

Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday, 26 January 2023 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.40 pm

Present – Councillors

| LABOUR | GREEN | THE QUEENSBURY WARD INDEPENDENTS |
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| S Khan Wood T Hussain D Green Johnson Walsh | Edwards | Majkowski |

Councillor D Green in the Chair

37. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

38. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2022 be signed as a correct record.

39. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were received.

41. PETITION - A647 QUEENSBURY

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “O”**) which set out a petition requesting speed reduction measures and pedestrian facility on the A647 at Queensbury.

The lead petitioner was present at the meeting and stated that she ran a convenience store and off licence in the area and that some of her customers, in particular the elderly and parents with children found it difficult to cross the busy A647 because of speeding traffic; that the problem was particular acute near the bend going downhill into Halifax; that the layout of the road did not help the situation and the lack of safe crossing points only added to the issues; that many parked cars had been damaged by passing cars and reversing or coming out of driveways was dangerous; that boundary walls had also been damaged as a result of speeding vehicles losing control; that a young girl had been seriously injured in 2022 which had resulted in parents being reluctant to send children out on their own. She added that 455 people had signed the petition and she urged that the Area Committee consider installing safe crossing points and speed cameras to address the issues that had been highlighted by the petition.

A Ward Councillor and member of the Area Committee echoed the comments of the petitioner and stated that she had been working closely with the lead petitioner to come up with solutions to the issues on the A647, and she suggested that a traffic island and speed cameras installed at critical points would alleviate the concerns of residents in the area.

The Principal Highways Engineer stated that he would work with ward members to explore options and what measures could be introduced, however ultimately any measures would be for this Committee to decide on as part of the Safe Roads budgets, in the meantime some low cost measures, such as improved signage could be looked at and to work with road safety team and the Neighbourhood Policing Team on education and possible enforcement.

In response to a question regarding the volume of speeding traffic, it was stated that the majority of the traffic abided with the speed limit and that driver behaviour may be more of an issue, and therefore split crossing may be helpful.

The Principal Highways Engineer also agreed to share the details of the recently undertaken traffic survey with ward members.

Resolved –

- (1) That officers, in conjunction with Queensbury ward members, determine appropriate entries for the list of interventions to be given consideration by the Area Committee as part of future Safe Roads scheme prioritisation process.**
- (2) That the petitioners be informed accordingly.**
- (3) That the Bradford South Area Coordinator liaises with the Police, with a view to undertaking some speed enforcement on the A647 Queensbury.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place / Area Coordinator

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

42. MOORE AVENUE, BRADFORD, TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - OBJECTIONS

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “P”**) which set out objections received to recently advertised proposals for traffic calming measures on Moore Avenue, Bradford.

In response to a possibility of moving some of the proposed humps, the Principal Highways Engineer explained that any change would require the scheme to be re-advertised, adding that siting of the speed calming measures was based on their effectiveness at those locations.

In response to a question regarding installation and quality standards, the Principal Highways Engineer explained that an approved contractor would be used to carry out the work, and he did not foresee any issues regarding the quality of the work to be undertaken.

The Chair stressed that the proposed measures would address a long standing issue of speeding traffic along Moore Avenue which had impacted residents in Great Horton and Wibsey for many years, and it was therefore:

Resolved–

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed traffic calming measures and pedestrian refuge island be implemented as advertised.**
- (2) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

43. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN THE BRADFORD SOUTH AREA

The Director of Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “Q”**) which set out data relating to health and wellbeing in Bradford South.

The data appendix to the report showed that many indicators of health and wellbeing outcomes for people living in the Bradford South area were slightly or significantly worse than the average for the district as a whole. For example, the 2018-20 life expectancy for males living in Bradford South was 76.4 years, which is lower than the district average. The female life expectancy females in Bradford South was higher at 80.3 years. Male life expectancy is lower than the district average in three of the six Bradford South wards and female life expectancy is lower than the district average in five out of the six Bradford South wards.

Additional information setting out trend data as well as services and interventions in place to support improvement in wellbeing and protect the public's health, was tabled at the meeting.

During the discussion a Member stated that the effect and impact of deprivation on health outcomes was self-evident from the data presented.

In relation to the data set out in the report relating to self-harm, it was acknowledged that this data could be presented in a way to provide better clarity, particularly at a ward level.

A similar point was also raised in respect of drug addiction and the need to have a breakdown of the figures by ward, in order to understand the scale of the problem and target interventions accordingly.

A Member stated that access to GP services varied widely even within a small geographical area and he also raised the issue of the proliferation of fast food takeaways which was adding to the health inequalities we faced as a district. In response it was stated that initiatives were ongoing to work with takeaways to provide healthier menu options.

The Chair stated that early interventions were key to achieving good health outcomes and getting key messages out could be a determining factor. He added that encouraging children to walk to schools was another way of addressing childhood obesity and at the same time this would address the issue of parking outside schools.

A Member expressed concerns around poor quality housing and the impact this was having on health, particularly where damp and mould was an issue. In response it was stated that there was a link between public health and the housing standards team to address this issue.

A discussion followed around the introduction of the Clean Air Zone and that there was anecdotal evidence to suggest that the displacement of traffic to avoid the charge, was having an impact on air quality, in particular as many areas of Bradford South were adjacent to some of the major road network, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

That the Clean Air Zone team be requested to undertake an analysis of air quality in Bradford South, following the introduction of the Clean Air Zone.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Health & Social Care

44. STREET CLEANSING WITHIN BRADFORD SOUTH

The Bradford South Area Co-ordinator submitted a report (**Document “R”**) which provided an update on street cleansing in Bradford South.

The Area Co-ordinator stated that if members had specific issues/hotspots in their wards, that they make him aware, so that targeted action can be taken.

It was also highlighted that more coordinated working with Incommunities had resulted in addressing the issue of fly tipping in certain problem areas.

There was a discussion around the littering of takeaway packaging and the Chair suggested that some Members of this Committee could undertake some work with officers on how this issue could be effectively addressed.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report on street cleansing be noted.**
- (2) That a further report be presented in 12 months.**

ACTION: Bradford South Area Coordinator

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Corporate, Regeneration & Environment

Chair

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