

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday 18 November 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1930

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS
Amran	Collector
Duffy	
Dunbar	
Engel	
Mohammed	
Shaheen	

Observers: Councillors Sykes, Arshad Hussain and Swallow.

Councillor Engel in the Chair**28 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

29 INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

30 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.



31 **PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS
WEST LANE, THORNTON**

**Thornton &
Allerton**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “N”**) considered a petition requesting that the Council introduce traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton.

It was reported that funding for the current financial year from the Committee’s Safer Roads Budget had already been allocated and the petitioners’ request could be included on the list of potential schemes to be considered by this Committee for future funding.

Members were informed that a traffic survey was undertaken in 2014 which showed that the average speed was found to be 28 mph. The accident statistics for the most recent five year period had also been studied and records showed that there had been no injury accidents during this time.

The petitioners attended the meeting and spoke of their concerns about the number of vehicles that travelled at high speed up and down West Lane, Thornton; they stressed that it was a dangerous situation, due to the number of children who played in the area and that some sort of traffic calming measures were needed.

A Ward Member stressed measures needed to be in place before any injury occurred and that actual speed needed measuring rather than considering the average speed.

A short discussion was held on the difficulty in crossing West Lane and whether anything could be considered to alleviate that.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the request to traffic calm West Lane be added to the Bradford West Area Committee’s list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.**
- (2) **That the petitioners are informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration

32 **POLICING ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT**

**All Wards in
Bradford West**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “M”**) informed Members of new policing arrangements for the Bradford District. Members were invited to consider how the Area Committee could work with the police and partners to improve community safety for neighbourhoods and communities.

It was reported that in line with national reductions in police budgets, West Yorkshire Police was reviewing its structures and operating models used for policing. During the review, it had been recognised that the dedicated problem solving approach had been extremely effective in reducing demand and tackling local concerns. As a result of this success the new model would double the number of dedicated problem solving police constables. The problem solving constables would become police ward officers. There would now be 25 police ward officers in the five constituencies; Bradford West 6, Bradford East 6, Bradford South 6, Shipley 3 and Keighley 4.

It was anticipated that Council ward officers and police ward officers would work closely together, bringing wider partners together at ward partnership/officer team meetings.



Members were informed that Council staff and the Police Ward Officers would be working together at the Neighbourhood Team Support Hub based in Jacob's Well.

A Member stressed the importance of communication with Ward Members in keeping them informed of issues taking place in their areas.

Resolved –

That Members of the Committee continue to inform the relevant Police Ward Officer of any issues/concerns that arise in their wards that the Police need to be aware of.

33 PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE FLOWER BEDS

**All Wards in
Bradford West**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "O"**) provided an update on the Parks and Green Spaces Service proposals with regard to the change in flower bed provision in the Bradford West Area.

There was a discussion on whether flower beds in some areas could be used to grow food if requested by residents.

In response it was reported that officers would be happy to promote such requests in areas where it was possible.

The importance of promoting sponsorship from businesses for flower beds etc was stressed.

Members were informed of a company who supplied wooden planters twice a year through sponsorship.

A discussion was also held on whether sites that were owned by the Council that were hot spots from fly tipping could be used as community allotments.

Resolved –

- (1) That the content of Document "O" be noted and the proposals for each flower bed as detailed in Appendix 1, attached to the report be approved.**
- (2) That officers from the Parks and Green Spaces Service be thanked for the work undertaken.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport



The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document "O"**) outlined a year long 'People Can Make a Difference' campaign that the Area Committee was being asked to actively contribute to. The 'People Can' campaign aimed to highlight the contributions of communities within the Bradford District and build on these strengths, as part of the New Deal. The success of 'People Can' would be determined by the energy and commitment that every individual could contribute.

It was reported that the overall aims of the campaign in 2016 was to:

- Increase the awareness of existing community strengths.
- Stimulate a conversation on how communities and services could work more effectively together.
- Increase the number of people volunteering and involved in community action.
- Help develop a more self-sustaining community sector.

People can make a difference would focus on four priority themes:

- Neighbourliness.
- Joint local action.
- Formal volunteering.
- Fundraising for community activities.

There was a discussion on how the success of the campaign would be measured.

Members commented on a number of issues which included:

- How would the Committee encourage Members to be engaged?
- How were communities going to be engaged?
- Who co-ordinated any fund raising?
- How would the campaign be delivered?
- In terms of the volunteering role how would you recruit younger people without resources?
- Community stars was a good initiative that offered good rewards for voluntary work.
- It was a good idea in principle but how would it become a success.
- How was the campaign going to be implemented? There was no explanation in the report on how it would be delivered.
- How would certain areas be supported and encouraged to be involved?
- How was joint local action going to happen?
- How were faith groups going to be involved?
- Officers needed to lead on New Deal with the support of Members.
- There was no mention of the Youth Service and what they could do; Youth Service contribution should not be ignored.
- Schools needed to be used more.
- There was no mention of community cohesion in the report.
- More information was needed on practicalities of undertaking community activities.
- The community needed to be given skills on how to write a bid and apply for funding.



In response to Members' questions it was reported that the campaign work would be undertaken through wardens, ward officers, Community Development workers, youth workers; there were a number of officers that could support this work. Further work was ongoing on the issues raised by Members.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the People Can Make a Difference campaign be supported in principle.**
- (2) **That the Area Coordinator with the support of the Area Committee, develops activities that reflect New Deal principles during the designated month (as detailed in paragraph 3.12 of Document "P") and where appropriate makes a contribution to other months.**
- (3) **That the Area Co-ordinator in consultation with the Grants Advisory Group identifies funding to support the People Can Make a Difference campaign in line with the Ward Plans.**
- (4) **That Officers co-ordinating the People Can Make a Difference campaign acknowledge the value of the Youth Service, Schools and Play Teams in making this scheme a success in conjunction with partners and other stakeholders.**

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.

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

