



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council  
Community & Recreation Committee  
Held at Town Council offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon  
On 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr A Kay  
Cllr J Lynch  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie  
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)  
Cllr J Parker  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr D Taylor (Chairman)  
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: Zoe Yeomans and Sarah from Girl Guiding, John Baker Wiltshire Times, Fiona Baker, Derek Robins Mount Pleasant Centre, Liz Newton Nightingales Together, Richard Hathway German Twinning, Nicky Thomas Alzheimer's Support, David Thompson Bobcat Rugby, Liz Northeast Rising Sun\*, Sean Dobson Three Horseshoes\*, Sam Cole, Idris Jones (both aged 10 with parental consent, James Skateboarder from Melksham and children and parents for a new skatepark, St. Aldhelm's residents including John Potter, Bren Hodgkinson, Elsa Parris and Paul McCumiskey and 1 other.

\*left at 8pm

Apologies: None

55. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Kay and seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

56. Declarations of interest

- (i) Cllr Newton declared that his wife from Nightingales Together had a grant application and that he would leave the room whilst it was being discussed.
- (ii) Cllrs Roberts and Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application at the Mount Pleasant Centre as they were members of the Mount Pleasant Centre Committee.
- (iii) Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application for the Girl Guiding as his daughter was a Rainbow.

57. Chairman's Report

The Chairman wished to thank the organisers of the Bike Festival last weekend attended by over 400 people and said that one person cycled up the hill in 53.45 seconds.

58. Youth Strategy

- (i) It was noted that the SLA had been signed.
- (ii) It was noted that Community Foster Care were currently recruiting for Youth Workers.
- (iii) Cllr Newton reported that he had attended a meeting with CFC, and representatives from the Area Board to start the plan for the youth provision in the town, including recruitment. CFC have also had a positive initial meeting with St. Laurence school.

59. St. Aldhelm's Play Area closed by Wiltshire Council, as the surface needed patching and repair

Cllr Newton said that he had written a letter to Alan Richell, Interim Director Housing and Commercial Development at Wiltshire requesting a meeting with him and the relevant Cabinet Member about this play area and other Bradford on Avon Community Assets.

Local residents were advised to get a petition together to present to Wiltshire Council as they own this play area, which members would support.

60. Grants

(a) (i) Bobcat Rugby – David Thompson explained how girls rugby worked and what they needed. He explained that he would like some help with publicising their tournaments and I.T. help too.

Cllr Lynch advised Mr Thompson to attend the next Area Board meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 as Youth would be the theme. As this application had been received late, it did not allow members adequate time to consider this application. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to recommend to Full Council that £2,987.50 be awarded. Town Council to underwrite the whole amount but Bobcat Rugby to seek contributions from the Area Board and Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity.

(ii) Chris Aslett's application concerning the attitude and use/misuse of recreational drugs by children/young people was discussed. Cllr Newton explained that this application was in the initial stages at the moment and will be lodged in the future.

(iii) Skate Park – Idris Jones and Sam Cole and one other gave a presentation on the demise of the skate park in Poulton and how they would like a new one. James Threlfall a TV Presenter and professional skater from Melksham addressed the committee on how his life had changed by having access to this type of facilities. He said that in Melksham they have a new skate park costing £200,000 and they have 70 – 100 skaters per day. He said that their skate park should last 30 years. He said that Melksham, Devizes, Chippenham and Pewsey had good skate parks and Bradford should have the same. Cllr Newton explained the Part 2 form. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council to set aside £5,000 for feasibility costs, consultation and planning advice.

(iv) German Twinning – Richard Hathway explained the history of the German Twinning Group and explained that in 2019 their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee will be reached of the twinning with Norden. The grant is required to meet the costs of hosting a delegation in July 2019. They are hoping to stimulate a positive international outlook within our community, including groups such as sporting clubs, choirs, schools and other local organisations and associations. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To award £1,200.

(v) Girl Guiding – Zoe Yeomans gave a history of the Grade II listed building in Church Street and said that the trustees had owned it since 1938 and that the damp and disrepair had to be rectified so that the girl guides could carry on and the rooms hired out. Zoe said this will cost £10,000. She had obtained £2,000 from the Area Board which she hoped the Town Council would match fund. They would be applying to Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity for £2,000 and had been Funding raising £2000 and the other £2,000 could be raised from subscriptions, which were £5 a term. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That £2,000 be awarded to the Girl Guiding.

(vi) Marsha Mars & Emily Middleton – Art and Photography Workshops – This item was deferred as no Part 2 had been completed.

(vii) Mighty Girls – After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour, it was **RESOLVED:** That £1,500 be awarded to Mighty Girls subject to consulting with the Youth Services we are funding from the Youth Services pot.

(viii) Mount Pleasant Centre – Derek Robins gave a history of the Mount Pleasant Centre and said that he had been Chairman for 2½ years. He said that the building attracts people from 8 months to 88 years. He said that their hire rates had been increased by 10% and that one of their loans would finish in 2021. They would be looking to the Heritage Lottery Fund to replace their roof with Welsh slate. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £2,000 be awarded to the Mount Pleasant Centre.

(ix) Music for the Mind by Alzheimer's Support – Nicky Thomas explained how the weekly sessions of about 25 people were delivered and described the benefits it gave to the people who attended the free sessions. She also explained other services which Alzheimer's Support could provide. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £1,000 be awarded to Alzheimer's Support for the Music for the Mind sessions.

Cllr Newton left the room.

(x) Nightingales Together – Liz Newton explained that this had previously been funded by the Area Board. The aim of this proposal was to support and further develop intergenerational services in the town, and so build community cohesion across generations and the community. This will be provided free of charge to families that wish to take it up to the end of 2018. She showed a video of the activities. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £1,400 be awarded to Nightingales Together.

Cllr Newton re-joined the meeting.

(xi) Richard Snarr, Nordic Walking – Cllr Lynch explained this application and wanted to help Mr Snarr set up his new business. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To allow Nordic Walking on Victory Field from September to November 2018 free of charge. Booking form to be completed so that a note of the charges be made.

(xii) Rising Sun Rhythm & Blues Festival – After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £400 be awarded to the Rising Sun.

(xiii) Three Horseshoes Fringe Event – After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That £400 be awarded to the Three Horseshoes.

(b) Council proposal form Part 2

The document to be completed by Town Councillors was considered and it was agreed that some changes should be made to the Introduction paragraph. These changes to be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

61. Bradford on Avon Youth Football Club erecting a sign on the pavilion at Victory Field

Members had no objections to the proposal to erect a sign but the Bradford on Avon Youth Football Club would have to seek Conservation Area consent from Wiltshire Council before they erect the sign.

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

## Appendix 1

### Members of the Public who spoke at the Community and Recreation Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

#### St. Aldhelm's residents:

1. Paul McCumiskey said he was disappointed that the play area has been closed, as it was good for his children to play there.
2. Elsa Parris said she was upset that the Executives at Wiltshire Council were on six figure salaries but that they could not afford under £2,000 to repair the play area at St. Aldhelm's.
3. Bren Hodkinson said that he was upset that the St. Aldhelm's play area had been closed and hoped that the Town Council could make sure it was reopened as soon as possible.