

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 31 January 2019 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 8.00 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENT
T Hussain Dodds Peart S Khan Thornton Wainwright Warburton	Senior	L Cromie

Observers: Councillors Green and Jabar

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

36. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

37. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November and 13 December 2018 be signed as a correct record.

38. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

39. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

40. BRADFORD SOUTH YOUTH SUMMIT 2019

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “S”**) which covered the Bradford South Youth Summit that explored issues relating to young people and social mobility. This work was led by the Young Ambassadors Group which supports the work of the Bradford Opportunity Area Fund.

Resolved –

That consideration of the report be deferred to the February meeting of the Area Committee.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children’s Services

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

41. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO A PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR VARIOUS SITES IN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “U”**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for various parking restrictions in the Bradford South constituency.

The Principal Engineer explained that a number of traffic regulation orders had been advertised covering different areas of the constituency. In relation to the proposals for Poplar Grove it was highlighted that following initial informal consultation, officers were recommending that this particular TRO be abandoned, and that this course of action was supported by ward councillors.

A number of objectors were present at the meeting to make representations on a number of the Orders that had been advertised, and the following issues were raised in respect of:

Lowell Avenue: An objector stated that cars were already parking and blocking driveways and that a permit parking scheme would be a better option going forward; that many householders had access to two cars, and he suggested that there was some charity land that could be utilised for parking with the consent of the owner or that the option for permit parking be explored. In response to the issues raised the Principal Engineer stated that there were no resources to implement a permit parking scheme and the proposals were the best options for what was a very narrow street. A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor stated that there were 8 houses on Lowell Avenue and the proposed TRO would only make matters worse and although he appreciated there were parking issues, not all the properties had access to a driveway. In addition there will be spill over onto Clayton Road and given the number of objections the best option would be to abandon the Order.

Wibsey Park Avenue: An objector stated that the proposed double yellow lines would be ineffective as parking was not the real issue and what was really required was the installation of traffic lights and slowing down traffic, he argued that installing double yellow lines would only encourage drivers to speed. In response the Principal Highways Engineer highlighted that the proposed double yellow lines would reduce the number of collisions on this stretch of road and that they would also enable a future scheme to be implemented.

Bierley Lane: The Chair highlighted that he had been made aware of issues at Councillor Surgeries regarding access to the Church, in particular when there was a funeral or wedding service taking place, however objectors at the meeting stated that the proposed double yellow lines would only disadvantage church users.

Knowles Street: A group of objectors who ran a trampoline business on Knowles Street stated that the proposals would inhibit their customers from parking as they had limited parking on site. In response the Principal Engineer stated that proposed parking prohibition would only apply to one side of the road and there was some support for the proposals.

Comondale Road: A number of the owners of the businesses that were located on Comondale Road were present at the meeting and raised objections to the proposals, stating that it would impact on business deliveries, was draconian, there was inadequate parking, with the parking issues being further down Comondale Road, and that consultation on the proposal had been inadequate. The Principal Engineer confirmed that there had been consultation with those affected by the proposal.

New Works Road: An owner of a business located on New Works Road stated that the proposed double yellow lines would affect his business adversely and that he had sight of a petition which had been signed by over 300 people objecting to the proposal. A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that he was familiar with the area and the proposal would affect the viability of some of the businesses that survived on passing trade and that there was limited parking in the vicinity of New Works Road. In response the Principal Engineer stated that elements of the scheme could be revised in the light of the representations made.

Church Street: Members expressed their surprise at the proposals as this was a scheme that had been previously considered by the Committee and the viability of the scheme was predicated on the understanding that parking could only be facilitated on one side of the road. The Principal Engineer confirmed that the proposal would only affect one side of Church Street and although there was no consensus, further consultation for a preferred solution could be sought.

In light of the representations made on the above and the suggestions made by Members it was:

Resolved -

- (1) That the objections in respect of Highgate Road and Wibsey Park Avenue be overruled and the Order be sealed and implemented as advertised subject to:
 - i. the removal of elements of the scheme in respect of Lowell Avenue, Bierley Lane, Knowles Street and Comondale Way and,
 - ii. revised proposals for New Works Road (at its eastern end) and Church Street being agreed with frontage properties and ward members.
- (2) That any remaining objections to the New Works Road or Church Street proposals be reported back to the Bradford South Area Committee.
- (3) That the proposal to introduce No Waiting At any Time restrictions on Poplar Grove be abandoned.
- (4) That the objectors be informed accordingly.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: *Strategic Director Place*

42. **NETHERLANDS AVENUE, BRADFORD OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “V”**) which set out objections received to recently advertised proposals for Traffic Calming Measures on Netherlands Avenue, Bradford.

The Principal Engineer stated that the current access only and speed enforcement provisions were not being adhered to and therefore the proposals for traffic calming were the most viable solution that could be pursued at this current time.

A ward councillor for the area stated that a number of schemes had been pursued for Netherlands Avenue over the years with limited success, in particular the lack of enforcement had only exacerbated the situation and therefore the proposal offered the best option at the current time, which would reduce the volume of traffic accessing Netherlands Avenue.

A resident raised concerns that street lighting visibility in the vicinity of the traffic island was inadequate due to over grown trees and that drivers would find it difficult to see pedestrians crossing at this point. In response the Principal Engineer stated that as part of the scheme there was a proposal to install a build out which would improve visibility and safety, and that concerns regarding overgrown trees could be looked at when designing the scheme.

Resolved –

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures as shown on Plan no.HS/TRSS/104081/CON-1A –attached as Appendix 1 to Document “V”, be implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

43. PARK LANE, QUEENSBURY - PETITION

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “W”**) which set out a petition regarding Park Lane, Queensbury requesting measures to improve safety, particularly for pedestrians.

The owners of a nursing home situated on Park Lane were present at the meeting and stated that Park Lane was particularly narrow given the number of bends in the road and that no measures were in place to control the speed of traffic, adding that HGVs using the road were an extra dimension to the issues being faced.

In response the Principal Highways Engineer explained that a number of proposals were being looked at, however securing the necessary funding from the developer had been an issue.

A Member suggested that the Assistant Director should write a letter to the developer as a matter of urgency in order to secure the funding for the works on Park Lane, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the Assistant Director Planning Transportation & Highways writes to the developer to secure the agreed funds within 3 months so that the highway works (as detailed in paragraph 2.3 to Document “W”) can be promoted.**
- (1) That the measures suggested to improve Park Lane are designed in consultation with the frontages and the Ward Councillors as a working group.**
- (3) That approval be given to prepare and advertise any Traffic Regulation Orders required to implement the highways works on Park Lane.**
- (4) That any valid objections to the advertised Orders be reported to a future meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee or, in the event of there being no valid objections, the Orders be sealed and implemented as advertised.**
- (5) That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

44. CLAYTON ROAD/HOLLINGWOOD LANE - TRO OBJECTIONS

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “X”**) which set out representations received in respect of the recently advertised proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order on Clayton Road and Hollingwood Lane.

In respect of the objection that had been received, the Principal Engineer stated that the road narrowed from the point of the objector’s property and it was important to preserve the site lines for traffic using Hollingwood Lane.

The objector was present at the meeting and stated that he was the owner of 23 Hollingwood Lane and that he had plans to convert the property into a dental practice and convert the first floor into living accommodation for his family, and therefore the proposals to implement parking restriction along the frontage to number 23 would affect the existing street parking and the viability of the dental practice, and he urged that the parking restriction to the frontage of his property be removed.

A Ward Councillor for the area was present at the meeting and concurred with the concerns raised by the objector, adding that the objector was paying the price for issues further down Hollingwood lane.

A Member suggested that the double yellow lines should be moved further down where the road starts to narrow, in the vicinity of the bridge.

A Member also suggested that in devising the scheme a build out should also be installed to improve safety in the vicinity of the new development.

Members agreed to modify the scheme in respect of the proposed waiting restrictions in the vicinity of number 23 Hollingwood Lane in light of the objectors’ concerns and it was therefore:

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposals be amended in accordance with the officer comments in respect of Comments 1-4 detailed in section 2.3 to Document “X” and in respect of minor modifications in the vicinity of 23 Hollingwood Lane to be agreed with Ward Members and the modified Order be sealed and implemented as otherwise advertised**

(2) That all those making representations be informed accordingly.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

45. **BIG LOCAL - SCHOLEMOOR AND LIDGET GREEN**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “Z”**) which informed the Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme. The projects that had been funded through the programme were alluded to.

During the discussion a Member stated that she had previously served on the Programme Board and she ascertained what the main issues and areas of concern that had been identified. In response it was stated that some of the key issues that had been identified were around social isolation and things for young people to do as well as the issue of drugs and crime.

A number of Members stated that a great number of the projects that had been funded were sports related and that a percentage of the funding had been spent on administration, and they questioned whether the real concerns and issues affecting the area were being tackled and appropriate projects funded towards addressing those issues, in particular around drug use, community cohesion and support for older people. In response it was stated that the Board ultimately made the decision as to which projects should be funded. In addition it was stated that a variety of projects had been funded which were highlighted in the community plan.

Members felt that further clarity should be sought around the projects funded and how they related to the concerns identified by local people and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That the Chair of the Big Local Partnership Board be invited to the June meeting of the Area Committee, to give an explanation of the projects that have been funded and are due to be funded, and how they relate to the issues and concerns raised by local people at the outset of the programme as problems that should be tackled in the Scholemoor and Lidget Green area.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

ACTION: Bradford South Coordinator

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

The Interim Strategic Director Children's Services submitted a report (**Document "T"**) which provided an update to the report presented to the Bradford South Area Committee on the 15th March 2018 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 Safeguarding Board and the Youth Service Practitioner for the Bradford South Area were present at the meeting to give an overview of the activities being undertaken in the Bradford South area to raise awareness and tackle the issue of CSE. The work done by the Youth Service was particularly highlighted and the support offered by Youth workers, and that partnership working was key in addressing the issues.

The increase in the number of CSE cases reported was alluded to with increasing reporting linked to increase awareness and vigilance around the issue. The complexity around vulnerability was highlighted, as was early intervention and prevention as key factors.

Within the youth service area issues around simplifying the referral system and providing safe places were being looked at.

During the discussion Members welcomed the plethora of work being done around tackling CSE and in particular the success of the Build a Girl project in Tong had made a huge difference in building confidence.

In response to a question on the complexity of the cases being referred, it was explained that specialist police officers worked with children at risk from CSE as well as work undertaken by Barnardos, and therefore there was a process in place to manage the risk.

In relation to a question on what work was being done to raise awareness of the issue amongst the new emerging communities it was explained specific engagement work was being undertaken in those communities.

Resolved –

That the report be welcomed and noted and the work done by the different agencies, including the Youth Service to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation be commended.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Children's Services

ACTION: Interim Strategic Director Children's Services

47. STREET CLEANSING - SERVICE REDESIGN AND DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES

The Bradford South Area Coordinator submitted a report (**Document “Y”**) which provided information on the service redesign of Street Cleansing and options for operational deployment of resources.

The Area Coordinator explained in detail how the Service would be redesigned around the options set out in the report. Maps showing how the new teams would operate across Bradford South were tabled.

The issue of fly tipping and littering, given the large number of takeaway outlets in Bradford South were particular issues that needed addressing and enforcement was key to this.

In response to a question around how the proposals would work in practice, it was explained that flexibility was key in making the new system work and routes would be prioritised accordingly.

The Area Coordinator acknowledged that education and enforcement were key in making the new system work.

Resolved -

- (1) That the service redesign for gateways be adopted.**
- (2) That Option 1b: Area Constituency pooled resources be selected as the preferred delivery model.**
- (3) That the Area Committee review the option chosen after a 12 month trial period.**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Waste Management

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

Chair

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

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