

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Thursday, 11 July 2019 in Committee Room 4 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.55 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Choudhry	R Sunderland
H Khan	Knox
Iqbal	R Ahmed
Salam	Humphreys
	Stubbs

Observers: Councillor Shafiq

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved-

That Councillor Rachel Sunderland be appointed Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Action: City Solicitor

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved-

That Councillor Stubbs be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford East Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

Action: City Solicitor

3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

4. **MINUTES**

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meetings held on 21 March 2019 be signed as a correct record.

ACTION: 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. **BRADFORD EAST YOUTH SUMMIT APRIL 2019**

The Area Co-ordinator submitted **Document “A”** which reported on the Bradford East Youth Summit. It reported on the four key education topics that were discussed at the Youth Summit which included home schooling, isolation, reduced timetable and transitioning from primary to secondary school. This work was led by the Young Ambassadors’ group which supported the work of the Bradford Opportunity Area Fund.

A Youth Work Apprentice attended the meeting and spoke about the Youth Summit and the work undertaken with young people.

A number of young people attended the meeting and spoke about their experiences, they felt that:

- There was a lack of support for young people in schools on various issues including racism and bullying.
- There should be two isolation units – one for children deliberately causing trouble and one for children that needed to be taken out of lesson for other reasons.

Members thanked young people for their attendance and speaking about their experiences and supported the suggestions made by young people, on improving support in schools and made the following comments:

- Was this report shared with the portfolio holder for Children and Families?
- They were concerned about the problems raised by young people at the meeting and in the report.
- What actions had been taken to address the issues raised by Young

People?

In response to the comments raised it was reported that the Bradford Opportunity Area Programme supported the Youth Summit. The work of the Opportunity Area Programme was reported into Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Opportunity Area Programme had a separate partnership Board and a range of stakeholders. The information in the report was raised in other forums. The Department for Education wanted to invest another £140,000 on Youth Empowerment and Youth Voice and the service would be working with key stakeholders to work out local solutions. The issues raised by young people would be reported back to the Opportunity Area Programme Board.
Resolved-

- (1) **That the report be noted and the on-going work of the Young Ambassadors be supported.**
- (2) **That the young people be thanked for their attendance at the meeting.**
- (3) **That the Area Committee notes with concern the problems raised by young people and that a report be submitted to this Committee on what actions have been taken to address the issues raised.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

8. 6 CURZON ROAD, BRADFORD - REQUEST FOR A DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE WHERE THE APPLICATION HAS RECEIVED OBJECTIONS

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document "B"** which considered an application for a Disabled Persons Parking Place where the application had received objections.

The applicant attended the meeting and spoke about her circumstances and the necessity for a Disabled Persons Parking Place.

The objector to the Disabled Persons Parking Place attended the meeting and emphasised the lack of parking space and neighbour disputes the disabled parking place would cause and the previous rejected application. He felt other measures should be considered such as removing the grass verges.

The applicant reiterated her reasons of why the disabled persons parking place was needed and emphasised that her daughters condition had significantly deteriorated since she had made the last application.

In response to the objectors suggestions it was reported that it was not financially viable to consider alternative measures such as removing grass verges.

A Ward Member spoke in support of the objector and the parking issues in the

area and sympathised with the applicant and her circumstances.

In response to a Member's question it was reported that the standard length of a disabled persons parking place was 6.6 metres and the suggestion in the report was for a 5 metre bay.

Members sympathised with the objector's concerns but felt the applicant met all the criteria, had exceptional circumstances and that the disabled person had to be the Committee's priority.

In response to a Member's question the difference between an advisory and a statutory disabled persons parking space was explained by the Principal Engineer.

Resolved-

- (1) That the application for the installation of a Disabled Persons Parking Place at 6 Curzon Road be approved.**
- (2) That the applicant and objectors be informed accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

9. SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET - BRADFORD EAST

The Strategic Director, Place submitted **Document "C"** which sought approval for a programme of Safer Roads scheme in the Bradford East constituency for 2019/20.

It was reported that the Priority List of proposed programme of Casualty Reduction Schemes for 2019/20 (detailed in Appendix 1 to Document "C") included:

- Dudley Hill Road – Traffic Management Measures; there had been 12 casualties in 5 years.
- Sticker Lane (Broad Lane) – Pedestrian island and build-out; there had been 5 casualties in 5 years.
- Halcyon Way – Traffic Calming – there had been 4 casualties in 5 years.

The proposed programme of Traffic Management Measures for 2019/20 were listed at Appendix 2 to Document "C".

Members made the following comments:

- Accidents were often due to poor driving.
- There needed to be increased enforcement in relation to dangerous drivers and illegal parking.
- Needed better traffic calming measures.

- Were road layouts looked at when considering casualty reduction

schemes?

It was reported that when considering casualty reduction schemes a number of factors were looked at including details of collision, causes of collision and layout of roads; traffic calming was generally effective in controlling speed but there was always a proportion of drivers that chose to ignore such measures.

Ward Members felt waiting restrictions on Barkerend Road detailed in Appendix 3 (list of recommended Traffic Regulation Orders) were not necessary.

Resolved-

- (1) That the programme of Casualty Reduction schemes for 2019/20 listed in Appendix 1 to Document “C” be approved.**
- (2) That the proposed programme of Traffic Management measures for 2019/20 listed in Appendices 2 and 3 to Document “C” be approved subject to the removal of the item for a proposed Traffic Regulation Order at 358 Barkerend Road.**
- (3) 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.**
- (4) 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.**
- (5) That the original proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order on a part length of Greaves Street, Little Horton be abandoned, that fresh proposals are considered as part of the 2019/20 Area Wide TRO and that the objectors are informed accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

10. ANNUAL UPDATE ON ROAD SAFETY IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT

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

Members made the following comments:

- Did the Road Safety Team engage with cycling groups such as Bikeability; people needed to be given the confidence to use the roads to cycle to school, work etc and feel safe.
- Why was there a rise in the number of fatalities if there was an overall decrease in casualties in the Bradford District and there were initiatives in place such as Operation Steerside?
- Members were pleased with the number of schools now engaging with the road safety training.
- How can the standard of driving be tackled? Operation Steerside had not been as effective as could be.

In response to the comments raised by Members it was reported that the Road Safety Team did engage with cycling groups such as Bikeability and provided skills to enable people to ride safely; passengers, adult cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians were targeted through publicity activities. Press releases, tweets, advertising on buses, radio, JC Decaux boards, and leaflets were used to put out key messages relating to seat belt wearing, speed, the use of mobile phones, drink and drug driving, distractions and awareness of other road users.

It was reported that the increase in fatal traffic collisions was a concern and was something that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority was looking into.

Resolved-

- (1) That the Road Safety team be thanked for their work and commitment to reaching to all schools in Bradford East and the on going work to reduce traffic casualties and in particular child safety across the Bradford District.**
- (2) That the Committee continues to support an evidence-based approach to determining the Road Safety priorities.**
- (2) That the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Group updates members of the Bradford East Area Committee on findings into a study on the rising number of fatal traffic collisions in Bradford and West Yorkshire.**

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 East Area Committee.

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