

## Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 4 April 2018 in Denholme Mechanics Institute

Commenced 6.30 pm  
Concluded 7.50 pm

### Present – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	GREEN
Heseltine Shaw Barker Davies Riaz Townend	Greenwood	Love

Observer: Councillor Mike Pollard

Apologies: Councillor Hawarun Hussain

### Councillor Heseltine in the Chair

#### 73. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

#### 74. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

#### 75. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### 76. SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES

The Area Co-ordinator informed the Committee that no SCAPAG issues had been received for this meeting.

**No resolution was passed on this item.**

**77. SCAPAG MEETING NOTES - 14 FEBRUARY 2018**

The Area Co-ordinator presented the notes (**Document “AC”**) of SCAPAG contributions made at the meeting with the Area Committee held on 14 February 2018.

**Resolved –**

**That the notes be received.**

**NO ACTION**

**78. STREET DEDICATION TO HONOUR THE LATE YORKSHIRE AND ENGLAND CRICKETER BRIAN CLOSE**

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document “AD”** which considered the proposal to name a new street on the development at the Former Little Blue Orange pub, Otley Road, Baildon after the Yorkshire and England Cricketer Brian Close.

Members were informed that the proposal had been put forward by Baildon Town Council and that the three Ward Councillors and the developer of the site had been consulted and all were in favour of the proposal.

**Resolved –**

**That the proposed street name “Brian Close Walk” for the residential development 18/00093/S3 Former Little Blue Orange pub, Otley Road, Baildon be approved.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Environment & Waste Management**

**ACTION: Strategic Director, Place**

**79. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS TO TACKLE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

The Strategic Director, Children’s Services submitted **Document “AE”** which provided an update to the report presented to the Committee in 2017 regarding the issue of child sexual exploitation (CSE). It set out the arrangements that had been put in place, and which continue to develop, to safeguard children from CSE.

The Manager of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) spoke of the important work undertaken by the Board and the preventative work undertaken locally with children and young people regarding grooming and CSE. He highlighted that the Shipley Constituency had 29 young people flagged at risk of CSE; the lowest of all the constituencies across the district. Representatives from the Police and Youth Service were present at the meeting and spoke of how CSE issues were being jointly tackled via the multi-agency CSE Hub and how this was



aided through partnership working and information sharing.

During the presentation, the Advanced Practitioner (Shipley Youth Service) referred to good working relationships with Titus Salt School and Bingley Grammar School. The Chair queried the level of engagement with other schools and youth facilities in the area. In response, it was stated that all schools were not equally engaged but it was anticipated they would be when it became mandatory for school to report safeguarding concerns.

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

- There were 21 safe school officers working in schools and every primary school in Bradford had a key contact.
- There were 6 PCSOs who assisted in the delivery of the cyber safety training sessions in schools across the district.
- Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 placed a statutory duty on all schools to ensure they had regard to the need to safeguard children. This information was collated by the local authority.
- Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 placed duties on a range of organisations and individuals to ensure their functions were discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- If the BSCB was not satisfied with the outcome following a safeguarding audit, they could refer the matter to Ofsted. If there were any trends identified in schools/localities, the BSCB could look to offer additional support.
- Awareness raising of CSE issues had been undertaken by Barnardo's with the night time economy e.g. takeaways and taxi firms.
- Training and awareness raising delivered in schools was helping to make children and young people take responsibility for their actions and understand the consequences of what they do, particularly with regard to social media.
- Looked after children were the most at risk in terms of CSE victims.
- Operation Dalesway, which had been established to investigate historic CSE concerns, worked in conjunction with the multi-agency CSE Hub.

Members praised the theatre productions delivered in schools to raise awareness of CSE and stated that there was much more awareness of the issues than before.

The Chair stressed that safeguarding children was everyone's responsibility and gave an example of observations that had been reported within his ward which had alerted the Police to a potential CSE issue.

A Member in attendance at the meeting stated that he had attended a recent Governor Forum at which it was raised that a significant number of S175 audits had not been completed by schools on time. He queried what the current situation was with this matter. In response, it was reported that this was a concern for the BSCB, 51% had been returned and that a letter would be sent to the Chair of Governors of all outstanding schools requesting that the audits be returned before the end of the term.



## Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of the report (Document “AE”) be noted.
- (2) That ways in which CSE can be tackled at a local level be considered in the Area Committee’s decisions, actions taken with young people and Members’ own observations and contacts with their constituents.
- (3) That Councillors in the Shipley Constituency be provided with a named contact to report CSE concerns to.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services**  
**ACTION: Strategic Director, Children’s Services**

### 80. CHILDREN’S SERVICES WORK IN SHIPLEY

The Strategic Director of Children’s Services submitted **Document “AF”** which provided a summary of the volume of work undertaken locally related to children, young people and families. It addressed education attainments and attendance, poverty levels, information about looked after children and other key issues.

The Deputy Director Education and Learning provided a summary of the report, which was followed by a detailed overview of the work undertaken by the Targeted Early Help Team (currently consisting of 7.5 FTE staff assisting 65 families) provided by the Targeted Early Help Team Manager and concluded with a short statement from the Executive Support Manager, Children’s Services stating that the overall picture for the Shipley constituency, which contained 14% of the overall child population of the district, was positive, with school attendance (94.95%) being higher than the district average (93.9%).

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

- The school attendance figure for the Shipley constituency was above the national average and was not an area of concern.
- Domestic Abuse, Recovering Together (DART) was a service aimed at helping mothers and children after domestic abuse. Officers were not aware of any similar service available for fathers but would feed this back to Family Action.
- Only local authority maintained schools or academies were provided in the list of schools in the Shipley area (Appendix 1 to Document “AF”). Although independent schools were not on the list, the service had links with them, particularly with regard to children with special educational needs and disabilities that attended them.
- Since September 2017 there was a requirement for independent schools to notify the local authority if a child moved off their roll to assist the local authority in ensuring the safety of all children within the district.

The Chair queried whether there was any correlation between children known to be missing in education and child sexual exploitation issues in the area, as outlined in the previous report (Minute 79). In response, it was explained that the



service had links to the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board and followed a strict protocol to keep track of children known to be missing from education.

**Resolved –**

**That the report (Document “AF”) be received for information and the work undertaken by Children’s Services staff be welcomed.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Children’s Services  
NO ACTION**

**81. COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018**

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator submitted **Document “AG”** which summarised the Community Chest Grants awarded in the financial year April 2017 to March 2018 for the benefit of communities within the Shipley Constituency.

The Shipley Area Co-ordinator stated that the Community Chest budget for 2017/18 was £11,500 and that 38 organisations had been supported through the grants awarded as outlined in Appendix A of Document “AG”.

In response to Members’ questions, he confirmed that the grant provided to the Eccleshill Adventure Playground had been used within the Shipley constituency and that approximately 15 applications had been rejected through the allocations process.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the wide range of groups, organisations and individuals across the Shipley Area which have benefited from receiving a Community Chest Grant be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their work in allocating Community Chest Grants.**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: Corporate  
ACTION: Shipley Area Co-ordinator**

Chair

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

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