

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held Remotely on Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 5.00 pm

Commenced 5.00 pm
Concluded 6.00 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS
Wainwright T Hussain Dodds D Green Johnson Tait Warburton	L Cromie

Councillor Wainwright in the Chair

Apologies: Councillor Bibby

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency, Councillor Dodds declared an interest in the item relating to Bradford South Covid 19 Recovery Action Plan (Minute 6) as she was involved as a volunteer for the Royds befriending telephone scheme.

ACTION: City Solicitor

2. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2020 be signed as a correct record.

3. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

5. WESTERN WAY AREA PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - OBJECTIONS

Prior to the consideration of this item, the Chair stated that Simon Moscrop was due to retire from the Council after many years of dedicated service with the Highways Department, and on behalf of the Area Committee the Chair thanked Simon for his advice, help and resolve in assisting Members of this Committee over the years, and he wished him all the best in his retirement. Other Members of the Area Committee echoed the sentiments expressed by the Chair.

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document "A"**) which set out objections received to a recently advertised Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions on Western Way and adjacent streets.

The Senior Principal Highways Engineer explained that the proposals had emanated from the on street parking by employees of Yorkshire Water over a number of years, and that in order to resolve the issue, Yorkshire Water had agreed to fund the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for a permit parking scheme and a number of other minor proposals. Following extensive consultation with over 280 properties, five objections had been received to the proposed TRO and these were set out in the report. Following consultation, a number of minor modifications were being proposed and they were also set out in the recommendations. It was pointed out that officers in conjunction with Yorkshire Water had worked closely with Ward Councillors in coming up with a viable scheme.

An objector was present at the meeting and stated that permit parking would have an adverse impact on her extended family as the family members had been living in the area for over 45 years and received a number of visitors, who would no longer be able to park in the vicinity of the house. This will also be true of a number of other elderly residents, and she urged that the proposals be revised and the times varied to allow for visitors to park without being penalised, and that the extent of the TRO be minimised, as the problem was greater in the vicinity of the Yorkshire Water premises.

In response to the issues raised by the objector the Senior Principal Highways Engineer stated that permits would be issued for all vehicles registered at each property plus a visitor permit per household. There were further options for visitor parking for instances where there was more than one visiting vehicle such as borrowing neighbours visitor permits or, in more extreme circumstances,

contacting Parking Services to agree special arrangements for large visitor numbers. If individual households required additional permits they should contact Parking Services. In relation to the issue of consultation a letter drop as well as the posting of notices had been undertaken, as well as consultation having been undertaken previously in May 2019, adding that the permits would be free and administered by the Council.

A Ward Councillor and Member of the Committee stated that although she appreciated the sentiments expressed by the objector, the issue of parking had been an a long standing problem on Western Way and the adjoining area over many years, and Yorkshire Water had now agreed to fund a scheme.

The Senior Highways Engineer also stressed that the proposed scheme could not just be implemented in part and monitored, as Yorkshire Water would only fund the scheme in its entirety now, and given the nature of funding there would be no guarantee that a extension to the scheme could be implemented in the future.

A Member stated that if the issue was not addressed now, it would just move the problem on, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the Traffic Regulation Order for waiting restrictions on Western Way and surrounding streets be implemented as advertised subject to incorporating the following minor amendments:**
 - i. Incorporation of residential permit parking for properties 490 to 500 Halifax Road into the nearby business permit parking area.**
 - ii. Farfield Grove area – reduction in permit parking operational hours to Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.**
 - iii. Replacement of proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions in front of properties 512 to 516 with residential permit parking spaces, Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Regeneration and Environment

6. BRADFORD SOUTH AREA COVID-19 RECOVERY ACTION PLAN 2020-2021

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which set out a draft plan to guide the work of the Bradford South Area Office and Hub in shaping, and where appropriate coordinating, responses to Covid 19 within the Bradford South Area.

The Area Coordinator set out the parameters of the Action Plan, stating that the plan had emanated from the informal meeting of the Area Committee in June.

In relation to a question on flu vaccination, the Area Coordinator stated that this had been factored into the Action plan and the intention was to work with health partners to promote the take up of vaccinations.

A Member raised concerns around obesity levels in the South area and in particular arising from the impact of lockdown. In response the Area Coordinator stated that Health Partners would be invited to the next meeting to address a number of issues, and the issue of obesity could be factored onto the report and discussion for that meeting.

A Member commended that work done in South during the pandemic, particularly the work of the Food Banks, however she cited that Food Banks were in short supply of toiletries and nappies. In response the Area Coordinator stated that he was aware of where he can locate supplies and that he would liaise with the relevant organisation.

A Member raised concerns around the issue of Anti Social Behaviour, in particular a rise in the number of incidents during the pandemic, and he ascertained what work had been done with Partners to ensure there was buy-in on the Action Plan. In response the Area Coordinator stated that there was continuous consultation with Partners, including the Police on the issue of ASB and intelligence of where incidents were occurring were passed on. In addition the Strategic Director and Assistant Director also ensured that all community safety issues were prioritised accordingly.

In response to a question regarding the inclusion of Ward Officers in an effort to tackle ASB, the Area Coordinator acknowledged that they would be fully involved in the process.

In relation to a question regarding different issues affecting different wards and that a one size fits all approach was not always viable, the Area Coordinator stressed that Ward Offices would ensure that a targeted approach was taken in the respective wards. In particular where outbreaks in Covid 19 were linked to particular area, demographic or age group, the response would be targeted accordingly.

The Area Coordinator also stated that he was in the process of arranging a meeting with the Police, the Community Safety Coordinator and Ward Councillors on a number of issues, and that he will advise Members accordingly.

Resolved –

- (1) That the draft updated Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 be approved and adopted..**
- (2) That Council Officers, partner agencies and community organisations be requested to support the implementation of the draft updated Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan**

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- (3) That the Area Co-ordinator be requested to continue to work with the relevant officers to support the implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan.**
- (4) That the Bradford South COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan 2020 – 21 should be considered in future revisions of District-wide strategies and budget-setting processes.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Corporate

Chair

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