

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

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PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS	CONSERVATIVE
Amran	Collector	Sykes
Azam		
Shabir Hussain		
M Shabbir		
Swallow		
Thirkill		

Observer: Councillor Dunbar

Apologies: Councillors Engel and Shaheen

Councillor Azam in the Chair

49. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures in matters under consideration were received:

- Councillors Swallow and Thirkill disclosed that they were ward Members in relation to the Petition for the Adoption and Repair of Thornton View Road, Clayton Bradford (Minute 52).
- The Chair disclosed that he was a resident of a street listed in the Highway Maintenance Non-Classified Roads And Surface Dressing Allocation For Bradford West - 2016/17 item (Minute 56).

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

50. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

51. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

52. PETITION FOR THE ADOPTION AND REPAIR OF THORNTON VIEW ROAD, CLAYTON, BRADFORD



The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “V”**) considered a petition for the Adoption of Thornton View Road, and outlined the current formal Private Street Works Procedure and offers two alternatives and one recommendation.

The Principal Engineer gave a synopsis of the report.

The Chair then invited the petitioner to make representations to the Committee. He commenced by thanking the Committee for being allowed to make representations.

He highlighted that he was sympathetic to the fact that the Council was going through a difficult financial cuts and this request could not have come at a more difficult time but it was a necessary call for the sake of pedestrians using Thornton View Road. Of course the road was of no direct benefit to himself or his colleagues but the road was used as an essential access to get to and from the Islamic Independent Secondary Boarding School which began operating in 1992. The members of the community had a right to access and walked daily through the road, spent a significant amount of time on the road but the problem being the health hazards on Thornton View Road and the fact that this street gave a negative image for the Council and therefore it was urged that this road be adopted for the sake of improving its present condition.

A question and answer session ensued:

- Was the Council not obliged to repair the inadequate street lighting on Thornton View Road, as highlighted in the report?
 - This was correct as the Council was only obliged to maintain the lighting;
- What if the street lighting required changing?
 - If there was a danger then it would be replaced by the Council;
- Why were other aspects of the road’s poor state of repair not mentioned in the report such as the implications of flooding which had been as the result of poor drainage from Council adopted streets?
 - Any repairs due would be the responsibility of the residents on Thornton View Road; and,
- How many accidents had occurred on Thornton View Road?
 - This was not recorded for streets that were not adopted by the Council.

During the discussion, the Committee highlighted that issues had been raised previously with officers in relation to properties on Pasture Lane and as a result it was confirmed that problems were the result of poor drainage. The land drainage of the road had to be considered because water was flowing from Council adopted streets onto Thornton View Road. There were clear signs of flooding and deterioration of the road but there was a lack of information contained in the report such as the financial cost of improvement to bring the road back to standard.

Resolved –

That a further report be presented to the July 2016 meeting of this Area Committee, which details the costs involved in repairing Thornton View Road as well as what other funding streams could be utilised to facilitate repairs.

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

**53. PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS –
CYCLE LANE (LONGSIDE LANE)**

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “W”**) considered a petition requesting that the Council introduce a contra-flow cycle lane on the one way section of Longside Lane, Bradford.



The Senior Engineer was in attendance and presented the report to the Committee.

The Chair then invited the petitioner, who was the Chair of the Bradford Cycling Company, to make representations to the Committee. He commenced by thanking the Committee for being allowed to address the Committee.

He stated that the university had more cyclists than any other organisation and it was not logical why Longside Lane, in the heart of the university area only had a one way system and without a cycle lane. Cyclists were presently taking detours on Hey Street which was poorly marked, the visibility was poor. Common sense prevailing, the implementation of a one way system was the right way forward.

The Committee sought explanation as to the reasons why a cycle lane not been installed at the time of a one way system implementation. In response, it was said that reasons were unknown as to the non implementation, nevertheless a one way cycle lane would not be expensive to install should the Committee wished to move forward with the proposal and this action would be tied to another scheme during the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). In addition, a consultation would be required due to the TRO.

During the discussion, the Committee was in agreement that cyclists could be put in harms way with passing motorists overtaking too closely and therefore the implementation of a cycle lane would be the ideal solution.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the proposal to introduce un-segregated two-way cycling on Longside Lane between the junctions of Richmond Road and Hey Street be added to the list of potential schemes for inclusion in a future Safer Roads Schemes Programme, subject to funding being available.**
- (2) **That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.**

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

54. A BRIEFING TO AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON CHANGES TO THE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “X”**) was a briefing note that highlighted the key changes to the Council's domestic waste collection arrangements following the introduction of the Council's Domestic Waste and Recycling Policy (DWARP).

Resolved –

That the contents of Document “X” be noted.

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

55. NEW DEAL PROGRAMME: ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The report of the Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change (**Document “Y”**) provides an update on actions that build on the findings from the first engagement in New Deal; a summary of initial findings from the second phase of engagement; and, an indication of developing plans for further approaches to engagement.

The Business Transformation Officer gave a synopsis of the report.



The Committee sought clarification on the significant number of negative comments received during the 'Outcome Themed Communication Weeks' around the subject of alternative week bin collections; and, how did officers intended to progress with this feedback. In response, proposals to move to alternate week bin collection were being consulted on as part of the budget proposals. The purpose of the programme was to gain an insight into what the people wanted and feedback into the programme.

During the discussion, the Committee made the following comments. It was about getting people to engage within this process so that they could give Council important feedback on what they wished for in their communities. People had always maintained a strong interest in their wish to get involved and requested ideas on how to get involved by eliminating bureaucracy. Educating people was a key element within the programme.

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of Document “Y” be noted.**
- (2) That the feedback from residents be welcomed and acknowledged.**
- (3) That engaging with residents, businesses and stakeholders about ways of working differently, and feeding any relevant findings into the New Deal programme be continued by the Bradford West Area Committee.**
- (4) That following completion of the consultation process, a report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management
ACTION: Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change

56. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD WEST - 2016/17

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “Z”**) provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding for 2015/16 – 2016/17 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites for 2016/17.

The Principal Engineer was in attendance and gave a synopsis of the report.

The Committee sought explanation as to list of programmes that required surface dressing, as listed in Appendix 3. In response, it was important to seal old road surfaces every 7 to 10 years and therefore surface dressing being required. It was further queried whether the potholes on Oxford Street would be repaired before they weakened the road. The Principal Engineer confirmed that covering the potholes would be included in the proposed programme.

Resolved –

That the proposed programme of works for 2016/17 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3, attached to Document “Z” be approved.

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

Chair

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

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