

## Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 26 September 2019 in Committee Room 3 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.00 pm  
Concluded 7.15 pm

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
Dodds T Hussain S Khan Mukhtar Tait Thornton Wainwright Wood	Bibby

Observer: Councillor Jabar

### Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

#### 13. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

#### 14. MINUTES

##### Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2019 be signed as a correct record.

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

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

**16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

**17. THORNTON ROAD, QUEENSBURY - OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “F”**) which set out an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place for 28 Albert Road, Queensbury (parking place to be located on Thornton Road) which had resulted in objections.

The Principal Engineer highlighted that the matter had been discussed by the Area Committee on a number of occasions and deferred to enable different options to be explored, and following advertising of the proposals, seven objections had now been received, which were detailed in the report.

A number of the objectors were present at the meeting and a spokesperson stated that the applicant had lived in the area for a number of years and that he had access to a number of vehicles. She added that the proposed parking place would be installed directly outside her house, however the applicant had a tendency to park in a number of locations in the vicinity and therefore residents could not understand how the proposed location would assist the applicant.

A Member and Ward Councillor for the area acknowledged that a number of concerns had been expressed around the proposals and that the location would cause additional issues, by narrowing that part of Thornton Road, and he suggested that a possible location could be found on Chapel Street.

In response to a question why the parking place was not being proposed outside the applicant's house, it was stated that given the existing double yellow lines adjacent to Albert Road, the location was not considered suitable and that parking was already at a premium in the area.

A Member suggested that Ward Councillors speak to the applicant and the objectors so that an amicable solution could be found, however Members felt that proposed location was not viable and it was therefore:

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Bradford South Area Committee upholds the objections and refuses an application for the installation of a disabled Person Parking Place on Thornton Road, Queensbury.**
- (2) That the applicant and objectors be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

## 18. **VARIOUS SITES IN BRADFORD SOUTH - TRO OBJECTIONS**

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

In relation to Beckside Road, the Principal Engineer explained that the main objection and petition received were on the grounds that the proposed waiting restriction would take away parking provision in the area and he suggested that a possible relaxation of the proposed hours could be looked at, if it was permissible within the existing Order.

In respect of Cemetery Road, Bradford Park Avenue had now withdrawn their objection on the proviso that further waiting restrictions and disabled parking places are looked at in the vicinity of Horsfall Stadium. An objector to the original proposals echoed the comments and added that the club was trying to encourage supporters to use the existing car parking at the rear of the club and discourage parking on Cemetery Road.

### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the objection in respect of Beckside Road be overruled but that officers consult with Legal Services to determine if a minor reduction in the proposed restriction hours (subject to consultation with the affected frontage) is permissible within the existing Order.**
- (2) That it be noted that the objection in respect of Cemetery Road has been withdrawn.**
- (3) That the 2018/19 Bradford South various sites Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as advertised subject to any subsequently agreed modifications to the restriction times on Beckside Road .**
- (4) That the Bradford South Area Committee gives approval to prepare and advertise a Traffic Regulation Order for further waiting restrictions and disabled persons parking places in the vicinity of the Horsfall Stadium as part of the 2019/20 Bradford South various sites TRO.**
- (5) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

**19. HARTINGTON TERRACE, BRADFORD- REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “G”**) which set out an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the applicant did not meet all the criteria. Members were in broad support of the proposal and it was therefore.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Bradford South Area Committee approves the installation of a disabled Person Parking Place at 41 Hartington Terrace.**
- (2) That the applicant be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

**20. LIBRARIES UPDATE**

A verbal update was provided on Libraries. During the verbal update the Change Assurance Manager stated that in order to retain a comprehensive library network, the Council needed to radically re-think the way in which it currently delivered these services. There were a range of options that could be considered to support delivery including a reduction in opening hours; using more volunteers to provide “add on services”; increase the use of technology eg self service at some libraries; relocating libraries into other areas, buildings, shared services, partnering with other organisations to share costs including community groups, health organisations and parish and town councils.

It was stressed that all the options will need to be carefully considered alongside the individual library performance data, the needs analysis data and financial /cost data to determine which option is the most suitable for each library as well as any other options.

It was important that the service engaged with all stakeholders, staff and residents as well as elected members to help shape future proposals.

The engagement questionnaire was currently being developed and will include as an example an ask for respondents to determine which of the domains are a priority to them, or to what extent they agree with our consideration of options to reduce opening hours etc. External validation of our approach was currently being undertaken by Bradford University and the DCMS.

In recognition of our responsibilities to engage with hard to reach groups, plans were currently being developed to include a number of additional focus groups and targeting of schools to increase participation of our young people.

In recognition of our diverse communities we will take advise on making the questionnaire available in a number of languages and individual group session will be undertaken with staff and trade unions.

In conclusion it was stated that using the data from both the library needs assessment and feedback from engagement, a robust review of the option will be available during October and early November.

The consultation will include a wide range of activities such as public consultation, use of social media, dedicated focus groups for hard to reach groups, drop in session at accessible venues, online promotion and feedback forums.

The Chair thanked the officer for providing a comprehensive update on the future of libraries and suggested that she works closely works with the Area Coordinators' office during the consultation process so that it is effective and comprehensive.

During the discussion Members suggested that the busier supermarkets in the south area could be utilised as a consultation feedback venue.

A Member suggested that it was important to ensure that hard to reach groups were consulted fully as there was a tendency to overlook them.

A Member stated that although the views of users was important, a wider perspective from non users was also important in shaping library services, as this perspective might give you information on the reasons why there was low usage of the library service.

**Resolved –**

**That the verbal update on the Libraries Service be welcomed and that Member's comments and suggestions on the forthcoming consultation process be taken on board.**

***ACTION: Change Assurance Manager***

## **21. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - BRADFORD SOUTH**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document "J"**) which gave an update on the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Bradford South Area in the past 12 months and outlined the direction of travel for the next 12 months.

A number of young people who had participated and benefited from the activities of the Youth Service were present at the meeting to share their experiences with the Area Committee, and how this had acted as a catalyst for them completing their education and in certain situations progressing into full time work, as well as contributing to the welfare and change in the area they lived in.

A partner organisation who had done some dedicated work in Tong gave an account of the work undertaken with young people whose dads were in prison, and encouraging them to maintain contact by writing letters.

Members welcomed the testimonies of the young people and the excellent work done by the Youth Service, despite cuts being made to the service over a number of years.

**Resolved –**

**That the Youth Service and the young people be thanked for attending and sharing their experiences and for the work undertaken in the last 12 months with Partners.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

## **22. STRONGER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN**

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “I”**) which asked Members to note the progress made on the Stronger Communities Delivery Plan, produced by the Bradford Stronger Communities Partnership.

The Integration Strategy Programme Lead gave an overview of the activities undertaken, which were detailed in the report and invited Members suggestions on the strategy and delivery plan and issues encountered in the different wards.

In welcoming the progress made and the activities undertaken to date, Members suggested that inclusion was key to delivering a successful programme.

The Lead officer acknowledged that the complex social economic barriers inherent in the City were the very aspects the programme was intending to tackle. One of the main components of the Programme was to improve routes and opportunities into work by improving language skills as well as tackle any other barriers that may exist.

**Resolved –**

**That the Bradford South Area Committee welcomes the progress made in delivering the Stronger Communities Delivery Plan in such a short time and that Members comments, suggestions and concerns be taken on board.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

## **23. 2019/20 BRADFORD SOUTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS**

The Strategic Director Place will submitted a report (**Document “K”**) which detailed the Youth and Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31 May 2019 deadline.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Youth and Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

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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