

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 16 February 2017 in City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 6.55 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS
Wainwright T Hussain Peart Tait Warburton Dodds Thornton Sharp	L Cromie

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

53. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following declarations were made in the interest of clarity:

- (i) Councillor Tariq Hussain declared an interest in the item relating to the NHS Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Group (Minute 58), as he was a member of the NHS Board of Governors.
- (ii) Councillor L Cromie declared an interest in the item relating to the Community Development Progress Update (Minute 59) as she was on the Board of Directors of Queensbury Community Programme, which had facilitated some of the work in the Queensbury ward.
- (iii) Councillor Sharp also disclosed an interest in the item relating to the Community Development Progress Update (Minute 59) as she was treasurer of a Community Group in Wibsey.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*



54. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2017 be signed as a correct record.

55. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

56. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

57. B6379 HUDDERSFIELD ROAD, WYKE - TRO OBJECTION

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AF”**) which set out an objection that had been received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions on the B6379 Huddersfield Road, Wyke.

The Principal Engineer explained that following advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order, an objection had been received relating to the section between Wroe Place and Wroe Crescent from a Café Owner, who was concerned that the restrictions would impact on his business as he relied heavily on passing trade. He added that the proposal was part of the casualty reduction programme and this site had been flagged up as one of the sites for concern, given the number of recorded collisions, the narrowness of the road and vehicles parking on pavements, and therefore it was necessary to proceed with the scheme.

The objector was present at the meeting and stated that the proposed restrictions from Wroe Place to Wroe Crescent was not a particularly problematic section, and he was not aware of any incidents in the 3 years the business had been operating. He stressed that his café solely relied on passing trade and given the limited off street parking in the vicinity, the proposals would have a disproportionate impact on his business, particularly for a number of his disabled customers, and he urged the Committee to consider imposing a waiting restriction of 20 minutes and reconsider the extent of the TRO.

In response, the Principal Engineer stressed that a total of 13 collisions had been recorded on the length of Huddersfield Road, with 3 recorded along the length that was the subject of the objection. He stated that the proposals would allow for deliveries to be made to the business and that customers could be dropped off and picked up from outside of the Café and that there was also alternative parking available in the vicinity. He added that although sympathetic to the objector, making an exception to the TRO would compromise safety as people would park on the pavement.



A Ward Councillor for the area and Member of the Committee stated that the proposed restrictions were necessary to reduce the number of accidents and it was therefore:

Resolved -

- (1) That the objection be overruled and the proposed measures be implemented as advertised.
- (2) That the objector be informed accordingly.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

58. UPDATE FROM NHS BRADFORD DISTRICT'S CLINICAL COMMISSIONING COMMITTEE

The Director of Strategy, Bradford District's Clinical Commissioning Group submitted a report (**Document "AG"**) which provided an update on the priorities, recent initiatives and public engagement activities by Bradford Districts Clinical Commissioning Group.

The Director gave a brief overview of the CCG's recent activities in priority areas which were detailed in the report. She drew attention to the following key areas:

Sustainability and transformation plan – which was a partnership approach between the NHS and Bradford Council. The Plan included prevention and early intervention focus on children, obesity, type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, respiratory illnesses and mental wellbeing.

The STP brought together a number of programmes of work which were alluded to, such as asking GPs to implement a new scheme which meant pharmacies would no longer be able to order repeat prescriptions on patients' behalf.

During the discussion Members asked a number of questions. The questions together with the responses are detailed below:

A number of Members expressed their concerns at the changes to the ordering of repeat prescriptions, stressing that the changes would have an adverse impact on the elderly and vulnerable patients. In response it was explained that there was evidence of the overprescribing of medicines and that by bringing the service back to GPs, would offer better control.

A Member stated that he was uncomfortable with the rationale given and that a number of his constituents' lived some miles away from their nearest surgery, which was not always on a convenient bus route and he was particularly concerned about these patients.



In response it was explained the prescription could be ordered online. A Member commented that this was not always feasible given the age of some of these patients and that patients were being punished, for a system that pharmacists should be administering.

A Member stated the a Doctor patient review of their prescriptions did not always take place on a regular basis.

A Member commented that she supported the changes.

In response to a question regarding what was meant by clinical thresholds, it was explained that this involved placing certain restrictions in treatment for patients who were smokers or obese, however these thresholds were not being applied in Bradford.

A Member stated that no mention had been made in the report regarding that rates for cancer screening in the context of Bradford South, which had the highest mortality rates for cancer. The Area Coordinator suggested that this could be included in a report from Public Health being considered by this Committee at its next meeting.

In relation to a question regarding the prescribing of over counter medicines, it was explained that although GPs could not be stopped from prescribing, there was now a shift in encouraging patients to buy some medicine themselves. A Member commented that if patients were entitled to free prescriptions then all medicines should be available to them, including over counter medicines.

In relation to mental wellbeing, concerns were expressed around waiting times and how it exacerbated an individual's mental health.

In response to a question around winter pressures being faced by the NHS, it was explained that a number of measures had and were in the process of being introduced to ease the pressures, including better management of the triage system, improving patient flows including discharging of patients in a timely manner.

Resolved –

That the report be noted and in consultation with Public Health a report be brought on the high rates of cancer in Bradford South and strategy to reduce cancer rates within the area.

ACTION: Director of Strategy Bradford CCG / Director of Public Health

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Health and Wellbeing



59. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS UPDATE

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AH”**) which outlined the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the two grant funded organisations during the period April 2016 to February 2017, to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-17.

Ward Officers and a Community Development Worker gave a detailed assessment of the projects undertaken in Bradford South, which were detailed in the appendices to Document “AH”.

Members welcomed the progress made in community development work and the immense benefits it had brought. Members acknowledged that although funding would be coming to an end, the foundations had been laid in the different wards and hoped that the work would continue after the funding ceased.

The Chair commended the exemplary work done by the Sandale Community Association in Tong Ward, where the previous organisation had run into financial difficulties.

The benefits community development work had brought and the strong relationships fostered in the different communities and wards was alluded to by Members.

Resolved –

- (1) That the exemplary work of the Community Development (CD) Workers on behalf of the two commissioned organisations during the period April 2015 to December 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Bradford South Ward Plans 2015-17 be recognised.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Office continues to work with the two organisations, and others in the Area, and support them where appropriate to gain external funding.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

60. ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANTS FOR 2017-19

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AI”**) which outlined the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2017-19.



The Area Coordinator explained that all the organisations that had applied for funding had been successful. In assessing the funding criteria the robustness of the organisation's finances were looked at.

In response to a question on the use of the grant, the Area Coordinator confirmed that all organisations would be using the grant to fund building related running costs such as rent, rates and utilities.

Resolved-

- (1) That the Community Buildings Grants outlined in 3.1 to Document "AI" be approved.**
- (2) That the under spend allocation from the Community Centre Core Cost grants be approved.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

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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