

## Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 at Council Chamber - Shipley Town Hall

Commenced            6.02 pm  
Concluded            7.50 pm

**Present – Councillors**

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	GREEN
Heseltine Shaw Riaz Townend	Greenwood Ross-Shaw	Love

**Councillor Heseltine in the Chair**

Apologies: Councillor Gerry Barker

**13. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

In the interest of transparency Councillor Shaw disclosed that his daughter was Chair of Baildon Youth Council in relation to items being presented on the Youth Service.

***ACTION:***     *City Solicitor*

**14. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

**16. SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES**

The Area Co-ordinator informed the Committee of a question raised by Pam Lakin, SCAPAG representative for Harden Parish Council.



The question was put as follows: "I want to ask and discuss how more money could be made available to ensure the toilets are kept clean and hygienic at St Ives, Bingley."

A written response from Parks and Landscapes was circulated stating the following:

"The budget transferred from Neighbourhood and Customer Services for the cleaning and maintenance of the toilets was £2,800 per year. To clean and maintain them to a higher standard we estimate it would require at least £5,500 per year. To increase the toilet budget would mean reduced spending in other items on the estate. With limited funds and resources within the Council there is no easy solution.

However, one option to consider would be to utilise a proportion of car parking income to help maintain the site. The Council will be introducing car parking charges at several sites including St Ives as part of budget savings. Alternatively whether this is something Harden Parish Council could help with, or Friends of St Ives, would also be something to consider moving forward."

**No resolution was passed on this item.**

***NO ACTION***

**17. SCAPAG MEETING NOTES - 30 MARCH 2016**

**Resolved –**

**That the notes be received.**

***NO ACTION***

**18. NEW DEAL PROGRAMME: ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Assistant Director, Policy, Programmes and Change submitted **Document "G"** which provided:

- 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
- An indication of developing plans for further approaches to engagement

The Business Transformation Officer provided a summary of the report. She informed Members that approaches to engagement had included online surveys, the Bradford Citizen Panel, the People Can Campaign and setting up Places of Welcome across the District with faith groups.



In response to Members' questions it was reported that:

- The recruitment for the Bradford Citizen Panel had been carried out online. Further information on the process and the geographical spread of those taking part would be sought and circulated to Members after the meeting.
- There were no resources allocated to the People Can Campaign but the themed months were supported by Area Offices as listed in paragraph 3.12 of the report. There was a lot of partnership working and volunteering involved in the campaign.
- A report due in March 2016 on the potential for forming 'a culture company based on safeguarding assets and releasing profit making potential' as stated under the heading 'safe, clean and active communities' within Appendix 1 of the report had not been submitted yet. It was agreed that Members would be informed by email when this was due.

Members also requested further information on the work of Families First, the new business rate discretionary relief programme and the Bradford Fair Tariff project with Incommunities and OVO Energy and whether this was only available to those in Incommunities properties or whether other residents could also access it.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the report be noted.**
- (2) **That the feedback from residents be welcomed and acknowledged.**
- (3) **That the Area Committee continue to engage with residents, businesses and stakeholders about ways of working differently, and that there is a District Plan and Council Plan to deliver the Council priorities.**

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

**19. YOUTH SERVICE - SHIPLEY AREA**

The Strategic Director of Environment and Sport submitted **Document "H"** which gave an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Area from April 2015 – March 2016. It also gave details of the budget for the Youth Service in 2016/17.

The Advanced Practitioner provided a summary of the report. She informed Members that a number of young people from the Shipley Constituency had attended the Public Forum for Education on 28 June 2016 and that due to the recent fire at Denholme Youth Café activities were taking place in a park whilst the weather was good.

Three young people, who were members of the Shipley Youth Café, addressed the Committee. They presented the Chair with a thank you letter and framed



photograph of his recent visit to meet with members of the Youth Café. Each spoke of their own personal experience of the way their involvement with the Youth Service had impacted on their lives positively, the support the service had given them and the activities they had taken part in.

The Chair thanked the young people for their excellent, heartfelt presentations. He stated that he had met with the Shipley Youth Café's Management Committee because they had wanted to talk about the future of the building and the service provision due to the recent budget cuts. He had found them to be brutally honest, thoughtful, articulate, inspiring and great examples of our young citizens.

In response to Members' questions, the Advanced Practitioner stated that:

- From September 2016 the Youth Service would no longer be contracted for Not in Education Employment of Training (NEET) work but would continue to work with young people to help maintain the low rate which was currently 3.5%. It was agreed that a briefing note would be provided to Members on plans in place to keep the rate low.
- Further information would be provided in respect of paragraph 3.29 of the report and specifically what the number of young people causing anti-social behaviour had decreased to.
- The income target for Highcroft Youth Centre was £10,000; the centre was on target to reach £8,500; work was being carried out to attract more people to attend the centre as well as applying for other funding bids.
- There were 2 or 3 young people undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Award from the Baildon area. A lot of targeted work had taken place in Baildon to tackle antisocial behaviour over the past 2-3 years and some outreach work was being undertaken on the streets. It was anticipated that more youth work activities would take place in Baildon as new young people were accessing the service from that area. 6 regular weekly hours of Youth Service provision was currently taking place in Ian Clough Hall, Baildon.
- Whilst there was no youth service provision in the Cullingworth area due to depleting resources, young people from the area were accessing provision in Denholme.

Members suggested that Co-ops in other localities be approached to fund additional activities in their localities following the success of Denholme Youth Café gaining £500 for additional activities at their Youth Café via a funding application to their Co-op.

A Member expressed her appreciation for the work being undertaken at Highcroft Youth Centre.

Members thanked and commended the Advanced Practitioner for an excellent report.

Members discussed the recommended budget allocations per ward and considered the contingency of £4,000 excessive.



**Resolved –**

- (1) That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Shipley Area as detailed in Document “H” be welcomed.
- (2) That the Committee notes that the deployment of current Youth Service budgets as set out in Document “H” meets local need.
- (3) That the £10k allocated to the Area Committee be distributed as follows:
  - (i) £1,200 per ward
  - (ii) £2,800 retained for constituency-wide projects and as a contingency for emerging needs. If at six months funds are not committed or spent, the balance be split equally between the six Shipley constituency wards
- (4) That the Shipley Area Co-ordinator submits a report on the work of the Youth Service to Shipley Area Committee on an annual basis.
- (5) That Shipley Youth Café members be thanked for their presentation and that they and their colleagues be thanked for their input into Youth Service provision within the Shipley constituency.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services**

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

**20. DISTRICT WIDE YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION 2015-16 AND DELIVERING A NEW YOUTH OFFER FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT**

The Strategic Director of Environment and Sport submitted **Document “I”** which gave an update for 2015-16 on the Bradford District wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service, which included, but was not specific to any one constituency area.

It also proposed a way forward for establishing a new Youth Offer for the Bradford District in response to the recommendations made in the Youth Offer Review report produced in November 2014.

The Advanced Practitioner stated that she had a district-wide responsibility for Volunteering and Accreditation and the work that had taken place during 2015-16 and plans for 2016-17 were detailed in Appendix E of the report.

It was clarified that the project work cited in the first paragraph of Appendix B of Document “I” referred to integrated work as well as sessions held specifically for certain groups.



The Chair thanked the Advanced Practitioner and all staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Youth Service.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the district wide provision undertaken by the Youth Service as detailed in Appendices A-E of Document “I” be noted.**
- (2) That the work undertaken by the Youth Offer Working Group as detailed in Appendix F of Document “I” be noted.**
- (3) That the Youth Service volunteers be thanked for their involvement in providing positive environments for our younger citizens.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate ACTION: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport***

**21. CLEANER AND GREENER STREETS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS IN SHIPLEY - DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEE**

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator submitted **Document “J”** which provided an update relating to Council Wardens and Street Cleansing in the Shipley Area. It highlighted a developing approach that delivers on the cleaner/greener agenda at an Area, Ward, neighbourhood and street level that is supported by residents, businesses and community organisations as part of the People Can – Make a Difference Campaign.

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator provided a summary of the report, highlighting that site surveillance cameras at known fly tipping hotspots would be implemented over the coming months, the benefits of solar powered compaction litter bins and an anti-litter campaign being produced with the Marketing department. He referred to the Street Cleansing Performance for the Shipley Constituency as outlined in Appendix 2. He stated that draft routes for mechanical sweepers would be produced by October 2016 for consultation with Members.

In response to Members’ questions, it was reported that:

- The solar powered compaction litter bins could automatically send an email when they were almost full and could hold up to eight times more litter than a standard bin.
- Following monitoring of the use of trialled solar powered compaction litter bins in the Shipley area, it was found that they attracted chewing gum around the bin. The trialled bins did not have a foot operated lid and these could not be fitted in retrospect.
- The grades of cleanliness for litter and refuse as stated in national guidelines would be circulated to Members to expand on the grades as stated in paragraph 2.9.7 of the report.
- The performance monitoring of street cleansing would be regularly circulated to Ward Councillors for information, as requested.



- A solar powered compaction litter bin could be trialled in Baildon town centre.
- The spiked increase of detritus in the Bingley Rural Ward since 2014-15 may be due to recent flood damage.

A discussion took place about the lack of authority volunteers possessed to carry out enforcement, other than to report it. Members were informed of an initiative the Police were carrying out with volunteers in West Bowling to train them to increase visibility to help reduce anti-social behaviour; the Chair requested that information on this be circulated to Members.

The potential income generation from advertisements on the solar powered compaction litter bins was discussed.

**Resolved –**

**That the information in Document “J” which is intended to inform decisions on these devolved services in Shipley be noted and welcomed.**

***NO ACTION***

## **22. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON THE GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP**

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator submitted **Document “K”** which provided background information and recommendations with regard to Member representation on Grants Advisory Group for 2016/17.

**Resolved –**

**That in the current municipal year and in accordance with an established precedent, the Area Committee approves the nomination of three Councillors from the Conservative Group, one Councillor from the Green Group and one Councillor from the Labour Group.**

***OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management***

***ACTION: Shipley Area Co-ordinator***

Chair

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

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