

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday, 5 July 2018 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.30 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
I Greenwood Jamil H Khan Shafiq	R Ahmed Griffiths Stubbs Ward	Sajawal

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor H Khan be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year 2018/19

Action: Interim City Solicitor

Councillor H Khan in the Chair

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor I Greenwood be appointed Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2018/19

Action: Interim City Solicitor

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received at the commencement of the meeting, but during the course of the discussion on the item in respect of the petition regarding Westfield Lane, Bradford (minute 8) Councillor Ward disclosed for the sake of clarity that he lived close to Westfield Lane and took no part in the discussion or voting on the matter.

ACTION: Interim City Solicitor

4. MINUTES

Resolved –

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

Action: Interim City Solicitor

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

7. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN BRADFORD EAST

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “A”**) updated Members on current casualty levels and trends in Bradford East and on the Road Safety education, training and publicity initiatives aimed at reducing casualties.

Members commented that, in future iterations of this report, it would be very useful to have a greater level of detail in respect of which road user groups and age groups were involved in incidents, particularly the more serious ones.

A Member also noted that some schools were not taking up the offer of free road safety training for their pupils and queried the reasons why this might be. The Team Leader, Road Safety commented that it was very difficult to get some schools to respond to the offer of training and that she could only conclude that Headteachers preferred to prioritise other matters.

She also confirmed that information was sent to faith settings twice a year.



Members concurred that it was important to encourage as many schools as possible to take up the offer of road safety training and expressed concern that some schools seemed to prefer not to utilise this resource.

Resolved –

- (1) That the information in respect of casualty trends and road safety activities in Bradford East be noted.**
- (2) That the evidence based approach to determining road safety priorities continue to be supported.**
- (3) That all schools in Bradford East be urged to participate in the programme of road safety education described in Document “A”**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

8. 27 WINGFIELD MOUNT, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE

The Committee was asked to consider **Document “B”**, a report of the Strategic Director, Place which outlined an application for a disabled persons parking place where an objection had been received.

Members ascertained that the applicant’s nearest neighbours had been consulted about the application and that only one objection had been received.

The objector attended the meeting and explained his objections, outlining previous problems in respect of parking near his property. He stressed that parking in the street was already extremely difficult; that there was already a disabled persons parking space adjacent the proposed location and that he was concerned that the addition of a second disabled persons parking space would only serve to exacerbate problems.

A representative of the applicant also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application, stressing that the applicant was a vulnerable person whose condition would only worsen with time.

The Principal Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety confirmed that the applicant met all the necessary criteria for a disabled persons parking space and that he also qualified for a blue badge.

Members stressed that problems caused by people using a disabled persons parking space when not entitled should be controlled by the team which monitored such use. They also noted that blue badges could be displayed in any



vehicle used to transport the qualifying individual. They considered that, as the applicant qualified for a disabled persons parking space, it should be granted in furtherance of the best interests of a vulnerable person.

Resolved –

That the objection to the requested Disabled Persons Parking Place at 27 Winfield Mount be overruled and the parking place be implemented in the 2018/19 financial year subject to the availability of funding.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

9. PETITION - WESTFIELD LANE, BRADFORD

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “C”**) outlined a petition that had been received and which requested the closure of Westfield Lane.

The petition stated that “Westfield Lane, BD10 ,Bradford has become a dangerous to the public “rat run” existing measures have not been able to address the chronic vehicle speeding and associated dangerous driving on Westfield Lane. The disregard towards the highway code on Westfield Lane has increased the risk of personal harm or fatality beyond what is called reasonably practical. We the undersigned are concerned citizens who urge Bradford Council to close Westfield Lane to through traffic to improve the safety and quality of life for all who live and walk on Westfield Lane.”

The report also explained the data that had been collected in respect of the speed and volume of traffic using Westfield Lane.

The Principal Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety presented the report and confirmed that two recent traffic surveys had provided results which did not give him cause for concern in respect of traffic speed. He also advised that quite a large section of the road already had traffic calming measures along it and that the road served a large area within the locality.

The lead petitioner attended the meeting and spoke in support of the petition. He also queried the accuracy of the data and whether the reference to collisions meant those involving people or whether it also included property. He was advised that the reference involved only those collisions involving people.

He reiterated his concerns that the data presented was not representative of the situation on Westfield Lane and that both the timing of the surveys and location of the data logger had not been appropriate.

A Member commented that, while he appreciated the concerns of the petitioner, he did not share them. He considered Westfield Lane to be a major through road,



not a “rat run” and that, if closed, it would have a serious effect on neighbouring routes. He suggested that, if there was a genuine feeling that the data presented was not accurate, it should be collected again for future consideration.

Two local residents also attended the meeting and spoke in respect of the matter, explaining that the speed of passing traffic, especially at the weekend, was of particular concern to them.

Members commented on the concerns raised in respect of Westfield Lane and stated that they were familiar with the road and did not consider it to be a problem road and therefore considered that no action should be taken at this time. However, as there were on-going concerns about traffic use on the lane, data should be collected again at the point in the week highlighted by the petitioners and presented to the Committee for future consideration.

A Member also queried whether alternative measures to closure had been considered and was advised that as the road was so long, any alternative measures would be very costly and as the casualty rate was so low such measures would not be viable.

The lead petitioner was permitted to ask a further question of the presenting officer and queried the parameters of the data collected. He noted that the report stated that 85% of the data collected was utilised and asked what the actual upper speed levels were. He was advised that the highest speeds recorded on the lane were 50mph and 56mph respectively but that those were single instances in each case. The vast majority of results fell in the high 20s to 30mph parameter.

The lead petitioner concluded his remarks by presenting a press clipping from the Telegraph and Argus in 2003 and stating that nothing had changed since that time.

Resolved –

- (1) That no action be taken on the request for a closure of Westfield Lane.**
- (2) That the petitioner be informed accordingly.**
- (3) That, taking into account the representations and comments made at this meeting, a weekend traffic survey be undertaken and an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

10. SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET



Previous Reference: Executive, 12 June 2018

Members were asked to consider **Document “D”** which updated the Committee on changes to the appointment of the Safer Roads Budget (recently approved by the Executive) and sought approval for a programme of schemes in Bradford East for 2018/19.

Members noted the new apportionment process and queried whether Area Committees would be able to make recommendations to inform that process. They also noted that, if the details of schemes approved under the new process were made available to the Committee, it could possibly arrange its own budget to add value to those schemes.

Resolved -

- (1) That the changes to the apportionment of the Safer Roads budget (approved by the Executive on 12 June 2018) be noted and it be requested that the Committee be provided with a more detailed explanation of the apportionment process for the element of the safer roads budget which has been top-sliced for the promotion of strategic or District wide projects.**
- (2) That a programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2018/19 listed in Appendix 1 be approved.**
- (3) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management schemes for 2018/19 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 be approved.**
- (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.**
- (6) That the previously approved schemes for Shipley-Airedale Road/Barkerend Road and Killinghall Road/Fagley Road (as detailed in paragraph 3.1) and Kings Gate (as detailed in paragraph 3.2) be formally abandoned.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)



11. COMMUNITY CHEST BUDGET ALLOCATION 2017/18 AND COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS FUNDING 2018/19

Document “E” outlined the allocation of the Community Chest Budget for the financial year 2017/18 and asked Members to consider the make up of the Grants Advisory Group in the Bradford East Area for 2018/19.

Resolved –

- (1) That the allocation of Community Chest Grants to local groups in the Bradford East Constituency for the financial year 2017/18 be noted.**
- (2) That a 2018/19 Grants Advisory Group made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair and Councillor Stubbs be established.**
- (3) That the Area Co-ordinator be asked to submit a report on the allocation of Community Chest Budget to local groups in Bradford East at the end of the financial year 2018/19.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

12. BRADFORD EAST WARD PLANS

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood and Customer Services submitted **Document “F”** which reported on the draft Ward Plans for the Bradford East Area covering the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. In addition the report provided an update on progress of actions undertaken supporting the delivery of Bradford East Ward Plan priorities for 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Members commented that they considered it important that Ward Plans reflected the priorities of local partner organisations as well as the Council and that outcomes should be recorded wherever possible.

In response to a question from a Member, it was confirmed that a report on childhood obesity would be presented in the near future.

Members were reminded that Ward Plans were live documents which were intended as a focus for everyone involved. They were also advised that, if they considered changes should be made to their plans, the Area Co-ordinator’s team was happy to meet with them to progress that.

Resolved-

- (1) That the six Ward Plans for 2018 – 2019 be approved and adopted.**



- (2) That Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations be requested to support the implementation of the six Ward Plans for 2018 - 2019.
- (3) That the Area Co-ordinator reports back to this Committee on the progress in addressing the priorities contained in the Ward Plans for 2018 - 2019.
- (4) That the progress of actions undertaken supporting the delivery of Ward Plan priorities for the period between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 be noted.
- (5) That the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator liaise with the Strategic Director of Public Health for the purpose of presenting a report to this Committee by no later than January 2019 that includes a breakdown of the obesity levels amongst children and young people in the Bradford East Constituency and what actions are to be taken by the Council to tackle issues of obesity levels.

Action: Assistant Director of Neighbourhood and Customer Services

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

Chair

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

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

