

Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday, 1 July 2021 in Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.25 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE
Lintern Firth Hussain	Brown Ali Herd K Green Clarke

Apologies: Councillor Anne Hawkesworth

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Brown be appointed Chair of the Keighley Area Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

Action: City Solicitor

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Ali be appointed Deputy Chair of the Keighley Area Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

Action: City Solicitor

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest were received in the interest of clarity in relation to Minute 8 (Grant Allocations 2019/2021 and constitution of the Grants Advisory Group 2021/22)

Councillor Brown - Director of Space Inspire.

Councillor Lintern - Dementia Friendly Keighley.

Councillor Green - Ilkley Youth and Community Association.

Councillor Clarke - Lees cum Cross Roads Village Association.

The groups which those Councillors were associated with were all previous recipients of a Community Chest Grant.

Action: City Solicitor

4. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2020 be signed as a correct record.

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. KEIGHLEY SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET 2020/2021/2022 UPDATE

The Strategic Director, Place, presented a report (**Document “A”**) which updated Members on the progress of the Keighley Safer Roads devolved budget for 2020/2021/2022, sought approval for variations to the Safer Roads rolling programme for 2021/2022 and for a list of sites for inclusion in the Keighley Various Sites Traffic Regulation Order 2021/22.

The report revealed that injuries in the District were generally reducing, however, there were emerging issues with injuries to cyclists and pedestrians. Anecdotally higher speeds had been reported and more police capture stops had been made during the pandemic although roads had been quieter during the lockdown period. An increased number of walkers and cyclist had caused some conflict. That issue was being investigated and a report would be provided to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and would be reported to the Committee.

Members were advised that Sue Snoddy had retired from the Road Safety Team and had been replaced by Rebecca Jones. Rebecca had much experience from her time working for Leeds Council and would provide a report on road safety to the Committee at the next meeting.

Members were advised that a significant saving had been made by combining Traffic Regulation Orders into a single legal document, however, a consequence of that procedure was the inability, due to financial constraints, to contest objections and for that reason Members were asked to consider non contentious schemes be supported.

In addition to appendices attached to the report a list of additional Traffic

Regulation Orders for consideration were circulated at the meeting.

A Member questioned speed limiting orders and it was explained that the report under consideration contained 'No Waiting' restrictions but efforts would be made to address speed limit orders and issues on One Way streets. As those orders generated much interest they could be challenged.

It was explained that should challenge to the schemes under consideration be received Members would be advised by email and decisions would be needed as whether to challenge or remove from the approved list. Each challenge would require an additional order which would cost £7,000.

Following a detailed presentation Members raised a number of issues for consideration including:

- A request to consider 20mph restrictions at Easby Drive/Close Ilkley.
- A request to replace ineffective double yellow lines at Backstone Way/Valley Junction and replace with white line restrictions.
- A suggestion that HGV restrictions at Bolling Road, Ilkley, could be considered as a stand-alone Traffic Regulation Order.
- A view that there had been a disproportionate spend in the District and that Keighley East Ward had received less support than other wards. Members had previously been advised that the schemes were selected cyclically and would be amended as issues ebbed and flowed but the list did not reflect that statement.
- That issues at Hainworth Road had been raised previously but had not been included on the schemes for selection.
- A request Vehicular Activated Signs to be funded by Keighley Town Council should be progressed.
- A question as to whether discussions had been held with Keighley Town Council regarding proposals for land at Low Street.
- The procedure for a scheme to be included on future lists for consideration.

In response it was explained that:

- Schemes were analysed to assess the best course of action without contention. The issues raised would need to be a separate line on the main programme and could require considerable additional cost. It was accepted that some schemes could be missed and a more effective 'capture' process was required.
- A reduction of £5,000 from the Fell Lane/Holme House project could be made to accommodate the inclusion of Hainworth Road closure.
- Delays to the Vehicular Activated Signs had occurred due to the lack of policy to allow funding from Town or Parish Councils. That policy had now been approved and Keighley Town Council were keen to get that issue resolved.
- Discussions had not taken place with the Town Council but it was believed that the area between Alice Street and Cavendish Street was proposed to be restricted to one-way traffic. Discussions would be held with the Council's Principal Engineer to assess proposals for that land.
- The officer responsible for the Craven Ward was Paul Ratcliffe who could

be contacted about schemes for future consideration in that area.

The Chair urged that schemes should always be selected on merit.

A Member referred to measures undertaken in Ilkley which had impacted on the local church. He was concerned that the church had not been made aware of the measures and he urged contact be made with those impacted and that Ward Councillors should also be made aware of proposals impacting their wards.

A Member for Keighley Central suggested that his ward had more problems than other wards and it was agreed that he would provide a number of schemes to officers for inclusion in the next municipal year.

Resolved –

- 1. That the progression made on the programme of Casualty Reduction Schemes previously approved as detailed in Appendix 1 to Document A and the progression of Traffic Regulation Orders as detailed in Appendix 3 to Document A be noted.**
- 2. That, with a reduction of £5,000 from the Fell Lane/Holme House project and inclusion of Hainworth Road closure, the amendments to the Casualty Reduction Programme for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 2 to Document A be approved.**
- 3. That with the addition of the following eight schemes: -**

Road Name	Location	Junction with	Concern/ Complaint	Notes	Type of Order	Request From
Bolling Road	Ben Rhydding (Ilkley)		Long stay parking	Request introduction of limited waiting in layby	Limited waiting	Public
Bath Street	Ilkley		Parking	Extend waiting restrictions	NWAAT	Public
Skipton Road	Silsden (Craven)	Greengate	Parking	Request waiting restrictions	NWAAT	Business
Belgrave Road	Keighley Central	Woodville Road	Parking	Protect bend with waiting restrictions	NWAAT	Cllr
Wheathead Lane	Keighley West	Oakworth Road	Parking	Extend waiting restrictions	NWAAT	Cllr
Wheathead Lane	Keighley West	Nessfield Road	Parking	Protect junction	NWAAT	Cllr
Broomhill Avenue	Keighley East		Short stay parking	Obstructive parking	Limited waiting	Cllr
Backstone Way/Valley Drive	Ilkley		Parking	Obstructive parking	NWATT	Cllr

the progression of Traffic Regulation Order schemes for 2021/2022 as listed in Appendix 4 to Document A be approved.

- 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 Regulations be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

8. GRANT ALLOCATIONS 2019/21 AND CONSTITUTION OF GRANTS ADVISORY GROUP

The report of the Strategic Director, Place, (**Document “B”**) informed the Area Committee of the grants awarded to projects within the Keighley Area by the Area Co-ordinator’s Office in the financial years 2019/20 and 2020/21. The report also made recommendations as to the composition of the Grants Advisory Group 2021/22.

A Member questioned if grants were allocated on a case by case basis or were equally spread across all wards. The Area Co-ordinator explained that each application was considered on the merit of the scheme. There were some areas which submitted more applications than others but Ward Officers did encourage applications from all wards to try to get an even spread of applications.

A correction was made to the ward identified for Highfield Food Co-op in Keighley Central ward.

An outstanding payment to Big Tidy Airedale was discussed and it was confirmed that the award had now been made.

Some confusion had arisen with the holding accounts for groups being listed as the recipient and it was agreed to investigate a query around Star Youth Project which it was felt was an award to Long Lee Cricket Club. For clarity it was requested that awards should be identified to the actual group not holding account holders.

An outstanding payment due to All Saints Pre School had arisen because there were planning issues for the storage containers being funded. It was confirmed that the school were aware of the reason for the delay.

A Member questioned if groups could reapply following rejection and it was confirmed that it would be unlikely that unsuccessful applications would be reconsidered but groups could apply for different projects. Feedback was not automatically given to unsuccessful applicants but if they contacted the Area Co-ordinator’s Office assistance would be given.

A Member questioned progress on the Climate Action Fund and was advised that

once the Grants Advisory Group was appointed this would be progressed.

Resolved –

1. That it be approved that the Keighley Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, has responsibility for making decisions on all grant applications administered by the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office, after seeking guidance from the Grants Advisory Group.
2. That the membership of the Grants Advisory Group (GAG), as the Chair and Deputy Chair of Keighley Area Committee and Councillor M Hussain as Opposition Spokesperson of Keighley Area Committee, for the municipal year 2021-22, be approved.
3. That the Keighley Area Co-ordinator's Office be requested to continue to ensure the effective allocation of all grant funding by providing appropriate support and advice to applicants.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021-22

Resolved –

That the meetings of the Keighley Area Committee for the remainder of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year be held at 1800 hours on the following dates:

**Thursday 2 September 2021
Thursday 14 October 2021
Thursday 25 November 2021
Thursday 23 December 2021
Thursday 20 January 2022
Thursday 24 February 2022
Wednesday 16 March 2022**

Action: City Solicitor

Chair

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