

# Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday 25 June 2015 at Keighley Town Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1920

## PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENTS
B M Smith	Khadim Hussain	Naylor
Brown	M Slater	
Ali	Bacon	
Mallinson	Lee	

Also in attendance: Councillor Rickard

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**Resolved -**

**That Councillor Khadim Hussain be appointed Chair of the Keighley Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.**

***ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor***

### Councillor Hussain in the Chair

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

**Resolved -**

**That Councillor M Slater be appointed Deputy Chair of the Keighley Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.**

***ACTION: Assistant City Solicitor***

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.



#### 4. MINUTES

##### Resolved –

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

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

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

#### 6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 7. PETITION – LAWKHOLME LANE, KEIGHLEY

**Keighley Central**

Previous reference: Council 88 (2014/15)

The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document “A”**) which considered a petition requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing on Lawkholme Lane, near Victoria Avenue, and located in the vicinity of Eastwood Primary School. The petition had been referred to Keighley Area Committee by Council at its meeting on 24 March 2015.

The background to the report revealed that in the five year period June 2010 to June 2015 there had been one road injury on Lawkholme Lane which had taken place at 5.45pm and was not school related. Traffic and pedestrian counts undertaken were reported and revealed a conflict level of 0.21. It was explained that the Council policy would recommend considering formal pedestrian crossing facilities at values greater than 0.5.

The results of an assessment of the site by the Council’s School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator were provided and revealed that the site had met the criteria for a School Crossing Patrol. Members were advised that the position was currently being advertised and that it was planned that the role would be filled and the patrol would be in operation by September 2015. The provision of that patrol was welcomed and, in light of that appointment, and taking account of the traffic and pedestrian count conflict levels, it was agreed that no further action be taken at the current time. Officers were requested to monitor the impact of the School Crossing Patrol and report back to the Committee in six months time.

##### Resolved -

- (1) **That the request for a pedestrian crossing be welcomed but no further action be taken.**
- (2) **That the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, be requested to monitor the impact of the provision of a School Crossing Patrol on Lawkholme Lane and provide a future report to Members in six months time.**

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

8. **NOMINATION TO LIST LAND AND ASSETS AS ASSETS OF Worth Valley COMMUNITY VALUE AT CROSSROADS PARK PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The Interim Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document “C”**) which detailed a nomination to list property known as Crossroads Park Public Conveniences as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The report 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.

In response to questions it was confirmed that the nominee was eligible to nominate the asset and that the asset was not exempt from listing as an Asset of Community Value.

**Resolved –**

**That, in accordance with the advice detailed in Option 1 of Document “C”, the nomination of the property known as Crossroads Park Public Conveniences, be approved as an Asset of Community Value.**

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

9. **PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

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

The annual report detailed the facilities managed and maintained by the Parks and Green Spaces Service in the Keighley constituency; new facilities completed or planned and the events staged or supported by the service throughout the year.

The report also detailed the level of savings targets for both the current year and also for 2016/17. It was explained that the savings would be challenging to achieve but work had commenced to deliver the savings and minimise the impact as far as possible. A summary of the savings to be achieved was provided together with reports of the impact of the budget savings imposed on the service. Proposals included a review of the workforce to reflect seasonal variations; a management restructure; ‘a pay per player’ model to generate maintenance costs at bowling greens, events being provided at zero cost and the reduction of floral displays and closure of Peel Park Nursery.

The budget for events to be supported in parks and green spaces was questioned together with the available funding for future years. It was explained that ‘events’ were included in the overall Parks and Bereavement Services budget. It was hoped to split that budget to more accurately identify the funds for events in parks. Following queries about the renovations to the park and buildings at Cliffe Castle it was confirmed that the funding required for maintenance was available. The renovations were being funded jointly with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and negotiations with that fund would be undertaken to merge management arrangements with other HLF projects in the district.

Proposals for development of a play area at Braithwaite were reported and, following discussions about the vandalism occurring at other schemes, plans to protect the area were questioned. It was explained that such schemes needed the respect and trust of local communities but any appropriate security measures would be considered.

Following discussions with regard to the bowling clubs it was explained that an original proposal for each bowling club to maintain their own greens would not be introduced in 2015/16. On the basis that all clubs utilised Council maintenance services in 2015/16 it had been agreed to increase the annual charges in line with the savings required of £25,000 in 2015/16 and an additional £25,000 in 2016/17. All clubs would collect, record and pay £15 per player in 2015/16.

A decision to reduce the level of funding allocated to the provision of floral displays would have an effect on the appearance of the flower beds and hanging baskets across the district. It was proposed that hanging basket provision in summer 2016 would be handed back to the local areas to fund and source.

The report referred to commitments made to perpetuity planting schemes and in response to questions it was explained that the service was contracted to continue some planting schemes at graves which had previously been paid for by residents.

In response to queries about the proposals for floral displays Members were advised that an 80% reduction in expenditure on flower beds across the district equated to a £200,000 cut to that provision. The Council had taken the decision to close Peel Park Nursery, which grew the flowers, due to the size of the budget reduction and the consequent inefficiency that would be created in operating the nursery all year round. The plants required for the coming summer had already been grown but once all were planted the greenhouse would be decommissioned.

A range of options for flower bed provision was reported and it was explained that all of those options would need to be agreed in detail with the appropriate area committee and consultation undertaken with organisations, partners and community groups. As a starting point the service had considered the flower beds and rated them Red, Amber or Green, to show their priority and then classified them for a type of treatment that was proposed based upon their rating and available resources. The proposals were appended to the report. It was suggested that the majority of the new provision could be through permanently planted flower beds which would flower at differing times of the year. Photographs of such proposals were tabled. Members were concerned that organisations and partner groups would need an indication of the cost of schemes they would be asked to consider undertaking and, in response, it was confirmed that officers would be able to provide that information. The potential for areas left fallow and the subsequent weed problems which could arise was raised as a concern, however, assurances that weed control measures could be arranged were provided.

Members expressed the view that the Keighley constituency included some very pretty villages and locations and it was felt that the Committee should ensure that the impact of proposals for flowers beds were minimised in those areas. It was also believed that large evergreen shrubs without any colour would not be appropriate in the area. In response to questions it was confirmed that each constituency would have equitable budget reductions. Members were concerned that the budget reductions would have a greater impact in the Keighley constituency as there were more flower beds in the area.

Photographs of perennial and evergreen plants and shrubs which had been planted throughout the district were tabled to depict the proposals. It was acknowledged that the displays were sparse to begin with but Members were assured they would provide all year round colour when established. In response to questions about the potential for perennials to become too large it was explained that when the plants reached that stage they would be split and used in other flower beds in the district and that this would be a more costly method than the planting of annual bedding plants.

Members were requested to work with the service to identify options for the future management of all flower beds in the district and it was agreed that the Area Co-ordinator and appropriate offices be requested to begin to identify proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the content of Document “B” be noted, particularly the bowls club agreement and that there will be no provision by Parks and Green Spaces of hanging baskets from summer 2016.**
- (2) That the Keighley Area Co-ordinator be requested to work with the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport, in consultation with Members and other interested parties, to produce detailed proposals for the future management of all flower beds in the Keighley constituency and to submit their initial recommendations to the Committee prior to the October 2015 planting season.**

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

Chair

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

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