

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800
Concluded 1930

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR	BRADFORD INDEPENDENTS	CONSERVATIVE
Amran	Collector	Sykes
Azam		
Duffy		
Dunbar		
Engel		
M Shabbir		
Shaheen		

Observer: Councillor Arshad Hussain (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Engel in the Chair

57. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

- (i) Councillors M Shabbir and Shaheen in relation to the item on Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost Grants (Minute 61), as they both worked in the voluntary sector.
- (ii) Councillor Engel in relation to the item on the Safer Roads Scheme (Minute 60), as she lived in close proximity to some of the proposed schemes.

ACTION: *Interim City Solicitor*

58. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

59. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions submitted by the public.

60. DEVOLVED BUDGET – SAFER ROADS SCHEME

The report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration (**Document “AB”**) sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford West for the 2016/17 financial year.



The Principal Engineer explained that the funding would be split 70% for casualty reduction schemes and 30% for locally determined scheme, with the primary aim of reducing casualties and injuries.

In relation to the casualty figures pertaining to Toller Lane, a Member queried whether this related to pedestrian injuries only. In response the Principal Engineer stated that this figure also included injuries to drivers and passengers.

A Member stated that in relation to the casualty figures on Allerton Road / Greenbank Road, the figures in the report did not accurately reflect the true picture in this area, as there had been a recent increase in the number of accidents. In response the Principal Engineer stated that it was possible that these incidents had not been updated on the system.

In response to a question on the type of scheme proposed for Greenbank Road, it was explained that a one way system incorporating a footway build out was being proposed, however no detailed design had been undertaken at this stage.

A Member suggested that the Little Horton Green/ Little Horton Lane scheme (Bollards outside School - £4,450 estimate) should be substituted with the St Margaret's Road/ Terrace/ Place permit parking scheme (£5,000 estimate).

In response to a question on how the proposed list of traffic management schemes listed in Appendix 2 had been compiled, the Principal Engineer explained that this was as a result of requests made by Ward members and suggestions by members of the public.

A Member suggested that prior to undertaking the Wilsden Road / West Avenue scheme that officers explore if funding for this scheme could be funded through developer contributions from a nearby housing development. He also highlighted the differential speed limits on Thornton Road and suggested that this required better management, particularly in the vicinity of schools fronting Thornton Road.

Resolved –

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2016/17 listed in Appendix 1 to Document "AB" be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programme of Casualty Reduction and Traffic Management schemes for 2016/17 listed in Appendices 1 and 2 to Document "AB" be approved, subject to substituting the Little Horton Green/ Little Horton Lane scheme (Bollards outside School - £4,450 estimate) listed in Appendix 2 with the St Margaret's Road/ Terrace/ Place permit parking scheme (£5,000 estimate) set out in Appendix 4 to Document "AB".**
- (3) That a further report be presented to the Bradford West Area Committee to update members on progress with the 2016/17 schemes programme and give consideration to the allocation of any residual funding.**
- (4) 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.**
- (5) 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.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Regeneration

(Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee)



61. **BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORE COST GRANTS 2015/17 PROGRESS UPDATE**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “AC”**) outlined the work of Community Development Workers on behalf of the four grant funded organisations during the period April 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities set out within the Bradford West Area Committee Ward Plans 2015/16.

A number of Community Development Workers were present at the meeting representing the four grant funded organisations, to provide an overview of the work undertaken and respond to Members' questions.

A Member in welcoming the report and acknowledging the achievements stressed that the main issue was about continuing this work in the context of restrained budgets.

Members commended the work of the Community Development Workers in their respective wards and how communities had benefited as a result.

A Member and Ward Councillor for City Ward expressed his reservations that Community Development work had been patchy in his ward and that he was under the impression that this work would be split equally across Toller and City Ward. In response a Community Development Worker clarified that work was taking place in both wards, however it was important not to duplicate work and undertake priority work where it was required.

Concerns were expressed by a number of Members on the future funding arrangements in this area, and in order to continue community development work it was suggested that alternative external funding streams should be explored to create a self sufficient model, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) **That the work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the four commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to March 2016 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford West Ward Plans 2015/16 be noted.**
- (2) **That this Area Committee welcomes and acknowledges the work undertaken by the Community Development Workers, however it expresses concerns at the future funding of CD work, and therefore request that the Area Coordinator's office explores possible external funding streams and reports back to this Committee in 6 months time.**

ACTION: *Bradford West Area Coordinator*

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

62. **DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION**

The report of the Strategic Director, Environment and Sport (**Document “AA”**) provided an update for 2015/16 on the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which included Bradford West, but was not specific to any one constituency area.

The Youth Service Advanced Practitioner was present at the meeting, together with a number of young people to provide an overview of the work undertaken and respond to Members questions.



The Advanced Practitioner stated that 5 thematic plans around the Duke of Edinburgh Award, Equality and Diversity, Information, Advice and Guidance, Voice and Influence and Volunteering and Accreditation had been developed and that they were progressing well, despite the financial pressures facing the service.

Youth Workers gave a flavour of the work being undertaken within the Bradford West area which included developing skills, sports activities, tackling youth offending and residential work.

In addition to this, the Advanced Practitioner explained that within Bradford West, work had been taking place to address under representation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award within the Black and Minority Ethnic communities as well as amongst Asian girls and that as a result of this work, participation rates had now increased significantly. Work to encourage voter registration amongst young people was also alluded to as well as volunteer development.

A Member expressed his thanks to the Youth Service and the exciting work that had been done and he urged that this work continues into the future to ensure that the voice of young people is heard.

Members acknowledged the financial difficulties facing the Service; however they agreed that this Area Committee would continue to champion the cause of the Youth Service.

Resolved –

- (1) That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service as detailed in Document “AA” be welcomed and its work commended, and that this Area Committee recognises the difference the Service makes to the lives of young people in the district.**

- (2) That this Area Committee appreciates the difficulties facing the Youth Service and that it will work hard to help the Service and the young people going forward.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

63. BRADFORD WEST WARD PLANS

The report of the Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods and Customer Services (**Document “AD”**) presented six Ward Plans for consideration by the Area Committee with a view to their adoption in 2016/2017.

A Member expressed his reservations on how the Ward Plans reflected outcomes in reality and how we managed expectations going forward. The Area Coordinator stated that normally the progress report on the Ward Plans would clearly set out progress.

A Member suggested that as an Area Committee it might be more useful to look at the Ward Plans every three years, rather than on an annual basis and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the six Ward Plans set out in Document “AD” be approved and adopted.**



- (2) That Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations be required to support the implementation of the Ward Plans.
- (3) That the Area Co-ordinator be requested to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Ward Plans.
- (4) That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator reports back to this Area Committee on the progress in addressing the priorities contained in the Ward Plans in 12 months time.
- (5) That the possibility of submitting Ward Plans every 3 years, with an annual refresh and outcomes report be explored by the Area Coordinator.

ACTION: *Bradford West Area Coordinator*

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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

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