

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 26 November 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1700

Concluded 1900

**PRESENT – Councillors**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Carmody	Ferriby	Robinson
	Jabar	
	Tariq Hussain	
	Tait	
	Wainwright	
	Warburton	

**Apologies:** Councillor Peart**Councillor Ferriby in the Chair****28. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interest of clarity:

- (i) Councillors Ferriby, Jabar, Robinson, Tait and Warburton in relation to the item on Flower Beds (Minute 35) as members of a park friends group in the Bradford South Area.
- (ii) Councillors Ferriby and Warburton in relation to the item on Local Highway Maintenance (Minute 36) and the Scheme pertaining to Northside Terrace, as they were Members of the Governing Body at Appleton Academy.

***ACTION: Interim City Solicitor*****29. MINUTES****Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2015 be signed as a correct record.**



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### 30. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 31. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

### 32. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO A PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR VARIOUS SITES IN BRADFORD SOUTH

Wyke  
Tong  
Royds

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “L”**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for various parking restrictions in the Bradford South constituency.

The Principal Engineer reminded Members that a Traffic Regulation Order had been approved by this Area Committee in October 2014 for 14 sites in the Bradford South area, and that following publication of the Order, a number of objections had been received and that in the light of the concerns raised a number of the schemes had been modified slightly.

A resident of Elizabeth Avenue was present at the meeting and stated that the proposals for the Avenue would cause him and his neighbours a number of problems as there were already parking problems in the vicinity of his property, and he suggested that the parking bays outside his property should be removed together with a reduction to the length of the proposed double yellow lines to facilitate ease of parking. He also suggested an introduction of a permit parking scheme for the area in order to solve the parking issue on Elizabeth Avenue.

In response to the issues raised by the objector, the Principal Engineer explained that the proposals would improve vehicle and pedestrian safety at the junction of Elizabeth Avenue and Huddersfield Road and that the parking bays would reduce vehicle speeds. In response to the request for permit parking, it was stressed that Elizabeth Avenue did not currently meet the requirements for the scheme, and that there was currently no restrictions to parking on Elizabeth Avenue.

In relation to the proposals for Toftshaw Lane, a Member stated that the proposals for Toftshaw Lane would build on measures that had already been implemented and he expressed his thanks to the businesses that had cooperated with the Council to address residents' concerns.

After a lengthy discussion and advice from the Principal Engineer, Members were happy to accede to the Elizabeth Avenue objector's request and it was therefore:

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the objectors in respect of Huddersfield Road, Elizabeth Avenue and Toftshaw Lane be overruled and 102765 Various Bradford South 2014-15 order be sealed and implemented as advertised subject to the revisions detailed in paragraph 2.5 and 2.6 to Document “L”, and subject to the removal of the marked**



**parking bays and reduction of the length of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Elizabeth Avenue to terminate these at a point in line with the eastern corner of the double garage adjacent to no.477 Huddersfield Road.**

**(2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Sport)

### **33. BIG LOCAL – SCHOLEMOOR AND LIDGET GREEN**

### **Great Horton**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “Q”**) which informed the Area Committee on progress to develop the Greenmoor Big Local Programme.

Members of the Big Local Board were present at the meeting, including the Chair of the Board, who gave a summary of the achievements so far, during which he highlighted the following:

- That the Management Board met regularly, with local people drawn from across the Big Local area.
- That a Community Plan had been created, printed and distributed following consultation.
- Task groups led by Members of the Board including local people and stakeholders had been set up. These task groups were beginning to show greater appreciation of the issues affecting the area and deciding on strategies to resolve them.
- A part time Community Engagement Worker had also been appointed.
- That 6 themes for improvements to the area had been decided around safer and stronger, healthier happier, richer, not poorer, cleaner and greener, Eastern European engagement and youth engagement.
- That projects through the small grants programme had been funded to engage in healthy activities.
- That 2 Eastern European projects had been set up to engage with these new communities.
- That a partnership had been set up to deliver youth activities.
- Environmental Projects had included litter education, allotment projects with partners to improve specific areas.
- Spencer Fields Projects had allocated money for lighting to improve access to this vital green open space in an area of high density housing.
- That the first AGM of Greenmoor Local had taken place, as well as the launch of the first annual report. In addition, as per the terms of the Community Partnership Board, a third of the board members retired at the AGM and four new residents, and one new elected member had joined the Board.



The Chair welcomed the progress that had been made by the Big Local since its inception and she welcomed the number of volunteers recruited and the good partnership working.

In response to a question on the area covered by Big Local and how the money was allocated, the Chair of Big Local Board stated that the majority of Scholemoor and Lidget Green were covered by the Project. In addition the Board looked at priorities and that the views of residents was key in determining which projects should be supported, as this was intended to be a residents led process.

In relation to a question how community engagement work was undertaken, it was explained that this work was done via Cnet, who made contact with local residents and encouraged participation.

In response to a question on the lack of representation from the Eastern European community on the Big Local Board, it was stressed that work was ongoing to try and encourage engagement within this community.

In response to a question on inspection and auditing of the work undertaken by Big Local, the Chair of the Board stressed that Cnet ensured that the money was spent correctly and that they also audited the financial accounts.

In relation to a question on what would be the legacy of Big Local, the Chair of the Board highlighted that 2 projects in particular were regarded as prominent projects that had yielded multiple benefits, the project pertaining to lighting on Spencer Fields, and also a youth project in the area.

#### **Resolved -**

- (1) That the recommendations outlined in Document “Q” be adopted.**
- (2) That the report be welcomed and that all those involved in the Big Local project be thanked on the progress made.**
- (3) That a progress report be submitted to this Area Committee in 12 months time.**

**ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport**

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

#### **34. POLICING ACROSS BRADFORD DISTRICT**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “M”**) which 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.

In explaining the new policing arrangements set out in the report, the Police Superintendent stated that they were aimed at enhancing the current arrangements by reconfiguring the current shift patterns and investing in the deployment of a number of dedicated Problem Solving PCs, as it had become evident during the review that the dedicated problem solving approach had been extremely effective in reducing demands and tackling local concerns.



In response to a question on the new policing model, it was explained that there was an impetus to try and share more information on crime details with other partners, but that this was still in the process of being developed.

Members in welcoming the new arrangements highlighted the effectiveness of the new arrangements in their wards and in particular the impact of the Problem Solving PCs.

**Resolved -**

**That the report be welcomed and that the Bradford South Area Policing Team be thanked for their work in the Bradford South Area and the wider Bradford district.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

### **35. PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE FLOWER BEDS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “N”**) which provided an update on the Parks and Green Spaces Service proposals with regard to the change in flower bed provision in the Bradford South Area.

The Chair in welcoming the proposed planting arrangements, stressed the importance of undertaking consultation with the community and with Ward Members, which had now resulted in better proposals.

Members also welcomed the improvements in overall service provision and thanked officers for their engagement with Ward Members.

**Resolved -**

**(1) That the report be welcomed and that the proposals for each flower bed as detailed in Appendix 1 to Document “N” be approved.**

**(2) That the Service be thanked for the consultation work undertaken on these proposals and the excellent progress made in the delivery of the Service across the Bradford South area.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Sport)



## 36. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE – DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The Strategic Director Regeneration submitted a report (**Document “O”**) which detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance (LHM) function and allocated resources.

It also updated the committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year.

In relation to a question on the damage caused by vehicles parking on pavements and grass verges and what action could be taken against vehicle owners, the Principal Highways Maintenance Engineer explained that a number of measures had been taken to try and deal with this problem, such as replacing flag stones by tarmacing pavements, however unless there was specific parking restrictions it was difficult to enforce.

In response to a question on the work done to the road surface by the utilities companies and what level of quality assurance process existed, it was pointed out that any defects that developed to the road surface within a 12 month period following maintenance work would be remedied by the respective company, and in addition Inspectors would ensure the initial work to the road surface was done to the required standard.

In relation to a number of questions on potholes, the Highways Maintenance Engineer stressed the need to report problems to the Council in the first instance and that more sturdy repairs were undertaken to ensure the pothole did not reappear following a repair.

### **Resolved -**

- (1) **That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.**
- (2) **That the indicative costs to date for the current financial year be noted.**
- (3) **That the list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6 to Document “O” be approved.**

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture*

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Sport)

## 37. ‘PEOPLE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE’: CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE STRONG AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “P”**) which 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 we can all contribute.



The Executive Assistant for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety was present at the meeting and stated that the campaign built on the principles of New Deal by supporting communities to maintain services in their area, in addition how we as community leaders could support communities to facilitate this by motivating and encouraging people.

The Chair stated that she was supportive of the campaign and that work of this nature had been undertaken in her Ward for a number of years.

Members welcomed the initiative and how it could improve the reputation and respect for the work of the Council.

**Resolved -**

- (1) That the People Can Make a Difference campaign be supported.**
- (2) That the Area Committee, with the support of the Area Coordinator, develops a good offer during their designated month and where appropriate makes a contribution to other months.**
- (3) That youth workers encourage young people to get involved in the campaign.**
- (4) That the Area Committee members encourage all elected Members to get involved in the campaign.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

### **38. 2015/16 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WARD BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “R”**) which outlined proposed Christmas celebration projects in Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards and requested decisions on funding.

The Area Coordinator tabled a list of projects that had requested funding, with a proviso that projects in the Queensbury Ward be given until Monday 30 November 2015 to submit their proposals, and it was therefore:

**Resolved -**

**That the proposed projects outlined in Document “R” and tabled at the meeting be endorsed.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)



### 39. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN 2014-17 UPDATE

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “S”**) which outlined the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

In welcoming the Action Plan Members expressed their thanks to the different services that worked in the Bradford South area and to the contribution and difference they had made and it was therefore:

#### **Resolved -**

**(1) That the report be welcomed and that the Area Committee expresses its thanks to the officers in the Area office, Wardens, the Youth Service and the Clean Teams for their hard work.**

**(2) That the work of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the period 1 April to 30 September 2015 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 be noted.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

### 40. 2015/16 BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

#### **Resolved -**

**That consideration of Document “T” be deferred to the next meeting of the Area Committee.**

***ACTION: Interim City Solicitor / Area Coordinator***

(Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate)

Chair

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

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