

## Minutes of a meeting of the Keighley Area Committee held on Thursday, 19 October 2023 in Keighley Young People's Centre, Parkwood Road, Keighley

Commenced 6.10 pm  
Concluded 8.45 pm

### Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Firth M Hussain Lintern Zaman	Brown Loy P Clarke Glentworth	Whitaker

### Councillor Firth in the Chair

#### 16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency Members declared the following interests:

- Councillor Brown disclosed, in relation to the Keighley Draft Development Framework, that he was a member of the Keighley Town Fund (Minute 20).
- Councillor Clarke disclosed, in relation to the Keighley Draft Development Framework, that he was the Section 151 Officer for Keighley Town Council (Minute 20)

*To be actioned by Director of Legal & Governance*

#### 17. MINUTES

Resolved –

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023 be signed as a correct record.**

#### 18. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

#### 19. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions submitted by the public.

## 20. **KEIGHLEY DRAFT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place, (**Document “E”**) set out the background and purpose of the Keighley Development Framework. It outlined the approach being taken to public engagement on the draft report and considered the opportunities for member involvement.

It was explained that whilst the development framework was not funded it provided a guide to future regeneration, a basis for future funding bids and aimed to attract investment. The work was being undertaken in broad stages as described in the report and was currently in the visioning and targeted stakeholder engagement phase. The open engagement period would continue until 20 November 2023 and Members were asked to promote the engagement period in their local areas.

A Member queried the ambitious proposals such as knocking down buildings and removing the market car parks when the funds were not available. In response it was explained that the plan was for a 15 to 25 year period by which time the car park would have come to the end of its life. The expectation of the framework was that when opportunities for funding came a fast response could be provided.

Having a sense of what kind of interventions were required provided the ability to talk to potential investors. A full business case would include more level of detail.

The sources of the proposals were questioned and details of sessions including with Councillors, one to one interviews, open consultation sessions, stakeholder sessions and the current meeting were reported. The level of public engagement was questioned and details of on-line consultation and open sessions were explained. Members were advised that any people they wished to involve could be facilitated. The challenges of public engagement with a plan which took a longer term view were reported. It was acknowledged that there would be more interest if funds were attached to the framework.

A Member questioned the Active Travel Scheme and was disappointed to have learnt that the funds which had been available no longer existed. It was confirmed that the scheme he was referring to was a separate scheme to the framework under consultation. Contact details to assist that Member were provided.

It was explained that the framework was the first step in the process and more details would be added over time. Members requested that the public be kept informed. It had been felt in the consultations that Keighley had a wealth of assets and a Member reported that in the session that she had attended people had felt united and happy to discuss those assets and their aspirations for the town.

Members welcomed the report and the opportunity to feedback their views. It was acknowledged that the framework would help with future funding opportunities

and they provided offers of help in any way they could assist.

A Member, whilst recognising the promotion of the consultation through social media, suggested that posters could also be displayed. In response it was confirmed that these were available and would be provided to the Area Co-ordinator.

The Chair reported that the Town Council were consulting on a 'town vision' and requested that this be referenced in the framework. It was felt that the plan, whilst separate to the framework, should be dovetailed and it made clear to the public that they were separate pieces of work.

In summation it was explained that Members had until the 19<sup>th</sup> November to promote the consultation. It was envisaged that the results of the consultation would be available within six months and could be shared with Members at that time.

**Resolved –**

- 1. That the report and the consultation with Members, residents, the Parish and Town Councils and community groups be welcomed.**
- 2. That the Strategic Director, Place, be requested to provide a progress report in six months' time.**

**To be actioned by Strategic Director, Place**

Overview and Scrutiny Area: Regeneration & Environment

**21. YOUTH SERVICE UPDATE - KEIGHLEY**

The Strategic Director, Place, presented a report, **Document "F"** which provided an update on work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley constituency in the past 12 months 2022/23.

The report provided an overview of activities throughout the six wards in the town. Work to prevent anti-social behaviour during the bonfire period was reported which had begun in summer and would carry on until after the event.

Members were advised that the Youth Service worked with all people who were working with young people in the area. Some people were referred through the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), or schools and needed additional support. The service looked holistically at ways to support young people and to balance the complexity of need. Officers also looked at creative methods to engage with young people. It was explained that work with schools had evolved and good relationships had been built and enabled work to be conducted as a team across the district.

Following detailed discussions and the presentation by young people of the work that had been delivered and activities and sessions they had attended a Member

questioned what work had been undertaken to promote healthy living and to provide work experience opportunities.

The Advanced Practitioner reported the work of the Keighley Vibe Hub and that she had been working in close partnership with DWP, Bradford and Keighley Colleges, local business, and other specialised partners to deliver employment and training opportunities in an accessible way to enable successful outcomes. Additional work was planned later in the year to bring businesses and young people together and any help that Members could provide would be welcomed. The Vibe worked with young adults with complex issues which were preventing them getting into work or training. Their issues could be mental health, disabilities or lack of confidence and they were all provided with a bespoke service to help them meet their aspirations. Bradford College and the Cellar Trust were also involved.

With regard to healthy living it was reported that much work was conducted around sports and youth workers had constant conversations with young people around body image. A tutor from Bradford College worked with the service for two days per week to skill up and provide information to young people. Work was also conducted with the department of Public Health. Details of a Healthy Eating Fair had been presented to Members earlier in the meeting and it was confirmed that people from the Keighley Vibe Hub had also attended that event.

The way referrals were made from CAMHS was questioned and Members were advised that these were increasing. The service worked with schools to meet with the young people and to develop peer support. It was a constant challenge but they worked with all parties involved in health and wellbeing across the Keighley area to refer people between the bodies and work in a complementary manner.

A Member questioned if the activities and groups were constituency wide or limited to Keighley. In response it was explained that trips and residential activities were often attended by people from across the district but young people were less likely to travel to actual clubs away from their own area. It was acknowledged that there was a level of need in both Keighley and Ilkley.

Feedback from the service users was requested and Members were keen to understand, issues outlined in the report, such as what had made them feel unsafe and how that had been addressed. It was requested that feedback from Bradford 25 be provided. How young people had accessed the Youth Service was also queried. Work conducted with two schools in the area was reported and it was agreed to provide additional information, including what was provided with other agencies when that was available.

Staffing arrangements were questioned and it was explained that there was difficulty in recruiting qualified youth workers. The Advanced Practitioner was proud that apprenticeships had been developed and had resulted in the development and recruitment of one of the workers at the session provided earlier in the evening. It was acknowledged that a good workforce strategy was required.

Members questioned what happened to young people at age 24 who needed

more support. It was acknowledged that working with transitional ages required a bigger strategic perspective. Young people were encouraged to take on rolls to contribute to the service. People did return to the service and any young people were welcomed.

The Youth Service staff and young people were congratulated on the presentation they had provided. Members believed that it was testament to the hard work undertaken and were pleased to see the young people supporting each other. They offered to provide any help they could to support the young people and the Youth Service.

**Resolved –**

- 1. That the work undertaken by the Youth Service in the Keighley constituency as detailed in Document “F” be welcomed.**
- 2. That the Keighley Area Coordinator and Advanced Practitioner be requested to explore how Councillors could hear the voices of young people more effectively, both as an Area Committee and as Ward Councillors.**
- 3. That the Advanced Practitioner be requested to invite the Keighley Youth Offer Group to present a report outlining the youth voice developmental framework and their current priorities for young people.**
- 4. That the Advanced Practitioner be requested to organise training for Councillors around youth voice and influence and then invite councillors to meet annually with young people to assess the impact and outcomes of this work.**
- 5. That the Keighley Area Coordinator and Advanced Practitioner be requested to involve young people in the discussion of grant funding that is administered by the Area Co-ordinator’s Office and is allocated to activities intended for the benefit of young people, for example, Community Chest grants.**

**To be actioned by Strategic Director, Place**

Overview and Scrutiny area Children’s Services

Chair

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

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