



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council
Community & Recreation Committee
Held at Town Council offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
On Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7:00pm

Present:

Cllr E Franklin

Cllr A Kay

Cllr J Lynch

Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie

Cllr J Parker

Cllr M Roberts

Cllr D Taylor (Chairman)

Val Baker (Administrator)

Members of the Public: Charlotte Forrester, Charlotte Adcock, Holly Taylor, John Potter, Kate Nottage and 8 other members of public.

Apologies: Cllr D Newton

44. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Lynch seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th November 2017.

45. Declarations of interest

(i) Cllr Taylor advised his declaration of interest for his wife Holly who was requesting a grant.

46. Chairman's Report

Cllr Taylor reported that there were a number of events planned for the year ahead. The '100 Women' Initiative launched on July 15 in collaboration with Facebook, being a contest to select women achievers from across the country, particularly grassroots level who are/have contributed to society through public nominations. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie is leading an initiative in Bradford on Avon known as the 'Bradford 100' Group, working in partnership with the Area board. This group will celebrate International Woman's Day on the 8th March where poems, music etc. will form part of the celebration with invitees of powerful and prominent women in attendance. MP Michelle Donelan will be invited to the event. It was proposed by Cllr Parker seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour **RESOLVED** that the committee endorse the initiative for Cllr McNeill-Ritchie to produce a proposal to promote the programme within the town.

47. Youth Strategy

Cllr Taylor read out a statement as edited by Cllr Newton welcoming Youth Action Wiltshire and the improvements made for the Youth Clubs so far. A discussion took place. Cllr Lynch requested that a Councillor should be nominated to represent the Council at the next Area Board meeting on the 7th March. It was felt that in the absence of Cllr Newton that the Youth Strategy should be deferred until the next meeting, when Cllr Newton would be able to report himself, on further progress made by this complex subject.

48. Grants

(i) Grants were considered for the following:

Bradford on Avon Arts Festival - Kate Nottage reported that she wished to take a year off from this expanding event. A discussion took place and she explained that the few volunteers who had been involved over the past four years since the Lantern event and 'end of festival party' had begun were overwhelmed by the amount of work involved. She asked that BOATC take this event on. Questions were asked as to who at the Council would do this, now that the Tourism & Events Officer had recently resigned. It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie seconded by Cllr Lynch to **RESOLVED** in principal to investigate ways to make this happen,

(ii) Glow Run grant application – Charlotte Forrester and Charlotte Adcock gave a joint presentation about the successful Glow Run and Sponsor a Sparkle event held before Christmas, where a combined total of £1400 was raised at the two events. It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £750.

(iii) Community Fridge Grant - Cllr Taylor left the room due his declaration of interest. The Clerk asked for Councillors present to declare an interest given that they are all members of 'Ideal Bradford' but the Chair said this was not required.

Holly Taylor gave a brief presentation to apply for a grant to supply a Community Fridge, to be set up in a suitable location in Bradford on Avon. The fridge would enable restaurateurs to pass on excess food that would otherwise be thrown away, to less fortunate people. She explained that the idea had come from Frome Council where this had proved to be a very successful project. It was proposed by Cllr Lynch seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £200 which would provide an initial 'tool kit' of £25 and remaining money to investigate purchasing a second hand or new commercial fridge.

(iv) Bath Comedy - John Potter requested a grant be awarded to Bath Comedy to allow them a free 'one off' hire of St Margaret's Hall for an event already booked on Friday 13th April. If approved, he said this 'gesture' could help promote Bradford on Avon onto the Bath Comedy Festival programme for 2018/19 for future events to be held in the town. It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £209.98, (hire of SMH) plus any hall increase incurred in the next financial year for this venue.

(v) 'We hear You' Cancer Counselling – Ruth Knagg explained that the organisation currently holds 2 sessions per week for Cancer patients and if the grant was approved would enable them to provide an additional weekly session for 1 year. It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1102.

'(vi) Walkers are Welcome'- were scheduled to request a grant but there was no one present to represent this organisation and the grant was not considered.

The Chairman reported on feedback forms received from previous grants awarded.

The Bobby Van grant of £400 had allowed them to visit 10 extra homes.

Made in Bradford had been awarded £500 which allowed them to redesign their signage.

The Lions Club had used their grant for Fun Run expenditure and BOA Youth Football Club had purchased goal nets and other football equipment.

49. Date of next and future meetings

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on 4th April 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Action list

Minute number	Agreed action	Action Owner	Delivery Date
46.	Promote the proposal for the 'BOATC 100 group'	Cllr McNeill-Ritchie to raise this with the Town Clerk	
48 i	Personnel to consider replacing the Tourism & Events Officer	Cllr McNeill- Ritchie	
48 iii	Holly Taylor to source cost of second hand/new commercial fridge. Cllr McNeill- Ritchie to make enquiries as to where the fridge could be set up.	Holly Taylor to purchase a tool kit and get prices of second hand/new commercial fridges	By next meeting
48 iv	Bath Comedy have been granted free hire of SMH on the proviso that Cllr McNeill-Ritchie engage with Nick Steele to confirm that BOATC will be included on the Bath Comedy Festival programme for 2018/19	Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie	