



## Community and Wellbeing committee minutes

### Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

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### Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minute [2](#) & [5](#).

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### Present

Councillors:

- Sam Blackwell
- Jennie Parker
- Alison Potter
- Katie Vigar

Town Council Officers:

- Ian Brown - Chief Executive & Town Clerk
- George Tomlinson – Engagement Officer

Meeting clerk:

- Sarah Howe – Committee Clerk
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### Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- Kate Bessant
  - Jack Vittles (Vice-Chair)
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1. Declarations of interest

None

2. Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Katie Vigar

Seconded by Councillor Jennie Parker

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: that the Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 6 February 2024 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Agenda item 6 – Chair’s Verbal Update

The Chair gave a verbal update.

- Chatty Café: has been up and running for a few weeks and feedback has been sought from those who attend. Comments have been very positive, and the attending café owner and Health Centre’s Health and Wellbeing team members praised for their input and help in creating a welcoming atmosphere. Comments have included ‘chance to meet friends I haven’t seen in a very long time, which is lovely’ and ‘a good reason to get up and out in the morning!’. All in all, the Chair felt it is becoming a great little community hub.
- United Church in Bradford on Avon run a lunch club on the second Sunday of each month. Around 40 people attend. Avril (formerly of the Hub) is involved in the running of this lunch club and the Chair wished to thank Avril for all her time and effort.
- The Forget-me-not café have got some lovely photos of the activities which take place at their meetings which take place twice a month at the Dog and Fox and Holy Trinity Church. The Chair asked if it would be possible to use some to promote and highlight the café possibly in the council’s newsletter. It was agreed to investigate if this would be possible.

5. Agenda item 7 – Friends of Palestine

Penny Welch from the Friends of Palestine Group spoke to the committee to thank them for the use of St Margaret’s Hall over the previous 18 months.

They have had some very successful meetings and film showings and been very pleased with the levels of interest in Bradford on Avon.



The Group is therefore requesting 2 more uses of St Margaret's Hall to show a trilogy of films over the next year. The Group is happy to pay for the 3<sup>rd</sup> film showing.

The Chair said she is pleased to keep related issues in the public eye and Councillor Vigar added that because of the friendship arrangement the use of St Margaret's Hall by the group seemed justified. Other members agreed.

Proposed by Councillor Parker

Seconded by Councillor Vigar

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: to offer the use of St Margaret's Hall to the Friends of Palestine Group for another year for 3 events which would cover all 3 film showings.

#### 6. Agenda item 8 – BoA Youth

The Town Clerk provided an update on the transfer of 4 members of staff to the council from the previous youth services provider in line with the start of the new financial year.

The Community and Engagement Officer is now line managing the youth centre staff and commented that the summer holiday programme for children is to be considered in the coming weeks but that as the youth centre staff have other jobs, provision might be tricky. Youth centre staff are also talking to parents of other children's clubs around town to establish what sort of holiday provision is desired and possible.

Finally, the Youth Centre staff are now part of a steering group in town made up of all youth providers.

#### 7. Agenda item 9 - Talking Newsletter

The Town Clerk referred to the Communications Officer's report which was included with the agenda and confirmed that there is no appetite for a talking newsletter, so the project is not being progressed for now.



#### 8. Agenda item 10 – Volunteer Day – BOA Join In!

The Community and Engagement Officer referred to her report and confirmed that around 40 different groups have signed up for the event which will take place in St Margaret's Hall and Westbury Gardens on 8th June. There is a broad mix of groups involved which should attract people of all ages. Interactive activities have been encouraged including Tea with the Pony and the Nature Volunteers working on a project near by which the event can signpost. The event also coincides with the start of Great Big Green Week which runs from the 8th-16<sup>th</sup> June.

The Chair was pleased to hear all the developments and wondered if the Youth Centre could recruit volunteers. The Community and Engagement Officer confirmed recruiting a bank of volunteers with basic training was being investigated.

There was a discussion around 'thanking' all the volunteers on the day. The Community and Engagement Officer said she had considered this but a 'tea' on a separate occasion was more likely to work better.

#### 9. Next meeting

The next committee meeting is provisionally arranged for Tuesday 16 July 2024.

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#### End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.27 pm

#### Appendix A: Comments and Questions from the Public and Councillors

There were 2 members of the public present. There were no questions from members of the public.