

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 25 October 2017 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 1800  
Concluded 1945

## Present – Councillors

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A Ahmed
Akhtar
Amran
Engel
Mohammed
Mullaney
Shaheen

## Councillor Amran in the Chair

### 25. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

### 26. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

### 27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

### 28. NAPLES STREET, BRADFORD - PETITION

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “M”**) considered a petition requesting permit parking on Naples Street, Bradford.

#### Resolved -

- (1) That no further action be taken on the request for permit parking on Naples Street, Bradford.
- (2) That the Police and wardens increase passing patrols of Naples Street and



that residents be encouraged to contact the Police in respect of obstructive and/or dangerous parking.

- (3) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.

**ACTION: Strategic Director, Place**

## 29. LOCAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE - DEVOLUTION UPDATE & FUNCTION OVERVIEW

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “N”**) detailed how the service currently managed the Local Highway Maintenance (LHM) function and allocated resources.

It also updated the committee with regard to current operations being undertaken on the network and the indicative costs of works undertaken in the current financial year

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the current operational methods adopted for Local Highway Maintenance be noted.
- (2) That the indicative costs to date for the current financial year be noted.
- (3) That the list of current and proposed CAT3/4 works as shown in Appendices 5 and 6 to Document “N” be approved.

**ACTION: Strategic Director, Place**

## 30. PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “O”**) was the annual report for the devolved Parks & Green Spaces Service reviews activity during the past year and also considers the significant issues that would have an effect over the coming 12 months with options where available for future service delivery, investment and savings.

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

- How regularly were parks maintained by the Council?
  - The grass was cut ten times on an annual basis. In relation to litter collection, this was collected once a week;
- What difference had volunteers made towards contributing towards green spaces?
  - The Council had around 15 volunteers across the Bradford District to assist with green space activities. Volunteers always gave an added value to delivering a vital service;
- Did the Council work with horticultural students in the university?
  - This was an area that could be explored in the future?
- Had any apprenticeships been offered to young people in order to help kick start careers?
  - This was something being looked at with students in Shipley College;
- Had the England and Wales Cricket Board been consulted with regards to Bowling Greens?



- A meeting had been taken place a short while ago in relation to raising £100,000 and it became apparent within the meeting that the interest of a younger generation was adamant in order to progress further;
- No other funding was available at present time nevertheless the Council was exceptionally creative in terms of utilising alternative strategies to ensure delivering quality services in all areas; and,
  - Were there active friends/groups in Parks?
- Yes, limiting to looking after green spaces but not Bowling Greens.

The Chair concluded by thanking officers for their efforts towards making the potential to create a more sustainable and quality green spaces across the district.

**Resolved –**

**That the contents of Document “O” be noted and welcomed.**

***LEAD: Strategic Director, Place***

### **31. YOUTH OFFER - BRADFORD WEST AREA**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “P”**) informed the Area Committee of the progress made in relation to the establishment of the new Youth Offer across the Bradford District and specifically in the Bradford West Area.

The Commissioner (Youth Provision) gave a synopsis of the report.

A select few young people who had been under the guidance of Youth Workers attended the meeting and gave a snapshot of their lives since being helped to reach their full potential in society, as follows:

- Young Person 1
  - Had been referred by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) due to suffering with mental illness. Never left the house until deciding to visit the Youth Centre that helped considerably in regaining her reason from her illness.
- Young Person 2
  - Arrived from a children's home and was on the path of progressing towards youth offending due to the extreme temper since being involved with the Youth Service, which is now a constant part of her life reflected on life now in a positive aspect.
- Young person 3
  - Was unable to cope with pressures of exams and with the continuous help of the Youth Service, was now considerably confident in dealing with many pressures young people faced in today's society.
- Young person 4
  - Victim of bullying; on verge of becoming a recluse until the Youth Service intervened. Now actively involved with outdoor activities and helping others.

Following presentations, information was sought as to the numbers of young people that



had been reformed through the Youth Service. The Committee was advised that a significant number of young people from various backgrounds across the district.

A question was asked in relation to the current funding arrangements. It was responded that additional funding had come directly from Central Government and the Youth Service was utilising funds to continue operating on a high level in order to make a positive difference in young people's lives.

The Committee praised the Youth Service for the District wide work to help young people make a better life for themselves, therefore:

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the achievements of the Youth Offer Working Group, and the Youth Sector as a whole, as outlined in the Action Plan (Appendix A to Document "P") be noted and a further update be received in respect of this work in 12 months time.**
- (2) **That the Bradford West Area Committee considered the shared direction of travel and the continued commitment from the Youth Sector to work together, and to do things differently.**
- (3) **That the work already undertaken around Youth Voice be noted and Youth Voice arrangements be formalised in respect of the Bradford West Area Committee work plan for 2017-18.**
- (4) **That the young people and the Youth Workers be thanked for their commitment towards Youth Provision.**
- (5) **That the Bradford West Area Committee acknowledges the drastic cuts made to Youth Services across Bradford and the Country by the Government and supports calls for a statutory Youth Service that protects and invests in a universal provision including JNC qualified Youth Workers.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

**32. CLEANER AND GREENER STREETS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS IN BRADFORD WEST - DEVOLUTION TO AREA COMMITTEE**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "Q"**) provided an update relating to Council Wardens, Environmental Enforcement and Street Cleansing in the Bradford West Area. It highlighted a developing approach that delivered on the cleaner/greener agenda at an Area, Ward, neighbourhood and street level that was supported by residents, businesses and community organisations as part of the People Can – Make a Difference Campaign.

The Bradford West Area Co-ordinator began the item by presenting the report to the Committee.

In response, the following question and answer session ensued:

- How good was the system in response to car collisions and glass being shattered?
  - The service was responsible during first part of the day and after 1530 hours it was the responsibility of Highways;



- How many Wardens should Bradford West have and how many actual Wardens were operational in the area?
  - A total of 9 Wardens covering 6 Wards and 1 Warden was on long term sick. There was a vacancy for 2 Wardens;
- Who had the responsibility of street bins after builders removed them?
  - This was the responsibility of builders to replace the bins but the Council would never know unless reported; and,
- Following the sponsoring of bins by Dixons Academy, had this made improvements in the associated area?
  - Yes because the school was a cleaner place directly outside.

During the discussion, it was mentioned that the support of Apprenticeships was crucial but it should be noted that they should not be to replace full time cleansing staff. The Council should do more to get leaflets out to residents relating to cleaner streets and reporting litter.

**Resolved –**

- (1) **That the information contained in Document “Q” be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) **That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator’s office, the Council’s Cleansing Team, Council Wardens and the Enforcement Team be thanked for their continued and outstanding commitment towards street cleansing in the Bradford West area.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

Chair

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