the Keighley constituency be noted.
- (2) That the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport, be requested to provide a further progress report.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management**ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport****64. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY KEIGHLEY**

The Keighley Area Co-ordinator presented a report, (**Document “AO”**) which informed Members of the work of ‘Dementia Friendly Keighley’ and provided an update on the work carried out to date and plans for further development.

Members were reminded that at the meeting on 10 April 2014 the Area Committee had allocated £10,000 of Action Plan funding to support the development of Dementia Friendly, Keighley. The proposal was to offer support from Ward Officers and Councillors to create a local action group or community champion to support the work. It had very quickly become evident that needs and aspirations were greater than could be delivered by Ward Officers and Councillors alone and, working with the Alzheimer’s Society, a small steering group was formed. The group agreed that given the geographic spread of the constituency area it would be beneficial to concentrate on Keighley Town Centre given that many people with dementia and their families and carers had identified that maintaining access to local facilities, banks, shops, leisure activity was important in helping them to continue to feel still part of the community.

Appended to the report were details of progress made towards developing more dementia friendly communities in Keighley including a Road Show event in July 2013; an open awareness raising event at Central Hall in December 2014; a Memory Walk in October 2014; Dementia Friendly Recognition Award received in October 2014 and the constitution of Dementia Friendly Keighley group in January 2015.

Following the open event held at Central Hall, Keighley, attended by over 120 individuals, carers, public and voluntary businesses, GP’s and Councillors a number of outcomes had been agreed including:-

- To build a network of local Dementia Champions.
- To create 1,000 local Dementia Friends.
- To deliver a minimum of one local Dementia Awareness event annually.
- Ensure a productive working relationship with the local paper (6 articles per year).
- To create a local dementia leaflet identifying support, activities locally.
- Approach and support businesses to become Dementia Friendly.
- Host regular Dementia Friendly Keighley meetings – through room hire, volunteer expenses.
- Support existing groups and encourage new ones through a bursary programme (small awards start up costs, room hire etc).

It was explained that following the constitution of the Dementia Friendly Keighley group in January 2015 the group would be able to obtain funds and apply for grants. It was hoped that the group would become self supported.

The Dementia Friendly Keighley Action Plan for 2014/2015 was also appended to the report and highlighted actions being undertaken and identified for the future. The plan included details of support to raise awareness and generate Dementia Friends and Champions in the district.

Work being undertaken with local businesses in the Town Centre was outlined and details of a volunteer led activity taking place in the Airedale Centre every Friday were discussed. Negotiations were ongoing with the Alzheimer's Society to host a Champion training session locally and expand the diversity of the programme. A 'one year on' event was being planned by the group to be held on 23 April 2015.

A Member questioned if activities were being arranged in the Ilkley constituency and offered support with arrangements of events in that area. It was confirmed that contact had been made with the LS29 Group in Ilkley to help the Alzheimer's Society to deliver Champion support training in that area.

It was questioned if links had been made with Bradford University and it was confirmed that contact had been established and they would be invited to the event to be held on 23 April 2015.

Support for people living with Alzheimer's sufferers was questioned and it was agreed that the support which could be provided was endless but, unfortunately, volunteer time was limited.

The progress undertaken by the group since its inception was acknowledged; officers were thanked for their informative report and requested to keep Members advised of future progress.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress made in the development of Dementia Friendly Keighley, as set out in Appendix A to Document "AO" be welcomed.**
- (2) That the Area Co-ordinator be requested to present a report to a future meeting to provide an update on initiatives undertaken within the wider constituency area to support communities to become dementia friendly.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate

ACTION: Keighley Area Co-ordinator

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

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