

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday, 9 March 2017 in the Council Chamber - Keighley Town Hall

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 8.10 pm

Present – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Ali Brown Mallinson BM Smith	M Slater Bacon Farley	Morris

Observers: Councillor Khadim Hussain (Item 59)

Apologies: Councillor Anne Hawkesworth

Councillor Ali in the Chair

55. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

56. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

57. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.



58. NOMINATION TO LIST PROPERTY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - THE SWAN INN, MAIN STREET, ADDINGHAM

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AA”** which reported that the Council had received a nomination to list property known as The Swan Inn, Main Street, Addingham as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. The report outlined that the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation for the nomination to be approved.

Resolved –

That in accordance with Option 1, as detailed in Document “AA”, the nomination of the property known as The Swan Inn, Main Street, Addingham as an Asset of Community Value be accepted.

***Overview and Scrutiny Area: Environment and Waste Management
Action: Strategic Director, Place***

59. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) TO INTRODUCE WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITED WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON GREENGATE ROAD, KEIGHLEY

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AB”** which considered objections received from local businesses to a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce waiting restrictions and limited waiting restrictions on Greengate Road, Keighley.

The Principal Engineer provided a summary of the report during which he informed Members that he had previously received representations outlining concerns about parking issues on Greengate Road from businesses operating in the area; there were no restrictions currently on Greengate Road; a number of businesses required vehicular access, some of a HGV nature; the current situation was causing difficulties for vehicles to access some properties; meetings had been held with all interested parties that fronted onto Greengate Road to discuss ways to alleviate concerns; the proposals contained in Appendix 1 of the report were produced following these discussions and after much negotiations.

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

- The cost of advertising the TRO was the total cost for the scheme.
- The proposed scheme did not please all businesses consulted but was considered the best way to alleviate current parking and access difficulties whilst ensuring access to the highway.
- The Committee could decide to reduce the restrictions advertised but to make them more onerous would require advertising an additional TRO.
- Some business owners in the area supported some of the restrictions that had been objected to by other businesses.



- There were existing 'no waiting at any time restrictions' at the Greengate Road/Worth Way junction.
- 'One-way only' restrictions on Greengate Road had been considered during the consultation with businesses but had not been favoured.
- It was not considered that speeding on Greengate Road would be an issue if the proposals were introduced as it was a busy thoroughfare.

A Member stated he had concerns about the increased likelihood of an accident following the proposals due to the ability of drivers to speed without parked cars on Greengate Road if the proposals were introduced.

A Ward Councillor addressed the Committee to support the proposals and stated that he had been approached by businesses in the area with complaints about obstructions caused to their properties due to parked vehicles. He considered the proposed scheme to be the best solution for all businesses concerned and urged the Committee to approve it.

A representative of a business on Greengate Road addressed the Committee. He spoke of the benefits of his business for the local community and raised concerns about where business users would park if the proposed scheme was approved; the impact the proposals would have on the value of the properties; that he considered Greengate Road would become a rat-run and traffic would increase; that he considered the proposals would lead to the Council having to spend more time and money to rectify the problems the proposals would cause in future; and that 80% of the businesses agreed that '2 hours no return' parking was the best solution.

Another representative of a business on Sunderland Street addressed the Committee. He stated that he relied on access to parking 9am-5pm as this was when he received the vast majority of customers; he considered the proposals would transfer the issue to Sunderland Street; he considered the proposals could make his business financially unviable; and he considered the proposals to be overbearing and believed they should be reconsidered.

A Member commented that there was alternative parking available within the vicinity of Greengate Road.

Following consideration of the alternative proposals submitted by objectors (as detailed in Appendix 3 and 4), Members were informed that vehicles that currently parked on Greengate Road parked partly on the footway which caused restrictions to pedestrian access; if they parked fully on the carriageway access to properties would be restricted.

Resolved –

The proposed TRO to introduce waiting restrictions and limited waiting restrictions on Greengate Road, Keighley as shown on Drawing No. TDG/THN/AK/103211/TRO-1A (attached as Appendix 1 to Document "AB") be approved, sealed and implemented as formally advertised, and the



objectors be advised accordingly subject to the following amendment:

The original Proposed No Waiting Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm restriction - Single Yellow Line on the east side of Greengate Road be amended to a Proposed No Waiting Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm restriction on the east side of Greengate Road - Single Yellow Line, and this Single Yellow Line restriction be extended in a southerly direction for a distance of 30 metres.

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Action: Strategic Director, Place*

60. **AIREDALE, WHARFEDALE AND CRAVEN CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP**

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AC”** which informed the Committee about the objectives, performance and plans of the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and requested views and comments.

Representatives of the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG gave a presentation to the Committee on the information contained in Appendix 1 of the report.

A Member commented that the report only focused on the NHS and asked that future reports include details of partnership working. This was agreed.

Members' made the following comments:

- There were too many missed appointments in GP surgeries and more work should be done to tackle this.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of speed in financing areas of health care where there were significant rises in cases such as mental health.
- In relation to the issue of bed shortages in hospitals, it was suggested that patients in hospitals who were waiting for medicine prior to being discharged could wait in a day room rather than a bed which would free up the bed for another patient.

Members were assured that efficient handover of patients from ambulance to A&E was high on the CCG's Quality Committee agenda, however this was a national issue and every measure possible to help alleviate it was being put in place. There were side wards available in Airedale Hospital to place patients waiting for a bed; patients were not placed on stretchers in corridors.

In response to Members' questions, it was reported that it was not possible to sanction people who missed GP appointments. Some GP practices were working proactively to reduce the number of missed appointments and a campaign (It's Your NHS Don't Waste It) had been launched locally. Following further



discussion about the campaign, it was stated that patients were being encouraged to buy some medicines (such as paracetamol and ibuprofen) from a supermarket or pharmacy as it was cheaper to do so than for it to be prescribed.

Resolved –

That the objectives, performance and plans of the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group as outlined in Appendix 1 of Document “AC” be noted.

NO ACTION

**61. KEIGHLEY AREA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS 2015-17
PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AD”** which outlined the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period October 2016 to February 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17.

The Keighley Area Co-ordinator presented the report, stating that this was the final report as Council funding for Community Development Workers would cease on 31 March 2017. He tabled Appendix B to the report which provided information about community development work undertaken by Hainworth Wood Community Centre, October 2016 – March 2017.

The Community Development Workers were thanked for their hard work and commitment.

A Member expressed his disquiet at the Council’s decision to stop funding Community Development Workers.

A Member requested a report in 12 months outlining the impact on the Area Co-ordinator’s Office following the loss of Community Development Workers in order to see the additional pressures on that team and how community relations were being managed. He was particularly concerned about the loss of knowledge and experience. In response it was reported that Keighley Town Council had set aside some funding for community development work which was likely to be allocated in May 2017 and may take pressure off the Area Co-ordinator’s Office. The Area Co-ordinator’s Office would work with whoever was commissioned to undertake the work.

Resolved –

(1) That the work of the Community Development Workers on behalf of the three commissioned organisations during the period October 2016 to February 2017 to support Ward priorities within the Keighley Area Ward Plans 2016-17 be noted.



(2) That the Area Co-ordinator be requested to submit a report in 12 months time on the impact on the Area Co-ordinator's Office following the termination of the Community Development grants on 31 March 2017.

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Action: Strategic Director, Place*

62. WELFARE ADVICE SERVICES IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

The Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing submitted **Document "AE"** 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 gave a summary of the report and introduced representatives from provider organisations (Citizens Advice Bradford and Airedale and Law Centre and Equality Together) that would be delivering welfare advice services within the Keighley constituency. She tabled two documents which detailed sessional information in relation to Welfare Advice Provision and Complex Needs Welfare Advice Provision specific to the Keighley Constituency.

It was reported that, following a procurement process and budget reductions, the Citizens Advice Bradford and Airedale and Law Centre had been awarded the contract to provide welfare advice in the Airedale area which covered the Keighley and Shipley constituencies. There had previously been 23 providers funded to deliver welfare advice across the district and this had been reduced to four lead agencies following procurement. Equality Together were providing complex needs welfare advice district-wide. Both contracts had started on 16 January 2017 and a formal launch was planned for June 2017. An information sheet was tabled listing the drop in sessions and locations. It was stressed that the commissioned organisations were now entering a process of change in order to deliver services differently as specified in the transformational contract.

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

- The sessions and appointment hours listed on the circulated information were per week.
- Early intervention was key therefore the number of sessions held within the mental health unit at Airedale Hospital were considered appropriate.
- Access to appointments were via direct referrals from professionals and self-referral.
- Monthly outreach sessions would be held in Ilkley and these could be extended across the constituency.
- Service providers were keen to look at alternative venues to hold sessions other than at the Sangat Community Centre.



A Member suggested links be made with the Willows Independent Hospital in Steeton to consider holding sessions there.

A Member requested that Appendix 1 be recirculated to Members as the contact information was not printed clearly.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report and its contents be noted; allowing time for the new services to embed and commence their change programmes.**
- (2) That services be encouraged 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.**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

Action: Strategic Director, Environment and Sport

63. KEIGHLEY TOWN CENTRE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES

At its meeting on 8 March 2016 the Executive approved a strategy for short, medium and long term improvements to assist traffic flow around Keighley town centre and complement regeneration opportunities of key development sites.

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AF”** which updated the Committee on the progress made.

The Principal Engineer provided a summary of the report and stated that during the consultation process (prior to formal advertisement) for proposals outlined in Appendix 4 of the report some concerns had been raised about the removal of parking spaces on Bow Street. Any objections following the formal advertisement of the Orders would be reported to the Committee. He stated that the scheme was expected to take 16-20 weeks to complete and it was anticipated to commence over the summer period.

A Member commented that the scheme required drivers to comply with the new road system and drive courteously.

A Member stated that the proposed scheme was the best he had seen for the area but suggested the removal of the right turn from North Street to Russell St. In response, it was stated that in reviewing all options for that location, Transport Planners considered that maintaining the right turn was important for the route and this had to be balanced with the availability of parking there too so that the road was not blocked in peak hours due to stationary cars turning right from North Street into Russell Street. If the right turn was taken out it would also increase traffic using the high street roundabout ahead.

With reference to the long term improvements, a Member asked that officers look



into the possibility of removing the four retail premises on East Parade with a view to widening the road.

Following a Member's comment about yellow box junctions often being oversized leading to non-compliance, it was stated that an appropriate size for each yellow box junction proposed had been considered which may lead to better compliance from drivers.

Members were informed that the current long term improvements did not yet address areas for cyclists; discussions were being held about undertaking a cycle study across the Keighley area.

The Principal Engineer stated that a low cost improvement measure would be to re-configure the exit out of the bus station as this was currently only used as an emergency measure.

Resolved –

- (1) That the content of the short, medium and long term measures for transport improvements in Keighley Town Centre and the progress being made towards implementation of those proposals be noted.**
- (2) That Highways officers be requested to liaise with Planning officers to investigate the removal of four retail premises on East Parade in order to widen the road.**

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Action: Strategic Director, Place***

64. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NON-CLASSIFIED ROADS AND SURFACE DRESSING ALLOCATION FOR KEIGHLEY CONSTITUENCY - 2017/18

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AG”** which provided information on the Capital Highway Maintenance funding element of the Local Transport Plan for 2017/18 and made recommendations on the allocation for Non-Classified road resurfacing schemes and Surface Dressing sites in the Keighley constituency.

The Principal Engineer (Highway Maintenance North) provided a summary of the report.

A discussion took place about the type of bitumen used for surface dressing works which was reported as having a life span of seven to 10 years dependant on traffic usage. It was reported that the quality of the material previously used on Devonshire Street had not met quality standards; it was guaranteed and the contractor had redone the work.

A Member asked whether drainage officers had been consulted prior to the road



resurfacing works that had taken place at Keighley Road, Steeton (Hawkcliffe Corner) as the area kept flooding. In response, it was stated that there was no dedicated capital budget available for drainage works and any drainage works had to come from the same revenue budget available for pothole filling and other repairs, which was reported annually to this Committee. It was recognised that there was a lack of funding available for drainage works and the Council was putting a bid in for the Government's National Productivity Investment Fund.

Resolved –

That the proposed programme of works for 2017/18 as shown in Appendices 2 and 3 of Document "AG" be approved.

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Chair

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

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

