

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

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 7.50 pm

Present – Councillors

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

Observer: Councillor Jabar (Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

61. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

62. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2017 be signed as a correct record.



63. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

65. NETHERLANDS AVENUE, ROYDS/WIBSEY/WYKE - PETITION

Full Council at its meeting held on 18 October 2016 received a petition from the residents of Netherlands Avenue requesting control measures to reduce the amount of vehicles passing through Netherlands Avenue, deter vehicles abusing the Access Only Order and reduce vehicle speeds and noise levels.

The petition was referred to this committee for consideration at its meeting held on 24 November, where it was resolved:

‘That consideration of the petition be deferred to allow for further consultation to be undertaken with ward councillors and residents with a view to looking at all the options and clarification of traffic survey data’.

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AK”**) which set out a response to the petition, which also included details of a recent traffic survey.

The Principal Engineer Highways stated that an additional traffic count survey had been undertaken which had revealed no further collisions and although vehicle speeds were slightly down, there had been a corresponding increase in traffic flows. He added that a meeting had taken place with Ward Councillors and the lead petitioner following the outcome of the survey.

It was explained that given the scale and layout of Netherlands Avenue any traffic management measures would incur considerable costs and given the lack of consensus for traffic calming and closure in the area the pursuit of such measures was not recommended. However, the installation of pedestrian islands in the vicinity of the scout hut would allow for safe crossing, and may also reduce vehicle speeds

The lead petitioner was present at the meeting and stated the following points:

- That there had been a 10% increase in traffic since the last survey was done in 2013, which equated to an additional 430 vehicles a day using Netherlands Avenue.
- That the approximately 5,000 vehicles a day only covered the survey period Thursday to Monday and not the full 5 days.



- That in reference to a previous study, 70% of the traffic was non-residents which equalled 3,500 vehicles a day, however residential traffic was only 30%, which equalled 1,500 vehicles a day.
- That 330 (8%) vehicles up to 21 MPH - 4,670 (92%) Over 21 MPH / and hence speeding.
- That there were over 900 vehicles using the road during one of the busiest times of the day i.e. 7-9 am.
- That traffic calming had been installed on Common Road, Abb Scott Lane and St Pauls, but there was no funding for Netherlands Avenue, which was a busy road.
- That large costs had been incurred altering the Huddersfield Road junction of Netherlands Avenue, despite not addressing the prohibition of motor vehicles access only, which 3,500 vehicles were using.
- We do not want to wait for a serious or fatal accident before the Council took action, we want preventative measures now to protect the safety of Netherlands Avenue residents and the public using Netherlands Ave.
- That the residents would like confirmation in writing as to the action Bradford Council will take in response to the petition and their on going safety concerns, and the concerns reference the speed and volume of traffic using Netherlands Avenue following the recent traffic survey.
- That in bringing the petition residents wanted to be proactive and not reactive, and it was not always necessary to implement measures in the light of a serious accident, as there were already precedents set in other areas of the district.

In response the Principal Engineer Highways stressed that he did not dispute the volume of traffic using Netherlands Avenue, however a scheme for traffic calming was not viable as there was no conclusive support, for such measures from residents, but that the possibility of a pedestrian facility was worth investigating.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that the volume of traffic using Netherlands Avenue was not in dispute, however the access only and 20 mph suggestion were difficult to enforce, however the access only issue should be raised at a Neighbourhood Forum, and suggested that the outcomes of the crossing survey should be reported back to this Area Committee.

Another Ward Councillor and Member of the Area Committee echoed the above sentiments and stressed that a whole host of options had been looked at over the years, with varying degrees of success, hence the suggestion of a pedestrian facility were worth investigating.

A Member suggested that a day of Police action to enforce the access only may reduce the number of persistent offenders.



Resolved -

- (1) That officers investigate the feasibility of installation of pedestrian islands on Netherlands Avenue and discuss the findings with ward members.**
- (2) That officers continue to seek the prioritisation of enforcement action on Netherlands Avenue through the ward partnership meetings.**
- (3) That officers organise pedestrian surveys on Netherlands Avenue, following consultation with ward members and the head of the local school, to determine if a pedestrian crossing facility is justified and ,if appropriate, add this location to the list for future consideration from the Safer Roads budget.**
- (4) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee

66. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR BRADFORD SOUTH - 2017/18

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AJ”**) which provided information on Capital Highway Maintenance funding for 2016/17 – 2017/18 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites for 2017/18.

Resolved –

That the proposed programme of works for 2017/18 as shown in Appendix 2 and 3 to Document “AJ” be approved.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee



67. PUBLIC HEALTH IN SOUTH AREA OF BRADFORD DISTRICT

The Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “AL”**) which informed the Area Committee about the work of the Public Health Department, and in particular how the work contributed to the health and wellbeing of the population of the Bradford South Area.

The Senior Public Health Manager along with a number of colleagues was present at the meeting to give an overview and respond to Members' questions. It was highlighted that the main health issues affecting the area was infant mortality, mortality due to cancer and cardiovascular disease for under 75 year olds and excess weight/obesity amongst children aged 4-5 and 10-11 years old.

She added that most of these conditions/ diseases were linked to lifestyle and diet. A major area of concern was cardiovascular disease and a number of initiatives such as the Bradford Healthy Hearts Programme were on going to tackle the issue, with the aim of adopting an approach to reduce cholesterol levels with the use of statins and other preventative measures.

The work around reducing blood pressure and reduce smoking was also alluded to and the support being provided to enable people to quit.

During the discussion, a Member stated that many of the diseases affecting older people in South Bradford were linked to the industries in which they worked in previously, such as textiles and asbestos. In addition poor air quality was another pertinent factor with busy congested main roads in close vicinity to schools and the pollution impact on children.

The Senior Public Health Manager acknowledged the work that needed to be done to tackle a number of these health problems, particularly in challenging the issue of air quality in and around the main arterial routes of the city. In addition she stated that the issue of healthy weight and childhood obesity was being looked at in detail, stressing that this was a long term issue with no quick fixes.

A Member stated that the NHS was not as proactive in dealing with preventing disease in the first place, and that more emphasis needed to be placed on this aspect of its work.

In response to a question on the success of the quit smoking programme, it was suggested that breakdown of the figures by ward would be provided to Members in due course.

A Member ascertained how the different health initiatives were being communicated to people for whom English was not their mother tongue. In response it was explained that GP surgeries were aware of this and ensuring messages were communicated through appropriate channels.



A Member suggested that given the high incidence of cancer that improved cancer screening should be looked at.

A Member drew attention to much of the data contained in the report being some years old. In response It was explained that gathering health information took a long time, however if more up to date figures were available they would be circulated to Members.

A Member drew attention to the growing problem of food poverty and although there was some excellent work being done in this area, more work was clearly needed. The Senior Public Health Manager acknowledged that a number of initiatives were on going to tackle food poverty, including the expansion of breakfast clubs, holiday hunger and a number of projects around food waste.

Resolved –

That the report be welcomed and that the views and comments of the Bradford South Area Committee be recorded and included in future recommendations.

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

68. WELFARE ADVICE SERVICES IN BRADFORD DISTRICT

The Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “AM”**) which outlined the new approach to the delivery of welfare advice services across the district. It included the details of commissioning processes employed; new service expectations; who the providers were; the transformation of access routes and the intention to raise service quality.

The Senior Public Health Manager explained that Council funded welfare advice services went through a commissioning process after the Council approved a reduction in funding for advice services of £1m in the 2015/16 budget.

Representatives from the new providers were present at the meeting to provide information and respond to Members’ questions.

The Senior Public Health Manager stressed that the new advice services were aimed at being more responsive and accessible, and that there would be a transition process of absorbing existing services and providing new ones.



During the discussion the Chair stated that Ward Councillors knew their local areas and it was important that the new providers tapped into this wealth of knowledge and expertise, in order to improve accessibility.

A Member stated that in her Ward a member of the public had been turned away from one of the advice sessions. In response it was stated that no one should be turned away but offered appropriate help or directed to a suitable alternative advice session.

A number of Members questioned the lack of advice services work in their respective wards and that residents were unaware of what services were being provided. In response it was explained that the new services had only gone live on 16 January 2017, and there had been some delays in communicating all the necessary information.

The Senior Public Health Manager suggested that a meeting with Ward Councillors could be arranged to ascertain Member's view on welfare advice services and the needs within their Wards.

A Member suggested that location of advice services was crucial in encouraging take up, and that providers should also ensure that appropriate language support was made available.

A Member also suggested that a crisis number which people could ring could solve a number of problems when it came to accessibility .

The Chair suggested that in the context of the issues raised, that a meeting be organised between the Ward Members and the interested parties to share information and local knowledge, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) The report and its contents be accepted; allowing time for the new services to embed and commence their change programmes.**
- (2) To encourage services to work closely with their ward members and to ensure service access data is up to date for a wide range of stakeholders and referrers.**
- (3) That the Area Coordinator to organise meetings that include; the Ward Members, advice provider, advice commissioners, partner organisations and Ward Officers to share information and local knowledge.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

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69. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA WARD ACTION PLANS 2017-18

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AN”**) which presented the Bradford South Ward Plans for 2017-18.

In welcoming the Ward Plans the Chair thanked the Ward Officers and the Area Coordinator for the hard work done in compiling the Plans, and for their continued support to Members.

Resolved –

- (1) That the draft updated Bradford South Committee Ward Plans 2017-18 be approved.**
- (2) That Bradford South Area Committee requests Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South Area Ward Plans 2017-18.**
- (3) That Bradford South Area Committee requests the Area Co-ordinator to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the Area Committee Ward Plans, as adopted, and to prepare a schedule of reports about progress, to be presented to future meetings of the Area Committee.**
- (4) That the Interim Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2017-18 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

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70. 2016/17 BRADFORD SOUTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “AO”**) which detailed the Youth and Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 January 2017 deadline.

Resolved–

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**



- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Youth and Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

ACTION: *Strategic Director Place*

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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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