

**SHIPLEY AREA COMMITTEE AND SHIPLEY CONSTITUENCY AREA PARTNERS'
ADVISORY GROUP (SCAPAG)
WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2016
IAN CLOUGH HALL**

AB

NOTES OF SCAPAG CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

Present: Dorothy Davey (Bingley Neighbourhood Forum); David Jessop and Gillian Thorne (Wrose Parish Council); Joe Ashton and Peter Ashton (Baildon Town Council); Peter Beaumont (Burley Parish Council); Pam Laking (Harden Parish Council); Trevor Dufton (Wilsden Parish Council); Stewart Main (Coach Road Neighbourhood Forum); Paul Dean (Eldwick Village Society); Geoff Winnard (Bingley Town Council).

Apologies: Alison Swiszcowski (Denholme Town Council); Howard Clough (Cottingley Community Association); Gordon Lakin (Eldwick & Gilstead Neighbourhood Forum); Lucy Maddison (Baildon Community Link).

Item 4: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was raised by Town Councillor Peter Ashton from Baildon Town Council:

Question:

The proliferation of advertising signage and banners on the highway and on public land is of increasing concern to Baildon Town Council. Can the committee ascertain the current Bradford Council policy in relation to the toleration of such displays and the process of enforcement for their removal.

Response from Damian Fisher:

The amount of illegal fly posting on Council property and highway is an escalating problem, as is the problem of parked vehicles and trailers for the sole purpose of advertising. There are a number of departments that are involved with their removal including Highways, Wardens and Street Cleansing staff but no real enforcement against the perpetrators. The problem of illegal posters and parked vehicles for the sole purpose of advertising could do with looking at strategically by the relevant departments to develop an action plan for their removal and enforcement.

The Committee resolved that the Strategic Director of Regeneration and the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport be requested to develop a policy to remove, dispose and enforce against those erecting illegal banners, posters and other advertising material on street furniture on adopted highways, including the parking of vehicles used solely for the purposes of advertising.

Item 5: VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR SUPPORT: A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2015/16

Presenting Officer: Paul Stephens

Geoff Winnard (Bingley Town Council): The volunteers do a superb job. What steps do you take to make the opportunities for volunteers known? There must be an untapped reservoir of volunteers out there.

Paul Stephens: We've found that word of mouth works best. We have approximately 100 volunteers. If there is a specific role this is advertised through the Volunteer Centre in Bradford. We also advertise in shops, libraries and local newsletters.

Item 6: WARM HOMES HEALTH PEOPLE PROGRAMME

Presenting Officer: Sarah Possingham

No comments.

Item 7: PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

Presenting Officer: Ian Wood

Trevor Dufton (Wilsden Parish Council): We're grateful for the perennial plants and they are doing well. The biggest problem is with the community asset transfer and how to progress with this. There is a serious issue about double taxation. Residents pay council tax and expect to get the grass cut. If we take ours on and Harden don't, we're paying for them. It's a sticking point that needs to be resolved.

Ian Wood: I'm aware that this has been a sticking point but would need to be referred to someone more senior than me.

Peter Ashton (Baildon Town Council): I congratulate the Parks Department for their support for events in Roberts Park. The quality of the new planting scheme, particularly on Woodcot Avenue, is impressive. My main comments are around the playgrounds in section 2.3.2 of your report. Whilst wanting to see the contents of Cliffe Avenue installed as soon as possible, I'm aware that there will be some S106 money from the Ferniehurst development. How do we put forward our ideas for that money to go elsewhere?

Ian Wood: I will ask the Technical Department about that.

Pam Laking (Harden Parish Council): As well as Chair of the Parish Council I am also the Chair of Friends of St Ives. I was surprised about what you said about the Green Flag Award. Yes, you were correct in some of what you said. Our group has been running for 14 years. Everyone talks to us. We see St Ives like a village and everyone does communicate. The only group who doesn't communicate is Bradford Council. It's upsetting. We've brought £300k into the park and could bring more. We've got lots of ideas but the Council is reluctant to listen to us. We're a strong group that wants to help the estate. We had organised some funding from Santander to paint the toilets but the week before the Council said, "don't bother. Facilities Management are coming in." We run the visitor centre and history garden. What's going wrong? Is there anything you can do to help?

Ian Wood: St Ives comes under the Trees and Woodlands section and Bob Thorpe takes the lead. I don't think it gets the officer time it should. I'll try and work with Bob and instigate something there.

Item 8: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES – SHIPLEY AREA

Presenting Officer: Paula Truman

Dave Jessop (Wrose Parish Council): I mentioned last year about Wrose Buddies at the Methodist church. They meet once a month and people come from care homes in Nab Wood. Also, there has been discussion with the volunteers from Wrose Library about supporting people who come in by having pictures and books on the history of Wrose. It's not in your report but I wanted to mention what's going on.

Geoff Winnard (Bingley Town Council): What opportunities could there be for town councils and parish councils to support this initiative?

Paula Truman: I could deliver a Dementia Friends session to the group. Following that, some members may want to become a Dementia Champion. They would have to undertake a one day training course which is excellent. A Dementia Champion can then deliver sessions where they want. The Alzheimer's Society will support you. There is no set model; each ward is doing it differently.