

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Thursday 28 January 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1925

**PRESENT – Councillors**

<b>LABOUR</b>	<b>BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS</b>	<b>CONSERVATIVE</b>
Amran	Collector	Sykes
Duffy		
Engel		
Imran Hussain		
Shabir Hussain		
Mohammad Shabbir		
Shaheen		

Observer: Councillor Dunbar.

**Councillor Engel in the Chair**

**35. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The following disclosures in matters under consideration were received:

Councillor Sykes disclosed that he was a friend and colleague of the late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford, Valerie Binney (Minute 40).

Councillor Collector disclosed that her parents lived in a property located on a road which was the subject of a Traffic Regulation Order (Minute 41)

Councillors Amran, I Hussain and Shabbir disclosed that they owned properties which were being renovated and were currently unoccupied (Minute 42).

As the disclosures were made on the basis of transparency those Members remained in the meeting during consideration and voting on the items.



## 36. MINUTES

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meetings held on 24 June, 16 September, 21 October and 18 November 2015 be signed as correct records (previously circulated).**

## 37. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

## 38. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 39. PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS ON ALTAR DRIVE Heaton

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “O”**) considered a petition requesting that the Council introduce various measures to reduce traffic flows and speed and to improve road safety on Altar Drive, Heaton.

The report detailed two traffic surveys which had been carried out on Altar Drive. The surveys had revealed that the speeds were low and had not changed significantly over the two year period between the two separate surveys. It was also reported that the average traffic flow had not changed in that two year period. Difficulties in implementing a road closure in that location were explained together with the adverse effect that the installation of yellow lines had in residential areas.

It was reported that minor repairs had been carried out on the road surface of Altar Drive and that the provision of gates would only be considered in the most severe cases where crime or antisocial behaviour was taking place and then only on back streets or alley ways. The report also stated that in view of the low speeds and limited potential benefits in terms of casualty reduction traffic measures could not be justified on Altar Drive at the present time.

Representatives of the petitioners were in attendance and addressed the meeting.

They maintained that Members had received inaccurate information regarding their requests. It was stated that their request for traffic calming measures was the third request in ten years to be made without success.

It was reported that the petitioners had conducted a survey in September 2015 giving residents an opportunity to state if they were in favour of traffic calming. There was also the opportunity for residents to identify the type of measures they would like to see. That process had resulted in 15 different suggestions about the type of measures preferred.



In the light of limited budgets and taking account of the contradictory nature of some of the proposals the petitioners had met with Council officers and limited the request for traffic calming measures to three acceptable measures. Those were the installation of double yellow lines at the corners of each end of Altar Drive; flashing 20mph signs to act as a visible reminder to motorists to slow down and two large wide speed humps at either side of the central turning circle to slow the traffic. In addition they had asked that Altar Drive be considered as part of a co-ordinated approach to road safety in Heaton as a whole as they did not wish for traffic calming measures in Altar Road to divert traffic problems elsewhere.

In response to the traffic survey data it was stressed that speeds of 19.5 miles per hour appeared to be very fast to pedestrians on the pavement because of the single file traffic and narrowness of the road. It was stressed that the maximum speeds recorded were likely to kill any pedestrian who had the misfortune to be crossing the road at the same as a vehicle travelling at 40 miles per hour. With regard to daily traffic flows it was believed that these amounted to approximately three vehicles every two minutes during peak times and that those peak times coincided with the times children, their parents and other adults would be accessing Altar Drive to take children to school. It was maintained that children attending near by St Bede's and St Joseph's College may not always stick to the footpath and incidents where damage had been caused by cars, although not recorded as road casualties, had occurred. The necessity for traffic calming measures before someone was killed or injured was stressed and Members were urged to support the residents' request.

A local Ward Member who had met with the residents confirmed his agreement with the residents and their requests. He raised concerns that, despite Document "O" suggesting that Ward Members had been consulted he had not been included in that consultation.

Members agreed that the speeds were increasing in that location and reported occasions when vehicles had been witnessed speeding in the area. The potential to reduce speeding traffic with the installation of 'rumble strips' was discussed, however, Members were advised that due to the noise produced from those measures their installation was not advised within 200 metres of residential properties.

It was suggested that the issue could be deferred to allow more information to be gathered, however, Members were concerned about further delay which could arise if the item was deferred. It was agreed that the request be added to the list of potential schemes for inclusion on the Safer Roads Scheme Programme.

#### **Resolved –**

**That the request for traffic calming measures on Altar Drive be added to Bradford West Area Committee's list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme subject to funding being available.**

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



40. **STREET DEDICATION TO HONOUR THE LATE  
FORMER COUNCILLOR AND LORD MAYOR  
OF BRADFORD VALERIE BINNEY**

**Thornton &  
Allerton**

This report of the Development Manager (**Document “Q”**) considered a proposal to name a new street after the “Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney”.

It was reported that a developer and Councillor Malcolm Sykes would like the dedication to honour the Late former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford Valerie Binney by registering a new street in her name at the Chevet Mount Development at Allerton Lane Bradford.

Tributes were paid to the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor by her Ward colleagues and other Members. The tributes included testament to her dedication to community service; her lifelong commitment to the city and her honourable principles. Stories were told of her pleasant disposition and her willingness to help her colleagues and all who came into contact with her during her long association with the district.

It was agreed that her family be advised when the street naming process would take place. Members also requested that they be informed when the street naming process would occur so they could be involved in the ceremony.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the proposed street name “Valerie Binney Drive” for the residential development 15/00326/S3 Land West of Chevet Mount Bradford, as outlined in Document “Q” be approved.**
- (2) **That the Strategic Director, Regeneration, be requested to advise the family of the Late Former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Bradford, and Bradford West Area Committee Members, when the street naming process will occur.**

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

41. **OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE  
TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR  
WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS  
ROADS IN THE BRADFORD WEST CONSTITUENCY**

**City  
Heaton  
Manningham**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “P”**) considered objections and suggested modifications to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on various roads in the Bradford West Constituency.

A number of objections; modifications and letters of support had been received following the formal advertising process and a summary of those points and corresponding officer comments was provided.



**Resolved –**

- (1) That the objections to Ash Mount, Denby Street, Grantham Road, Haworth Road, and Wilmer Road be overruled.
- (2) That the proposed waiting restriction on Spencer Road be amended to 8am to 6pm waiting limited to 1 hour no return within 1 hour except permit holders. That any valid objections to the revised proposals be reported back to the Bradford West Area Committee for their consideration. If there are no valid objections the Order be sealed and implemented.
- (3) That the request for additional parking on White Abbey Road be noted by the Bradford West Area Committee.
- (4) That the objections to Heaton Road and Retford Place be upheld.
- (5) That the draft Traffic Regulation Order be modified as shown on drawing No.s R/S/BW/102702/CON-25B attached as Appendix 2 and R/S/BW/102702/CON-28C attached as Appendix 3 to Document “P”.
- (6) That the modified Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented.
- (7) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

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

**42. DISTRICT PLAN AND COUNCIL PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

**All Wards in  
Bradford West**

The report of the Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change (**Document “R”**) provided a summary of the approach taken in the development of the District Plan and Council Plan, and sought member input at the drafting stage. It was explained that the District Plan would identify how partner organisations across the district would contribute to the delivery of shared outcomes. The Council Plan would identify the Council’s contribution to the District Plan.

The opinion of Members that Council’s were being forced to deliver more whilst facing a reduction in resources was expressed. In light of diminishing resources it was stressed that public consultation must be undertaken in a meaningful way and assurances that all residents were able to input into the process were sought.

In response Members were assured that equality impact work was undertaken and measures had been carried out with the Bradford District Partnership to focus on equality and provide a strategic oversight of the district. A variety of public engagement events had begun 18 months ago and included, amongst many other measures, “have a natter” sessions which were one to one conversations asking residents what they thought were important and what would make a difference to them. Themed activities and weeks had been organised and engagement with faith based groups to support the concept of ‘new deal’ had also been held. Young people’s consultation events had been arranged. It was



agreed to provide a report with more detail on public engagement within the next few months.

Members questioned the intentions beyond the four year lifetime of the plans and it was explained the four year timescale had been decided as a manageable timescale and it fit in with the comprehensive spending review cycle. It was acknowledged that some aspirations would be beyond that timescale.

A fear that the consultation could be tokenistic was raised and the necessity to consult with young people in a meaningful way was reiterated. It was suggested that an event being held on 16 February by Bradford College would be a useful method to assess the views of young people and Members were assured that connections had been made to that event. Bradford University were also involved in the development and drafting of the Plan.

The use of social media as a communication method was discussed and it was agreed to include evidence of that channel of communication in the future public engagement report.

The potential to assess the views of the authorities Looked After Children was suggested and links to the Born in Bradford study were also discussed.

It was agreed that time constraints at the meeting were not conducive to the provision of a thorough response to the questions contained in Document R. It was agreed that Member responses would be provided in due course. The Strategic Director was thanked for the provision of an informative report and the Ward Officers were also thanked for their support.

#### **Resolved –**

#### **That in due course Area Committee Members would:-**

- (i) Provide their views on the questions listed in section 3.4, as outlined in Document “R”.**
- (ii) Provide suggestions of questions to ask through the ongoing public engagement activity, as outlined in section 3.15 in Document “R”.**
- (iii) Comment on the key aspects of the ward plans that should be reflected in the Council and District Plans.**
- (iv) Provide their thoughts on how the ward plans and their development could be more systematically connected to the Council and District Plans as outlined in section 3.18 in Document “R”.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change***

Chair

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

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