

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 in Council Chamber - Shipley Town Hall

Commenced 6.00 pm
Concluded 7.25 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Rowe Dearden Ross-Shaw	Coates Barker Sullivan Birch Davies Felstead	Warnes

In attendance: Councillor Bob Felstead

Apologies: Councillor Joe Wheatley and Councillor Falak Ahmed

Councillor Birch in the Chair

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Sally Birch be appointed as Chair of the Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Gerry Barker be appointed as Deputy Chair for the Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were made in matters under consideration.

4. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2022 be signed as a correct record.

5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted to review decisions to restrict documents.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with the provision at Part 3B, Paragraph 6 of the Council's Constitution the following public questions were presented:

Question 1

Complaints were raised by residents relating to heavy construction traffic using Leathley Road in contravention of Construction Management Plans. There were also concerns relating to traffic volumes and speeds and a request for additional traffic management interventions and assurances that the project would be completed within the same financial year.

Question 2

This question related to the delivery of a pedestrian crossing on Bingley Road, Menston.

In accordance with provision at Part 3B, Paragraph 6 of the Council's Constitution the Chair advised that a written response to the questions would be provided after the meeting.

Resolved –

That the Strategic Director, Place, be requested to provide a written response to the two public questions submitted.

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

7. LEE LANE PETITION

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "A"**) was submitted to the Committee following a petition requesting measures to combat speeding on Lee Lane/Moorview Drive, Cottingley was received by full Council and then referred to the Area Committee for determination.

The report outlined the areas of concern with specifics of the roads and pre-existing traffic controls as well as the results of a data logger monitoring traffic speeds. Details of the outcome were included in documents appended to the main report. A history of incidents prior to the petition were included to create a full and accurate account and options put forward by the Highways team for

consideration.

Officers summarised the report hi-lighting key statistics and explained the moratorium on excavation for 2 years due to resurfacing works previously completed.

A Member asked whether the two traffic collisions were due to speed and Officers advised that they were not reported as such by the Police.

The lead petitioner also attended the meeting and was given permission to address the Committee by the Chair as they still had some queries relating to the report presented by Highways. These related to concerns about the road where there was no pedestrian pathway with a 60mph speed limit, the parameters of speed limits on the road and the value of the data provided in a Police survey. Their concerns related to the percentage of traffic still travelling in excess of the speed limit and to hi-light some accidents which were not included as either not investigated or still underway. They also reported incidents of harassment and anti-social driving plus damage to walls and signs etc.

A member commented that the data did not reflect the lived experience.

There had been a query relating to the data logger used but Officers were able to confirm that it was they, themselves who had put it up and taken it back down again. Officers also advised that they acted on the evidence available to them and have to present based on that evidence. They had no reason to doubt what residents were saying which would be included in future reports.

Resolved –

Option 1 –

That Lee Lane/Moorview Drive be included within the list of scheme candidates to be considered annually by this Committee for possible inclusion within its Safer Roads Programme.

• The lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

8. MEXBOROUGH ROAD PETITION

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “B”**) was submitted to the Committee following a petition that was received by the Council in May 2020. Delays in dealing with the content of the petition had been caused by staff shortages throughout Covid but had been picked up when staffing returned to more normal levels.

The report provided physical details of the roads and pre-existing traffic controls. It also detailed the accident history for 5 years prior to May 2022 and the results of traffic speeds from a data logger used to monitor for the purposes of the petition.

There was only 1 question asked relating to whether reducing the speed limit to 20mph had been considered.

There were no further representations made in relation to this petition.

Resolved –

Option 1

That this Committee notes the petitioners' concerns and recommends no further action other than formally advising West Yorkshire Police of the petitioners' concerns regarding speeding on Mexborough Road.

- **The lead petitioner be advised accordingly.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

9. OBJECTION REPORT (CAROLINE STREET)

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "C"**) was submitted to the Committee in response to an objection letter received relating to the proposal to install speed cushions on the eastern end of Caroline Street, Saltaire.

Approval was given in 2017 to mitigate through traffic using Saltaire village to bypass traffic signals nearby. The comments from Officers and the objector's letter were provided in documents appended to the main report.

Ward Councillors wanted to pass on their thanks to the Highways Team for their work.

Resolved –

Option 1

That the objection be overruled and the proposed traffic calming features be approved and implemented as advertised.

The objector be advised accordingly.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

10. ANNUAL ROAD SAFETY REPORT

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document "E"**) was submitted to the Committee to provide Members with an annual update on road safety education, training and publicity in the Bradford District with the most recent casualty levels and trends. Following proposals considered in 2012, an evidence based approach to prioritising road safety measures was approved with an annual report on what was taking place plus proposed ongoing road safety education, training

and publicity initiatives.

The Road Safety Team operated across the District and worked with area teams, Ward Officers plus a number of other stakeholders and partners. Road Safety training was delivered by the team to pupils in year 6 and to multi-agency Stay Safe sessions. The team was also part of the West Yorkshire Safe Roads Partnership, the Bradford Safe Roads Partnership and the Steerside Partnership.

Car occupants continued to make up the majority of casualties in accidents involving motorised vehicles. Therefore, delivering messages around road safety to both drivers and passengers was critical. Communications and publicity work was also supporting the wider ambition of encouraging people to switch to more sustainable modes of transport.

Officers also reminded Members regarding the recent changes to the highway code and legislation relating to the use of mobile phones whilst driving. There was still work to do around both of these subjects as there appeared to be some confusion.

Members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions, the details of which and the responses given are as below.

A Member asked about the changes to the Highway Code and mobile phone legislation and whether there was more information available and was advised by Officers that more information would be shared relating to the new road users hierarchy and the increased control of mobile phone use as it was recognised as a distraction, even when not on an active call.

A Member asked about data that had been provided previously and it was agreed that it would be provided going forwards.

Data relating to the cause of accidents would be studied across West Yorkshire to ascertain how and why they had occurred.

In relation to mobile phones, did the new legislation relate to hand held devices as in-built systems were also a source of driver distraction? Officers advised that the issue related to cognitive impairment as a result of being distracted whilst driving so not just using a handset to make a call. There were a number of issues relating to devices being used in a variety of ways.

Officers also advised that the take up in schools for Road Safety Awareness was very low and Members suggested they try other ways to get the schools to engage, such as via school Governors or PTA groups.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

11. SAFER ROADS DEVOLVED BUDGET

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “I”**) was submitted to the Committee to provide Members with details of the proposed Safer Road schemes in the Shipley constituency for 2022/23 for approval.

Officers advised that the details of the Shipley Area Wide TRO would be developed over the following couple of months and that meetings with individual Ward Councillors would take place. It was also confirmed that money was not simply divided equally but was allocated according to priority.

The report contained a number of appendices which were summarised as follows: Appendix 1 – projects in italics, were not included in the capital figure of £120,000 as they had previously been approved but not started to due lack of adequate funding. This list could still be changeable.

Appendix 5 – this provided the oversight that the Committee needed to have. Forcliffe, Baildon for sight only, would be included (non-contentious)

Appendix 6 – newly identified priorities

Appendix 7 – list of outstanding traffic management measures – the situation had been hindered by staffing issues within the Highways team, causing additional delays. The subject of the Lee Lane petition would be added to this list as a future option.

Members requested to see the details of all programmes and raised a number of queries which are detailed below.

In appendix 1 a change had been made relating to a mini roundabout and clarification was sought as to the meaning of ‘consultation’ as they were not aware (as a Ward Councillor). Officers confirmed that consultation would involve third parties contributing ideas and working designs – the project in question had previously been discussed and there was both support and objections giving rise to the need for consultation.

A Member asked about a start date for a scheme in Beckfoot and was advised that there was still work to do to bring the bus operators on board as there were some concerns relating to cycle lanes near bus stops.

The Chief Highways Officer also advised that if and when funding became available, he would attend the relevant Area Committees or Executive meeting.

Another report will be submitted to the Committee later in the year.

Resolved –

- 1. That this Committee reapproves for 2022/23 those previously approved and currently ongoing non-italicised casualty reduction schemes in Appendix 1 thereby enabling further progression of those schemes.**
- 2. That this Committee approves the additional funding requirement highlighted in Appendix 2, thereby allowing completion of the 2021/22**

Shipley Area Wide TRO.

- 3. That this Committee approves the funding requirement highlighted in Appendix 3 associated with the promotion of the 2022/23 Shipley Area wide TRO.**
- 4. That this Committee approves the proposed Traffic Management Ancillary Measures Programme for 2022/23 identified within Appendix 4.**
- 5. That this Committee approves the proposed programme of traffic measures to be funded in full by Town or Parish Councils during 2020/21 and/or 2020/21 as identified within Appendix 5 of this report.**
- 6. 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.**
- 7. 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.**

Action: Strategic Director, Place

Chair

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

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