

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee held on Wednesday, 25 January 2023 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 6.30 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT	BRADFORD INDEPENDENT GROUP
Choudhry Hayden Iqbal Jamil Salam	R Ahmed Knox Naylor	Sajawal

Councillor Iqbal in the Chair

25. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency, during the discussion in respect of Minute No. 29, Councillor Ahmed declared that he lived in the surrounding area of Thornbury Drive.

26. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022, be signed as a correct record.

27. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

28. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

29. PETITION - THORNBURY DRIVE, BRADFORD

The Strategic Director, Place presented a report (**Document “K”**) which considered a petition that requested residents’ permit parking on Thornbury Drive and the surrounding area. The presentation detailed the issues in the area including cars blocking streets, backstreets being blocked, and the difficulties residents were facing. Officers described that due to the terraced housing on Thornbury Drive residents were mainly reliant on on-street parking.

The Committee queried whether stricter parking enforcement was possible and if this could contribute to alleviating parking issues in the area. In response, the Principal Engineer stated that parking permits would not necessarily solve the problem in question since they do not restrict vehicle ownership. Furthermore, any parking permit scheme would include the surrounding area rather than an individual street.

The committee sought further clarification on the percentage of properties in the area with off-street parking and was informed that this was a figure that was not currently known.

During closing remarks, the Chair stated that the difficulties residents faced in the area were due to limitations on parking and that the Bradford Moor area was not designed for such a dense car population hence the subsequent difficulties that were being encountered.

The committee echoed the sentiments of the Chair.

Resolved -

- (1) That the request for residents’ permit parking on Thornbury Drive and the surrounding area be added to the list for future consideration.**
- (2) That the Strategic Director Place inform the lead petitioner accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

30. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON VICTORIA ROAD, STONY LANE, BRADFORD

The Strategic Director, Place submitted a report (**Document “L”**) which considered objections that were received in response to the recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures around the junction of Victoria Road/Stony Lane, Bradford. The record of collisions in this area showed that 5 collisions had occurred in the previous 5 years and two of these resulted in serious injuries.

During the outset, the Chair invited representations from residents’ who were in

attendance, as follows:

- A resident in favour of the proposal described how she had witnessed numerous issues and incidents around the junction. She further expressed her concern for the potential for fatalities if something was not done; and,
- An objector was present and made representations to the committee. She referred to information that she had seen in the media that suggested road bumps were in fact a cause that contributed towards air pollution.

In response, the Principal Engineer explained that a reduction in the number and severity of collisions was expected as a result of installing the proposed scheme.

Further to clarification sought by the committee, it was explained that this proposal was due to the high record of incidents. In response to a query regarding the collating of incidents by the authority, it was explained that there was a police recording system and a member of the public self-reporting process named 'CRASH'. This process was regularly checked by the police to verify reports, therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That notwithstanding the objections for the reasons given in this report the proposed traffic calming measures around the junction of Victoria Road and Stony Lane be implemented as advertised; and**
- (2) That the Strategic Director Place inform the objector accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

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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