

# Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday 23 July 2015 at Keighley Town Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1920

**PRESENT – Councillors**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENTS
Ali	Khadim Hussain	Hawkesworth
Brown	M Slater	
Rickard	Bacon	
	Pullen	

**Councillor Hussain in the Chair**

**10. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

**11. MINUTES**

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2015 be signed as a correct record.**

**12. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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

*“What is the Council’s response to the request by residents living on Glen Lee Lane for an enforceable ban on HGVs using the Lane, due to its unsuitability for such large and heavy vehicles and further more, the introduction of effective traffic calming measures to address the volume of traffic and excessive speed of vehicles using the Lane”?*



**In accordance with provision at Part 3B, Paragraph 6 of the Council's Constitution the Chair advised that a written response to the question was provided as follows:-**

*"The promotion of an HGV ban on Glen Lee Lane will not be suitable at this time due to the nature of the alternative routes. The heavy traffic has legitimate right of access on Glen Lee Lane and dispersal of this traffic could create a difficult and dangerous arrangement on these alternative routes.*

*Traffic management measures on Glen Lee Lane could be considered. Decisions would have to be ratified at a future Area Committee".*

The concerns of residents were noted and it was agreed that the Strategic Director be requested to consider traffic management measures which could be undertaken in the area. It was also requested that the potential impact of traffic which could be generated from a proposed incinerator development in the area be taken into account when traffic management measures were being investigated.

It was agreed that the residents who had presented the question be invited back to the meeting on 22 October 2015.

**Resolved –**

**That the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, be requested to provide a report for discussion at the Keighley Area Committee meeting scheduled for 22 October 2015, on potential traffic calming measures, including the cost implications of any such measures, which could be undertaken on Glen Lee Lane, Keighley.**

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

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

The report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services (**Document "D"**) informed Members of the Bradford district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service which included but was not specific to any one constituency area.

Members were reminded that when management arrangements for the Youth Service were transferred from Children's Services to the Area Co-ordinator's Offices it was determined that areas of district wide provision would be located in the constituency where they were based or where capacity existed to accommodate management reporting purposes. It had been determined that each Advanced Practitioner would take on a district wide responsibility as follows:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Project (Bradford South)
- Equality and Diversity (Keighley)
- Information, Advice and Guidance (Bradford West)
- Voice and Influence (Bradford East)
- Volunteering (Shipley)

Appended to Document "D" was a description of the work that had taken place during 2014-15 in regard to each of those areas of work together with some plans for developing that work during 2015-16.

In attendance at the meeting were a number of young people from the Keighley district who reported their experiences and how they had benefitted from the youth provision in the area.

Experience gained through volunteering opportunities was reported and had enabled two of the young people to undertake a Community Sports Leaders Award. The skills learnt were now being used to deliver activities for other young people. Sports sessions for groups of up to 20 young people aged 7 to 16 held at Nab Wood Sports Centre were reported and together with a recent session teaching young people to skate those sessions were cited as examples of how the volunteers had been able to be of benefit to other young people with the provision of skills they had gained from volunteering with the service.

A young person who had previously been Not in Education or Training (NEET) explained how he had been encouraged to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh Award Project following talks with others who had been in a similar position to himself and he recounted the positive experience he had gained from that project. Work undertaken as part of Black History Month and the Black Health Forum providing accreditation for young people to use towards college and university entrance was also discussed.

Members questioned the venues where the Duke of Edinburgh Award Project was being offered and expressed concern at the lack of venues providing that project in the Keighley district. In response it was explained that a lack of qualified leaders had limited the venues where the award could be provided. Assurances that the next cohort of entrants would be from the Keighley area with the award being facilitated at Oakbank School; University Academy Keighley and Ilkley Grammar School were provided.

The budget provision for the service was discussed and Members were advised that the budget for the forthcoming year was secure and that staff had been recruited in line with that allocation.

A recently elected Member of the Committee questioned how performance was measured and was advised that a report had been presented to the Committee in April 2015 presenting performance on area based activities. In response to discussions about activities for young people Not in Education or Training (NEET) it was confirmed that the performance measures included targets to reduce the young people who were classed as NEET. The Area Co-ordinator agreed to forward a copy of that report to the Member concerned.

The young people were thanked for their informative account of their experiences and were credited for their portrayal of their generation in a positive manner.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, as detailed in Document “D”, be welcomed.**
- (2) The young people present at the meeting be thanked for attending to discuss their experiences of working with the Youth Service in Bradford.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate**

**ACTION: Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services.**

**15. FREESTANDING TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS CURRENTLY All Wards BEING PROCESSED WITHIN THE AREA COMMITTEE BOUNDARY AND PROPOSED NEW STARTS FOR 2015/16.**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, **Document “F”** identified the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) currently being processed that were free standing

(not linked to other major schemes) and recommended a programme of Traffic Regulation Orders to be started in 2015/16.

It was explained that it was not feasible to implement all outstanding requests for TROs requested as the cost would greatly exceed available resources. Appended to Document "F" were details of TROs which were currently being processed where previous Committee approval had been given; locations which were recommended for processing during the 2015/2016 financial year at an estimated cost of £20,000 and other locations where TROs had been requested.

Members indicated their agreement of the schemes recommended for approval but were concerned that no consideration appeared to be given to the production of a parking strategy for the Ilkley Town Centre area. It was felt that ad hoc traffic restrictions would only disperse the problems experienced in the town centre to other locations in the town. It was suggested that the issues caused by commuters using the rail stations in the Ilkley and Ben Rhydding areas should be considered holistically and a comprehensive strategy to control parking for those areas be developed.

Concerns of potential rat running traffic in the Keighley Central Ward were discussed and assurances were provided that consultation on proposed measures would be concluded by the end of September and the issue would be subject to a future committee report.

A Member questioned why a scheme requested four years previously following four accidents in the Broomhill Avenue area had not been recommended for approval and it was agreed to investigate the issue further and respond to that Member after the meeting.

It was agreed that following concerns about Vale Mill Lane, Cross Roads, Keighley, the location be added to the list of schemes where TROs had been requested.

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the commitment to the previously approved and ongoing schemes as detailed in Appendix 1 to Document "F" be confirmed.**
- (2) That the Traffic Regulation Orders shown in Appendix 2 to Document "F" be approved for processing and implementation from the Traffic Regulation Orders Capital budget for 2015/2016.**
- (3) That the Traffic Regulation Orders selected from Appendix 2 of Document "F" be prepared and advertised.**
- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Orders be submitted to this Committee for consideration or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Orders be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (5) That Vale Mill Lane, Cross Roads, Keighley, be added to the list of locations where Traffic Regulation Orders have been requested (Appendix 3 to Document "F").**
- (6) That the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, be requested to investigate the potential for the development of a parking strategy for the Keighley constituency with particular emphasis on the issues created by the rail facilities in the Ilkley and Ben Rhydding areas.**

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

## 16. DEVOLVED BUDGETS – SAFER ROADS SCHEMES

### All Wards

The Strategic Director, Regeneration and Culture, presented a report, (**Document “E”**) which sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for the Keighley constituency for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Members were advised that it had been acknowledged at a West Yorkshire level that there needed to be a re-focus on Casualty Reduction in order to meet the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) reduction target within the Local Transport Plan. Therefore it had been determined (by the Integrated Transport Authority (ITA) Board and resolved by the ITA Committee) that the next three year Implementation Plan (2014-2017) would introduce an evidence-based approach to prioritise a significant proportion of the budget available for Traffic Management measures to address those sites where it was expected that highways improvements would improve safety and reduce casualties.

It was explained that the decision making process would continue through the devolved responsibilities of the Area Committee as resolved at the meeting of the Keighley Area Committee on 22 November 2012. The decision making process should continue to reflect the needs and aspirations of the Local Transport Plan as well as consideration of local priorities.

Document “E” reported that the total budget for the Bradford district for the 2015-2016 financial year was split between the five constituencies and determined on the 2011 census population figures. Members felt that allocating resources in that manner could potentially be unfair and not accurately reflect the need in different constituencies. It was suggested that population together with traffic generation and the length of highways in each constituency would be more a fair assessment of the safety measures required.

In response the evidence based approach required by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority was stressed. Members were advised that every element of the Local Transport Plan was determined on evidence. It was reported that smaller inner city areas may have a smaller volume of cars; however, the frequency of accidents in those areas was higher. The number of those Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) was the highest priority for the Safer Roads Scheme.

The need to educate people on safe road usage was discussed and it was explained that an annual update on Road Safety in Keighley would be discussed at the meeting scheduled for September. In response to questions about the nature of accidents occurring it was confirmed that the characteristics of injuries was considered and those accidents where intervention would have been ineffective in prevention would not be included on the list of recommendations.

Concern that the prescriptive evidence based approach for scheme selection was contradictory to the devolvement of decision making and did not allow for the local knowledge of Members to be utilised was expressed.

Members were advised that it was proposed that an element of consultation on future schemes would be removed. Advertisement would continue but only larger, more contentious, proposals would be the subject of letter drops to residents. It was expected that Elected Members would most likely be called upon to field questions from constituents on proposals in their areas.

The use of social media to convey information was suggested and, in response, it was explained that the expertise was not available and that other local authorities had found that method to be unsuccessful.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendix 2 Priority List to Document “E” be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2015/16 listed in Appendix 3 to Document “E” be approved.**
- (3) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**
- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.**

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

#### **17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS – 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Members were requested to confirm the dates of the meeting for the remainder of the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

**Resolved –**

**That the meetings of the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2015/2016 Municipal Year be held at 1800 hours on the following dates:**

**Thursday 17 September 2015  
Thursday 22 October 2015  
Thursday 3 December 2015  
Thursday 14 January 2016  
Thursday 11 February 2016  
Thursday 24 March 2016  
Thursday 21 April 2016**

**ACTION: 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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