

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 5 July 2017 at Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 8.40 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR
Akhtar
Amran
Azam
Dunbar
Engel
Arshad Hussain
Lal
Mohammed
Nazir

Observer: Councillor Duffy

Apologies: Councillors Ahmed and Shaheen

Councillor Amran in the Chair

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Amran be appointed Chair of the Bradford West Area Committee for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

COUNCILLOR AMRAN IN THE CHAIR

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Nussrat Mohammed be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford West Area Committee for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

ACTION: *City Solicitor*

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

- (1) In the interest of transparency, Councillors Arshad Hussain, Engel and Nazir disclosed an interest in the item Duchy Avenue, Bradford - Objections Received to Proposed Traffic Calming Measures (Minute 6).
- (2) In the interest of transparency, Asad Shah (Committee Services Officer) had disclosed an interest in the item Duchy Avenue, Bradford - Objections Received to Proposed Traffic Calming Measures (Minute 6), as he had previously resided on the street and his parent was presently residing on the street.

Action: *City Solicitor*

4. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

6. DUCHY AVENUE, BRADFORD - OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "A"**) considers a petition received following the consultation on the traffic calming proposals for Duchy Avenue, Heaton.

The Senior Engineer gave a synopsis of the report.

A Member reminded the Committee that a petition had initially been received in 2013 and during that time the majority of residents were not in favour of the proposal that had been put forward. Equally so, residents on Hazelhurst Brow, Bradford and neighbouring streets expressed their dissatisfaction towards the petition as it was felt that the result of implementing the proposal as set out in the petition would have a knock on detrimental impact on their streets with significant traffic movements in and around the Daisy Hill area.

The Member further confirmed that as a Councillor for the Toller Ward he could not agree, in his role as a Member of the Committee, to allow other Ward traffic issues to be diverted to his Ward.

A question and answer session ensued:

- As opposed to the 49 signature petition objecting to the proposed calming measures, how many residents had favoured the proposed traffic calming measures?
 - No letters of support were received during the initial consultation phase;



- Where had the 49 objections come from?
 - Duchy Avenue; and,
- Had public services been liaised with?
 - Emergency services had been consulted.

During the discussion, the Committee and the Principal Engineer made the following comments:

- A consultation had been undertaken previously and the majority of the residents were not in favour of traffic calming measures, hence the Committee refrained from approving closure during 2013;
- Ward Councillors of Toller and Heaton had to be included during the consultation stage;
 - *In response to comment*, Why would neighbouring Ward Councillors need to be consulted? Due to the knock on effect of traffic moving to Wheatlands Drive and Lynton Drive (being in Toller Ward) because the implementation of traffic calming measures on Duchy Avenue would be the sole reason behind the transfer of a problem in the Heaton Ward to the Toller Ward.

The lead petitioner was in attendance and with the permission of the Chair, highlighted the following reasons for the traffic calming. During the first petition in 2012, 68 residents had signed the petition in the favour of traffic calming measures. The Principal Engineers had recommended closure in their report. 5 residents on Duchy Drive had expressed objections to the proposed traffic calming. 20mph with speed bumps was eventually proposed but the residents on Duchy Avenue were not happy with such traffic calming measures as the initial petition was not about addressing the issue of speeding cars but the number of cars using Duchy Avenue as a short cut for getting to and from work or parents undertaking school runs.

Resolved –

- (1) That the proposal to introduce Thermoplastic road humps on Duchy Avenue be abandoned.**
- (2) That the extents of the consultation exercise be agreed with Ward Members of Heaton and Toller wards before residents of Duchy Avenue and the surrounding area be consulted on the request for a road closure to prohibit through traffic on Duchy Avenue.**
- (3) That the results of the consultation exercise be reported to this committee in September 2017.**
- (4) That the request for a one-way system on Duchy Avenue be noted and no further action be taken.**
- (5) That the lead petitioner be notified accordingly.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management



ACTION: *Strategic Director – Place*

7. PETITION - LUMB LANE BRADFORD

Previous reference: Council Minute 107 (16/17)

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “B”**) considered a petition regarding traffic matters in the Lumb Lane area, in particular relating to parking provision and the potential future development of the former Drummond Mill site.

The Senior Engineer gave a synopsis of the report.

Petitioners were also in attendance and with the permission of the Chair, were invited to address the Committee. The first petitioner highlighted that he was the owner of Sweet Centre restaurant, situated on Lumb Lane. Resources were greatly needed for the Lumb Lane and surrounding area due to other businesses also operating on the same road. Safety equally be paramount due to a school on Lumb Lane. Due to the Drummonds Mill fire, now was the opportunity to widen the road with better footpaths, road signs, lighting and greenery. The Lumb Lane area could be considered as a greater corridor for visitors of the City. The Drummonds Mill fire had a devastation on local business operating on Lumb Lane. The Lumb Lane area was a thriving place and a niche market with many visitors outside of Bradford visiting daily. A significant amount of parking was required to assist businesses on Lumb Lane and business owners did not wish to lose what they had worked tremendously hard for over so many years.

The Committee confirmed that there was no guarantee of money as sought by the petitioners nevertheless it was paramount that businesses pleading a case were not ignored by the Council and therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of the petition in respect of Lumb Lane be noted.**
- (2) That the appropriate officers in Planning be informed of the decisions of this Committee.**
- (3) That the Lumb Lane Parking Issues Petition be referred to the Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee and that Committee be requested to consider the minutes of this meeting during its scrutiny of any future developments concerning Lumb Lane and the surrounding vicinity.**
- (4) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: *Strategic Director – Place*
City Solicitor

8. DEVOLVED BUDGET - SAFER ROADS SCHEMES



The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “C”**) seeks approval for a programme of Safer Roads Schemes for Bradford West for the 2017/18 financial year.

Following a synopsis of the report, a question and answer session ensued:

- What was the reason for schemes that had been approved by the Committee a number of years ago and were still listed under the reserve list as opposed to being under the recommended for implementation programme?
 - This was due to the effective prioritisation of resources towards addressing schemes that were of paramount importance in order to maximise casualty reduction through the reduction levels of speeding vehicles;
 - *In response to comment*, there had been a number of traffic incidents due to ignorant drivers exceeding speed limits and it was important that the needs of primary school children was taken into consideration as a paramount important safety feature due to 4 schools situated on small roads in the Allerton area.
- How were schemes prioritised?
 - On a priority need basis

During this point, the Committee made the following comments:

- Road safety should be a high priority for parents of younger children and there should be a focus on pedestrian education;
- A reserved list containing years old schemes was not good enough;
- It would most likely have been parents of children who recommended traffic schemes because of the safety concerns; and,
- The reserved list schemes, especially schemes that had been on reserve over a decade should be reviewed for the sole reason that following approval made at Committee, schemes were not progressing to implementation stage.

Resolved –

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2017/18 as listed in Appendix 1 attached to Document “C” be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2017/18 listed in Appendices 2 and 3, attached to Document “C” be approved.**
- (3) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**



- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.
- (5) That the list of outstanding requests for measures (Appendices 4 and 5) be reviewed in conjunction with respective Ward Members.
- (6) That a report on the progress of the safer roads schemes programme be presented to this committee in autumn 2017.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

9. YOUTH SERVICE - SERVICE CHANGES AND BUDGET 2017-18

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “D”**) gave an update on changes to the Youth Service made in response to budget savings and staff re-structure and gave details of the budget for the Youth Service in 2017/18.

Resolved –

That the changes made to the Youth Service as detailed in Document “D” and the budget for the Service for 2017-18 be noted.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services

ACTION: Strategic Director – Place

10. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD WEST

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “E”**) sought to update members on current casualty levels and trends in Bradford West and on the Road Safety education, training and publicity initiatives aimed at reducing these casualties.

The Committee sought clarification towards the lack of engagement by a children’s centre which was part of the Council. In response it was confirmed that information was not at hand as to the reasons but the Committee was assured that the centre would be the focus by officers in the near future.

The Committee thanked the team on the importance of work carried out.

Resolved –

- (1) That the information in respect of casualty trends and Road Safety activities in Bradford West be noted.



- (2) That the evidence based approach to determine Road Safety priorities be supported.
- (3) That a report on the progress in respect of road safety in Bradford West be presented to this Committee in 12 months time.

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

11. NOMINATION TO LIST PROPERTY AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE - 91 SAFFRON DRIVE, ALLERTON, BRADFORD

The report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Services (**Document “E”**) presented a nomination received by the Council to list an asset known as 91 Saffron Drive, Allerton, and Bradford as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. This report considered whether the nomination and nominated asset met the Asset of Community Value criteria set out in the Localism Act and contained a recommendation as to whether or not the nominations should be approved.

Resolved –

That the nomination of the property known as 91 Saffron Drive, Allerton, Bradford as an Asset of Community Value be rejected.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate
ACTION: Strategic Director – Corporate Services

12. GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP

The Bradford West Area Co-ordinator verbally reported on the setting up of the Grants Advisory Group for the municipal year 2017/18 for the Bradford West Area.

Resolved –

That for the Municipal Year 2017/18, the following Councillors from the Bradford West Area Committee be approved for the make-up of the Grants Advisory Group:

LABOUR

Councillor Mohammed, Chair
Councillor Dunbar
Councillor Engel
Councillor Nazir

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate
ACTION: Bradford West Area Co-ordinator

13. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR



Resolved –

That the future meetings of the Bradford West Area Committee for 2017/2018, be confirmed as follows:

Wednesday 20 September 2017

Wednesday 25 October 2017

Wednesday 29 November 2017

Thursday 20 December 2017

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Wednesday 28 February 2018

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Wednesday 18 April 2018

LEAD: City Solicitor

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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