



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council

Community & Wellbeing Committee

Held at Town Council Offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

On the 18 April 2023 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr S Blackwell  
Cllr K Bessant  
Cllr E Franklin  
Cllr J Parker (Chairman)  
Cllr A Potter  
Cllr K Vigar

Ian Brown (Chief Executive/Town Clerk)  
Sarah Howe (Committee Clerk)  
Matthew McLaughlin (Communications Officer)

Apologies:, Cllr J Vittles

Members of the Public: Councillor Trimble, David Lloyd and Amanda Wiffen plus 2 more

01. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Vigar and seconded by Councillor Potter and with 4 in favour and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 February 2023 as a true record.

02. Matters arising – none

03. Declarations of interest - None

04. Chairman's Report

The Chairman summarised her report. The Chair expanded on the Group 5 AGM visit stating that this is a voluntary organisation working for over 30 years to renovate furniture and help people set up home. Group 5 are based in Trowbridge but cover towns around Trowbridge including Bradford on Avon. They are desperately in need of additional volunteers.

The Chair also referred to the recent Duck Race as a very enjoyable event this year and whilst on the topic of town events commented that perhaps the Pancake Race should be held after school to attract a wider group of spectators.

05. BoA Youth Update

The BoA Youth report supplied with the agenda was noted. David Lloyd and Amanda Wiffen, Interim Youth co-ordinator and Youth worker respectively from BoA Youth attended the meeting to introduce themselves.

#### 06. Summer Holiday Club 2023

Following the success of the Summer Holiday Club offered jointly by BoA town council and BoA Youth in Summer 2022 primarily set up for the Ukrainian families newly arriving in BoA and to support local families wrestling with the cost-of-living crisis, the town council are considering offering something similar this year. Councillors Blackwell, Bessant and Vigar all stated how pleased they were the club was such a success last year particularly as it was organised at such short notice with the breadth of activities on offer to youngsters being instrumental to the positive outcome. Councillor Blackwell referred to the feedback that if the sessions offered could match the school day that would be beneficial and possibly liaising with Fundays holiday club (run at Christchurch School) to cover any of their gaps in childcare across the day/week.

It was agreed to move forward to set up a scheme for Summer 2023.

#### 07. Resident's Panel

The Report from the Communications Officer was noted. The Communications Officer highlighted that this was the first survey of 2023 and deviated from previous survey formats by asking questions on assorted topics including the highway code. The responses indicated that there might be significant interest in a presentation on the newly updated highway code. Councillor Trimble confirmed he was happy to organise a presentation.

#### 08. Living Green Wall Notice Board

The report from the Deputy Town Clerk was noted. 'You are here', assorted locally significant logos and an information panel for the Living Green Wall were all discussed.

#### 09. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 13 June 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

Appendix 1: Members of the Public who spoke at the meeting held on 18 April 2023.

1. Jeremy Wire: Agenda item 10 –

Firstly, the arrangements for the 'new town sign that will go in the gap purposely left underneath the green wall in Bridge Yard'. Will the cabinet contain both the event information board, and the green wall information board? This would be an excellent opportunity for the logos for the climate and ecological emergency that the Town Council signed up to, to be featured on the Green wall board. Can you please assent to that?

Secondly, the map. Will this also be the map for the town bridge location? The perspective makes it look like the train line and the canal converge just to the west, which also makes Barton Farm look smaller than it is, and I've noticed that the second footpath crossing in Barton Farm, and the path that leads to it, is missing. Can these be corrected please? Could the Barton Farm Country Park ident straddle the river to increase its 'presence'? And I note the key does not identify green areas as nature or biodiversity rich - this would also be an excellent opportunity to identify the town's commitment to address the climate and ecological emergency. Can that be added too?

Communications Officer has responded via email to these questions ahead of the meeting.