

Minutes of a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee held on Wednesday, 17 January 2024 at 6.00 pm in Council Chamber - Shipley Town Hall

Commenced 6.04 pm
Concluded 7.15 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Dearden Steele Wheatley (Alt)	F Ahmed Davies Sullivan Felstead	Warnes Love

Councillor Dearden in the Chair

Apologies: Cllr Fricker

38. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest made for any matters under consideration.

39. ALTERNATE MEMBERS (Standing Order 34)

Cllr J Wheatley

40. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2023 be held as a correct record.

41. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

No requests to view documents were received.

42. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No questions were submitted.

43. *SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS' ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG) ISSUES

No issues were reported.

44. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN THE SHIPLEY LOCALITY

The Strategic Director, Place, presented a report (**Document “Q”**) which was provided at the request of the Chair of the Shipley Area Committee. It aimed to raise awareness and understanding amongst members of the Area Committee about work they undertake in the Shipley Locality.

The presenting officer addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the report.

It was reported that Community partnerships focused on supporting and improving the health and wellbeing of local communities, which were established by the then NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in Bradford District & Craven in 2018. Community partnerships were not legal entities, rather they were partnership networks. Each partnership, therefore, had a specific ‘community partnerships fundholder’ (either a GP practice or a voluntary and community sector organisation) which held monies and contracts on behalf of the partnership.

It was further reported that community partnerships were based on GP Practice lists and as such did not fit neatly in to ward or locality boundaries. Nevertheless, work effort had been put into identifying the key wards in which individual community partnerships operated in order to:

- More readily define and explain the place / geographic footprint of community partnerships in the Bradford area as a means of improving communications and engagement with stakeholders.
- Ensure that no geographic areas were missed out due to a lack of clarity as to community partnership areas of responsibility.
- Assist community partnerships in identifying and prioritising the geographic areas where they particularly needed to collaborate and with which other community partnership(s).

The presenting officer explained that Community partnerships were entirely NHS funded via NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Information regarding the Core20+5 frameworks for adults and children and young people were provided in Appendices D & E of the report.

Following the Officer’s presentation, members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. The details of these and the responses given are as below.

- A member requested for details of the Chair of the Bingley Medical Practice Patient Participation Group. In response to this request, the presenting officer advised this information was available in Appendix C of the report.
- A member sought further information regarding Bingley Bubble and WISHH in Bingley. In response, the presenting officer reported that some of the key

projects by Bingley Bubble and WISHH in Bingley/Baildon were Mobile Adventure Play, Emotional Wellbeing in Primary Schools (working with Hoyle Court Primary School), Community Transport, Bingley Mini Wellbeing Hub, Social Prescribing Plus, Community Centre Health Partnership, Living Well Champion and Children and Young People Service. The aim was to cover as much of the area as possible and focus on deprived spots.

- A member commented on how mental health affects people of all ages, race, gender, and background and requested more information on the Framework for young people. In response to this it was reported that the Core20+5 framework and community partnerships focused on reducing healthcare inequalities and those characteristics (termed as ‘inclusion groups’ as stated in the Core 20+5 framework) faced greater inequalities. Data covering gender, age, ethnicity, disability status was routinely collected and evaluated for all Core20+5 funded projects and for small grants funded projects.
- Members sought further clarity on fundings and commented that there were concerns about Shipley’s pockets of deprivation as small areas were often missed out. Members were advised that funding was linked to the number of patients registered with the relevant Primary Care Network plus a deprivation weighting. The baseline budget for community partnerships was £760k per annum and the funds for small grants allocation it was £20k per partnership per annum. In addition, for a period of 3.5 years (October 2022 to March 2026) a further £1.2 million per annum of project monies had been allocated to community partnerships by Bradford District & Craven Health and Care Partnership from the national Core 20+5 reducing healthcare inequalities framework.
- Members requested to view a list of all funding granted to Bingley Bubble. In response, it was reported that this information was provided in Appendix C of the report, but further details would be shared with members via email by the presenting officer.

Resolved –

- (1) That Members note the information provided relating to community partnerships within Bradford District & Craven Health & Care Partnership and particularly those operating in the Shipley locality as detailed in report (Document “Q”).**

45. OVERVIEW OF BRADFORD LIBRARIES, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE WORK OF LIBRARIES IN THE SHIPLEY AREA

The Strategic Director, Place, presented a report (**Document “R”**) which provided a brief overview of the work of Bradford Libraries Service. The report summarised overall developments in the Service, as well as more detailed information about libraries in the Shipley area.

The presenting officer provided an overview of the report and reported that the Council had a statutory duty under the Public Libraries Act of 1964 to provide a 'comprehensive and efficient' library service for anyone that wished to use it, who lived, worked, or studied in the district. There were 5 libraries in the Shipley Area which were in Shipley, Bingley, Baildon, Denholme and Wilsden. These were managed and overseen by an Area Manager reporting to the District Libraries Manager. This alignment between managerial posts and the 5 constituency areas was the result of a management staff remodelling which took effect from April 2023.

A brief synopsis was provided of each library in the Shipley Area. It was reported that the Shipley library it was the third busiest Council library in the district and was the hub library for the Shipley Area. The Bingley library was a well-used library but unfortunately suffered from regular bouts of anti-social behaviour and as a result the Service has had to employ security guards during the year to support and protect staff and customers which was at an additional cost to the service. The Baildon library was moved out of Ian Clough Hall as it was no longer fit for purpose and into a temporary premise. There was insufficient space in the temporary library for activities and events, therefore currently the local community venues were being used for regular rhyme times and story times in different parts of Baildon to promote the library. The libraries in Denholme and Wilsden were smaller community managed libraries and were in regular use.

The presenting officer reported that 2022/23 saw very high levels of participation in activities and events in libraries which was significantly above pre-pandemic levels.

It was further reported that a new self-service kiosk was installed at the Shipley library in December 2023 for testing purposes, ahead of the roll out of the new kiosks across all 10 Council libraries in January 2024. Bradford libraries celebrated 150th anniversary in 2022 and in honour of this, a new illustrated book telling the story of Bradford Libraries has been published by Bradford libraries, which was launched in December 2023.

Following the Officer's presentation, members were then given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. The details of these and the responses given are as below.

- A member commented that there had been no reports from the Police or other community services regarding anti-social behaviour incidents at the Bingley library.
- Members wanted to know if there was a timescale of how long the security services were needed for. In response to this, the presenting officer reported that there was no timescale for the use of security services, however, the management was looking into reducing the use of cover. The Service has been working with local schools to address this issue.
- Members suggested that maybe Council Wardens could assist with security issues at Bingley library. It was reported that, Council Wardens were occasionally used to help with issues and all staff were trained to call the police.

- A member of the Committee was concerned that the visiting numbers had reduced drastically at the Baildon library and wanted to know if any update on permanent premises for the library was available. The presenting officer advised that there was no update on this at present.
- Some members felt that the self-service upgrade may not be a positive step for the libraries. Libraries were viewed by many as wellbeing hubs which included social interaction with the librarians. In response to members concerns, it was reported that the self-service facility was only there for issuing and returning books, this would support staff and enable them to carry out story times for children and other more interactive sessions at libraries.
- Members asked if books could be ordered and delivered to libraries. The presenting officer reported that this was a service that was provided to customers.
- Members suggested that data should be collected from all libraries, which would enable under visited libraries to learn from better performing libraries.
- A member of the Committee commented that there was a good PCSO team in Bingley which could assist with security issues at Bingley library and asked when there would be a reduction in the use of security guards. In response, it was reported that the use of security guards could be reduced immediately, the presenting officer requested for details of the PCSO team contact.
- A member of the Committee asked what the cost of security guards was and added if it was a good time for additional spending when the Council was experiencing incredibly difficult financial stress. In response to this, the presenting officer reported that the cost of the security service was £37,400 but the security was necessary to ensure safety of staff and customers.
- Members suggested increasing the use of e-books in order to make savings. It was reported that e-books were already provided, however this service proved to be expensive therefore is limited.
- A member of the Committee asked if there was a digital graph which members could share to promote libraries. The presenting officer advised she send this information via email to members.

Resolved –

That the contents of report (Document “R”) be noted.

46. SHIPLEY LOCALITY PLAN - PROGRESS UPDATE 2023

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “S”**) was submitted to the Committee. The report provided an update on the progress achieved towards addressing the locality-wide priorities set out in the Shipley Locality Plan during 2023.

The Shipley Area Coordinator presented the report and gave a brief overview.

It was reported that the Bingley Menopause Group had an online presence of 600+ women who regularly post a vast array of symptoms and medical concerns. A Ward Officer had approached the lead contact to find out if they would be interested in face-to-face meetings, the group and Ward Officer now meet monthly

and were working with a range of health professionals to address key issues and identify best practice in supporting families across the locality.

Following the Area Coordinator's brief overview of the report, members were given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. The details of these and the responses given are as below.

- Parks Services and Parish Councils were thanked for their hard work in the local areas.
- Members asked if the report presented was a draft version. It was reported that this was the final version of the report.
- Members requested to see evidence to support the report. The presenting officer was to send the details to members via email.

Resolved –

(1) That Members of the Shipley Area Committee note the Shipley Locality Plan Progress Update 2023, as detailed in report (Document "S").

(2) That this Committee requests that a report be presented every 6 months.

To be actioned by: Shipley Area Coordinator

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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