

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1805
Concluded 1915

Present – Councillors

LABOUR
Ahmed
Amran
Azam
Dunbar
Mohammed
Engel
Shaheen

Councillor Amran in the Chair

38. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Councillor Engel disclosed an interest in Minute 43 “Petitions Relating to Traffic Matters” as she lived near to the proposed traffic measure but was not a car driver.

39. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

41. WEST LANE, THORNTON - OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “T”**) considered an objection to a recently advertised proposal for traffic calming on West Lane, Thornton.

Resolved –



- (1) That the objection be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures on West Lane, Thornton be implemented as advertised.
- (2) That the objector be informed accordingly.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

42. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PERMIT PARKING ON WILSDEN ROAD, SANDY LANE

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “U”**) considered objections received to the recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of waiting restrictions and residents’ permit parking on Wilsden Road, Sandy Lane.

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

Following presentation, with the permission of the Chair, a resident addressed the Committee with the following points. The issue of parking had been a long standing concern on the street. A significant number of cars were parked for the MOT station. What was being proposed was acceptable but in view of the location of the proposal for the double yellow lines was disappointing. One hour limited parking was acceptable but the residents preference for No Waiting with Permit Parking for residents was more suitable to meet the needs of the residents because enforcement would be an issue without permit parking.

The Vice Chair of Sandy Lane Parish Council was also present and with the permission of the Chair highlighted that the main concern was the lack of enforcement and transgression on the street was occurring on a daily basis. It was accepted that there was a lack of resources but the situation would only get much worse without the implementation of correct traffic measures.

The Principal Engineer commented on the fact that non-residents would also be allowed to park for limited periods to allow provision for visitors to the adjacent green space and local school.

The Bradford West Area Coordinator highlighted that there was a team of 10 Wardens covering the whole of the Bradford West area. There was limited resourcing and the subject of enforcement was essential but could not be enforced on a continuing basis due to the demands of the remainder of the Bradford West area hence reasons for traffic measures.

The Committee asked whether it was possible to have a intense enforcement coverage by Wardens in the first two weeks. In response it was explained that with the implementation of new schemes, it was common routine to address enforcement during the early stages of new traffic measures.



The Chair queried whether any further Wardens would be recruited to meet the demands of the Bradford West area in which it was replied that a further two Wardens would be recruited in the near future.

Resolved –

- (1) That the objections be overruled.
- (2) That the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation)(Amendment) Order, Wilsden Road, Sandy Lane, Bradford varied as shown on drawing no.TDG/THCW/103436/TRO-1E be sealed and implemented.
- (3) That the Bradford West Area Coordinator organises appropriate enforcement action at this location as and when the parking restrictions are implemented.
- (4) That the objectors be notified accordingly.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management
ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

43. PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “V”**) considered the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- 1) Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road – Request for traffic calming
- 2) Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue – Request for 10mph speed limit and access only.

Allerton Grange Drive and Avenel Road – Request for Traffic Calming:

A resident was at the meeting and with the permission of the Chair highlighted the following concerns. Motorists were continuously exceeding speed limits through residential streets, vehicles were being driven over pavements, being parked onto pavements and there was a congestion of double parking. This was the submission of a third petition and this issue had been a long standing concern dating back a decade.

In conclusion, the Committee sided with the sentiments expressed by the petitioner.

Bull Royd Drive, Bull Royd Crescent and Bull Royd Avenue – Request for 10mph Speed Limit and Access only:

The Principal Engineer introduced the report to the Committee.

Following introduction, the Committee sought clarification as to the time of the day the automatic speed survey had been undertaken. In response it was confirmed



that the speeds of vehicles were monitored continually over a period of days rather than at set times, so the figures should give a good reflection of different conditions.

A petitioner who was also a resident was present and with the permission of the Chair made representations to the Committee. He stated that since the implementation of two roundabouts on Allerton Road there had been a significant increase in traffic. A total of £55,000 had been raised to make improvements to the road but now motorists were using Bull Royd Drive, Crescent and Avenue to avoid queues on Allerton Road. The reduction of the speeding of vehicles was an important part factor to the proposal including access only signs. It was felt that the efforts made in meeting challenges to raise the money to make improvements had gone to waste.

The Chair closed the discussion by stating the importance of meeting the needs of the residents and to work on implementing an amicable solution to alleviate concerns for all involved, therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the requests for traffic calming on Avenel Road and Allerton Grange Drive be retained on the list of schemes awaiting funding and be given consideration when the 2017/18 Safer Roads programme is determined.**
- (2) That officers meet with Clayton & Fairweather Green ward members and the Bullroyd area petitioners representatives to discuss options for traffic management works on Bull Royd Drive, Crescent and Avenue.**
- (3) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

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

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

The Principal Engineer gave a summary of the report.

A resident of Allerton Road was present at the meeting and with the permission of the Chair highlighted that the affected households were opposed to the proposed yellow lines and the proposal would be a waste of public funds for the sole reason



of vehicles rarely parked in the proposed location. If the yellow lines were implemented then motorists would be compelled to park their vehicles in front of other residents houses; this would cause significant inconvenience for residents as one entrance was shared by three households.

The views of the resident were echoed by the Committee.

Resolved –

- (1) That the objection in respect of the proposed waiting restrictions on Park View Road and North Park Road be overruled.**
- (2) That the Traffic Regulation Order be modified to remove the proposed restrictions on Allerton Road (service road) turning head.**
- (3) That the modified Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented.**
- (4) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

45. PROGRESS REPORT ON BRADFORD'S FAMILIES FIRST PROJECT PHASE 2 - OF THE NATIONAL TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME

Bradford's Families First (Phase 2) was to identify and deliver interventions to 5,990 families by March 2020 against locally agreed Payment by Results targets. It had engaged with 1509 families since September 2014. Council and key partners were ensuring a sustained and assertive effort to meet agreed targets. It was implementing the new Early Help structure and offer which aligns key services and support the Families First interventions and outcomes

The report of the Assistant Director, Children's Social Care (**Document "X"**) outlined the multi agency work to deliver the Bradford's District wide Early Help/Families First Programme which forms part of the National Troubled Families Programme.

The Service Manager for Clusters was present and gave a synopsis of the report.

Following presentation, a question and answer session ensued:

- Was this programme being shared with different faith organisations, community organisations and other areas throughout Bradford?
 - There was partnerships work on going with some faith schools and the team was in process of progressing with building relations with various groups;
- For the purpose of reaching a wider community, had the potential for linking this project with other on going projects been considered?



- This project was a in-service referral and the team did not wish to interfere on already on going successful projects that were focused on different themes. Nevertheless this project was targeting hard to get to families and the team had built some partnerships that would make a positive difference;
- Thornton and Allerton had an unfortunate high level of residents with health issues therefore in terms of a geographical level what was the breakdown of analysis of health issues for each ward within the Bradford West area?
 - The data received was dissimilar ward by ward. Data that caused significant concerns was followed up and the team worked closely with the Social Services and schools. The team had enough data now to breakdown and zone into specific areas;
 - As a ward Councillor, a breakdown of data would be of substance for the purpose of addressing concerns of the community to a Community Development Ward meeting.

During the discussion, the Committee highlighted that a breakdown of details would be helpful for Members so that they could assist due to their own community networking. There had been some criticism in getting to families that were in need of assistance. In addition to Ward Councillor, there were many community workers who would not be aware of concerns and therefore a breakdown of analysis on a ward by ward basis would be of significance and in favour of Bradford Families First.

Resolved –

- (1) **That Document “X” be noted.**
- (2) **That the need for a continued assertive and intensive approach to reach, engage and improve outcomes for the agreed number of families be noted. A whole system approach will be required to reach and engage these families lead by the Targeted Early Help Service, other key Council teams and wider partners and commissioned services.**
- (3) **That a progress report be presented to this Area Committee in 12 month’s time, highlighting the achievements in Phase 2 of the Families First Project.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services

ACTION: Deputy Director – Social Care

46. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The report of the Strategic Director, Children’s Services (**Document “Y”**) provided an update to the report presented to the Bradford West Area Committee in 2016 regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It set out the



arrangements that had been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

Following a synopsis of the report by the Assistant Director of Performance, Partnership and Commissioning, the following points were made by the Committee:

- The economy during the night was of great concern;
- Establishments that were away from the city centre needed to be addressed as offenders would always try to remain under the radar;
 - In response to comment, the Committee was advised that, The Barnardo's NightWatch initiative, which was funded by Bradford's Community Safety Partnership April 2016 – March 2017, aimed to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation by offering advice, guidance, support and training to businesses, services and the general public;
- It was important to have emphasis on bed and breakfast establishments;
- There should be more training delivered to Councillors so they could, to the extent of having sufficient knowledge in take back to their respective communities for the purpose of training others; and,
 - In response to comment, the Portfolio Holder was confirmed that, more training courses were forthcoming in the subject area of "grooming boys".

The Chair concluded the discussion by praising the staff who had worked tirelessly in raising awareness of sexual exploitation throughout the Bradford West area.

Resolved –

- (1) That Document "Y" be noted.**
- (2) That the Bradford West Area Committee considered ways in which CSE can be tackled at a local level.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Health and Social Care
ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services***

Chair

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

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