

Meeting of B.M.D.C Ward Councillors and Bingley Town Councillors. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019.  
Eldwick Church. 12.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Gibbons, Owen, Quarrie and Winnard. (B.T.C.) Councillors Heseltine and Pennington (B.M.D.C.)

1. Councillor Pennington provided information on questions asked by ward councillors to Councillor Winnard, who will identify and share specific items relevant to B.T.C.  
Councillor Pennington explained that the document is provided by B.M.D.C. so not possible to just get Bingley related items.

2. Public transport especially buses. There are two representatives on W.Y.P.T.E. from B.M.D.C. Subsidy to be slashed by £1,000,000 by WYPTE for the coming year; First Bus subsidised the Eldwick/Gilstead service by £50,000 last year. A long discussion took place on financial implications of reduction of subsidies on all services but especially unpopular routes.  
Small 'hoppa' services run elsewhere by W.Y Tiger and T.L.C. – not known if they have looked at offering Bingley circular routes, but assumed that they don't believe they are viable.  
A new chair of WYCA Transport is Kim Groves. Suggested that B.T.C. Should make contact with her re bus services and Ward Councillors support by asking questions and keeping matter on the agenda.

3. Parking charges. No evaluation yet of impact and revenues from new charges. Too early for information to be available. Also no way of separating data on daytime and evening use. Problems highlighted again effect on rail users of train delays and resulting parking charges.

4. New S.I.D. sign on Primrose Lane now installed.

5. Chapel Lane crossing: plans are in hand (85% confidence will happen); need to finalise realignment of junctions and Traffic Management Orders, etc. Process can take up to 6 months.

6. Red lines at Bingley Grammar School. Council are reluctant on the basis that if one school has them all will want them. There is a trial of red lines around Leeds Bradford Airport.

7. £2.7 million for road repairs. How much for Bingley? In the past this would be shared equally between the five Parliamentary Wards after top- slicing for strategic projects. Now a formula (unknown) is used to split between the wards. Reported road defects are designated Category 1, 2 or 3 where Category 1 – action between five and seven days, 2 between one and six weeks, 3 – anything above. Category 1 & 2 potholes will be done annually, category 3 considered after these are done, so this is where the additional monies will be of benefit.  
Need to ensure that road defects are reported to BMDC.

8. Station Masters House. Drains are being replaced, cabling installed and new access points made. Hard surfaces being replaced to improve all-over appearance. Disabled toilet facilities are being installed. Stone for extension and exterior walls is purchased and slate for roof being sourced.

9. Neighbourhood Plan. Ward Councillors will attend where possible when dates are finalised. Plan is supported, particularly in regard to C.I.L. revenue.

10. Police Liaison Meetings. Inspector Julie Deacon moving on. Inspector Craig Stothers in post from March. Felt that separate meetings should be continued, in order to maintain pressure, although same issues are discussed: drugs, anti-social behaviour, car theft, speeding, burglary etc.

11. Crosley Wood Flats. Update requested. InCommunities own land and Ward Councillors felt that this was likely to be sold rather than redeveloped by them. Any new developer thought likely to go with the minimum possible allocation of affordable and or social housing. Seems to be no expectation or duty to replace like with like. Land at Giles Wood end, between flats and Primrose Lane is Council owned, potential for development here could have major impact on Primrose Lane, Scourer Bridge.

12. Library: resident has raised concern over poor lighting outside library. This is for Five Rise Locks Centre Management to address. Precinct has recently changed ownership. Questions re first floor of centre – why not developed for offices or flats?

13. Children's Services – Trinity 5 Rise centre identified as being under threat. It was felt that this service is just as important for users in Bingley as in inner city areas and must be protected.

14. Library Service. Consultation discussed. Need to maintain good library service in Bingley highlighted.

15. Odeon building in Bradford – projected to be open in 2020.

16. Jacob's Well – to be demolished. Proposal was to build hub for government Dept. However developer has recently pulled out.

17. Asked why B.M.D.C. do not use cameras on yellow box junctions to identify motoring offences? Blocking of junctions is a source of congestion, detrimental to air quality and a road safety issue. Other authorities have successfully tackled the above with enforcement action using any income to improve roads and road safety. Why do B.M.D.C. not adopt this approach?

18. Stationary Vans used as advertising spaces. eg. Door Doctor permanently parked on Primrose Lane. This is a Highways issues. Councillor Heseltine will follow up.

19. Cherry Tree removal from Main Street. It is assumed that First Bus Company are responsible, but impossible to identify the culprit. No answer as to who should fund replacement.

20. Ward Councillors wish to maintain Saturdays for these meetings. It was felt that a small representative group from B.T.C. was useful, even if some members could not attend. Next meeting will be after new council is elected.