

**Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area
Committee held on Thursday, 28 June 2018 in
Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford**

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 6.30 pm

Present – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR
Senior	Wainwright T Hussain Dodds Johnson S Khan Thornton Warburton Wood

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Wainwright be appointed Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

Action: Interim City Solicitor

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Tariq Hussain be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

Action: Interim City Solicitor

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT - GRANT ADVISORY GROUP

Resolved –

That Councillors Wainwright and Tariq Hussain be appointed onto the Grant Advisory Group and that the Queensbury Ward Councillors nominate a Member, and advise the Bradford South Area Coordinator of their nomination.

ACTION: Bradford South Area Committee Coordinator

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

5. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 February and 15 March 2018 be signed as a correct record.

6. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

8. SPENCER ROAD, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES - OBJECTIONS

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document "A"**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order and Traffic Calming Measures on Spencer Road, Bradford.

The Principal Engineer explained that the proposed scheme had been agreed by this Area Committee as part of the Casualty Reduction Programme, based on the accident record on Spencer Road; resulting in 6 collisions, 7 casualties in the previous 5 years; 1 collision was fatal, 2 serious and 1 involved a child pedestrian.

He added that following consultation on the proposal in March of this year to 55 premises, 5 objections had been received, which were detailed in the report. Ward Members were supportive of the scheme and the recommendation was to overrule the objections and implement the scheme as advertised.

Members of the Area Committee who were also Ward Members stressed that Spencer Road was a wide road and many residents had approached them over the years spelling the dangers, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures, pedestrian refuge island and the footway buildouts be constructed and the associated Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

9. SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which updated the Area Committee on changes to the apportionment of the Safer Roads budget (recently approved by Executive committee) and sought approval for a programme of schemes in Bradford South for 2018/19.

During the discussion, a Member raised the possibility of incorporating a number of 20 mph zones as part of the outstanding casualty reduction schemes set out in Appendix 4 to the report. The Principal Engineer stated that this could be looked at, however the evidence of the effectiveness of extending 20 mph zones without accompanying physical measures such as traffic calming was mixed. Whilst some areas of the country had successfully introduced blanket 20mph zones, there had been concerns about a false perception of safety in some locations.

In response to a question regarding how schemes were actually selected, it was explained that requests could come via a number of routes, including ward councillors, public, looking at casualty rates/ collisions, however any requests had to be closely vetted given the limited budget available.

In response to a question regarding a request for traffic measures on Hollingwood Lane/Hollybank Road it was stated that the possibility of a low cost scheme could be looked at.

A Queensbury Ward Member highlighted an issue regarding Cuthberts Close and that there had been some recent accidents there. In response the Principal Engineer stated that this location was on the approved list and officers would consult Ward Councillors with a view to progressing a suitable scheme.

Resolved –

- (1) That the changes to the apportionment of the Safer Roads budget (approved by Executive committee on 12 June 2018) be noted.
- (2) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2018/19 listed in Appendix 1 to Document “B” be approved.
- (3) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2018/19 listed in Appendices 2 and 3A be approved subject to the removal of the item relating to Permit Parking on New Works Road from Appendix 3A to Document “B”.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

10. UPDATE ON FAMILY HUBS PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP IMPLEMENTATION

On the 3 April 2018, the Council’s Executive agreed to implement the Family Hubs model for delivering prevention and early help to babies, children and young people from October 2018.

The Strategic Director Children’s Services submitted a report (**Document “C”**) which provided an update on implementation since April 2018 with a specific focus on area based planning and issues.

The Early Help Programme Lead stressed that partnership working was key to making the proposals viable, as well as building on what was working well and keeping an eye on the impact, following a reduction in the budget.

During the discussion a Member stressed the importance of having a true picture of what was happening at a ward level, as there were sometimes pockets of particular need which needed addressing.

In relation to the issue of anti social behaviour and the number if incidents, it was pointed out that these figures were provided by the respective Partnership.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report and progress to date be noted and support and guidance on the on-going co-production of the Family Hubs offer be provided.**
- (2) That officers note the comments and concerns raised by Members on pockets of deprivation and ensure that they are taken into consideration during the implementation of the model.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Children’s Services

(Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

11. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD SOUTH

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

During the discussion, a Member stated that the road safety presentation in schools was very effective in getting the message across and it was important to make this available to as many schools as possible. In response the Road Safety Manager stated that certain schools had been prioritised to receive the presentation, and to this end additional funding had been secured from the Combined Authority.

In terms of the casualty figures outlined in the report, a Member questioned the possibility of having a breakdown between adult and child pedestrian casualties, and the Road Safety Manager agreed to try and obtain this breakdown.

Resolved –

- (1) That the information in respect of casualty trends and Road Safety activities in Bradford South be noted.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Committee continues to support the evidence based approach to determine Road Safety priorities.**
- (3) That officers within the Road Safety Unit be thanked for their hard work in reducing casualties, particularly in the context of a reduced budget.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

12. HORTON BANK COUNTRY PARK

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “E”**) which reviewed the public survey that was carried out during the autumn/winter period of 2017/18 regarding Horton Bank Country Park, and the associated issues around fly tipping and general access arrangement and provided an update following the survey.

The Principal Parks and Green Spaces Manager explained in detail the issues affecting the site and although the initial survey had yielded a poor response rate, a consequent T&A online survey had expressed overwhelming support to lock the site up to all vehicular access.

During the discussion Members were supportive of the proposal and although the initial public response to the survey had been poor, the level and nature of the anti social behaviour was such that locking the site was the most viable solution, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That the preferred Service Option 1 set out in Document “E”, namely to agree to the locking of the gates at Horton Bank Country Park be approved.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

13. SEDBERGH SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which provided the Bradford South Area Committee with an update on progress with the new Sedbergh Sports and Leisure Centre and set out the next stages of the project.

During a PowerPoint presentation the following update was provided by the Project Manager:

- Project history: part of a £28 million project to develop two new facilities in Bradford Sedbergh Squire Lane.
- Progress to date: Executive approved the project; design team appointed; planning permission obtained; main contractor appointed and works on site commenced.
- The facilities that we are providing include 25m 6 lane swimming pool; activity pool with movable floor; 8 court sports hall; fitness centre; 2 activity studios; wet, dry and outdoor changing and 3 outdoor pitches.

- Next Steps: completion of foundations; delivery of first steelwork; completion of access junctions; consultation regarding highway alterations and sports pitch levelling and drainage works.
- Anticipated Project Timeline: ground works completed by August 2018; steel frame completed by October 2018; roof completed by April 2019; building handed over by 19th August 2019 and facility opening in September 2019.
- Project Finance: allocated £17.5m of the £28m budget; estimated spend currently £17.0 million; underspend to enhance Squire Lane scheme; finance plan includes £2.0 million contingency for design changes and unforeseen circumstances.

During the discussion Members welcomed the progress on the project and stated that on completion, the facility would provide excellent facilities for the district.

In response to a question on the use of local labour, it was explained that as part of the proposals a number of local contractors had been engaged as well as the use of apprenticeships and local labour, and that this would be monitored throughout the contract.

In relation to a question on the use of 4g pitches, it was explained that this had not been considered feasible given the topography of the site and the proximity to neighbouring properties.

Resolved –

- (1) **That the progress made on the development of the new sports facility be noted.**
- (2) **That the Bradford South Area Committee takes note of the progress made on the development of the new sports facility.**
- (3) **That officers be thanked for submitting a detailed and informative report and for the work done so far on the development of the new facility.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

(Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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