

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on the 8th January 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr T Lomax
Cllr J Lynch
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr S Plummer
Cllr M Roberts
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)
Mr Ian Brown (Operations Manager)
Ms S Hawkins (Accountant)

Apologies

Cllr E Franklin, Cllr J Parker and Cllr D Taylor.

Members of the Public: Martin Newman, Nadia Evans, Marie Hillcoat, Nigel Gerdes and 5 other members of the public.

117. Declarations of interest

Cllr Plummer made his usual declaration of interest.

118. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th December 2018 were signed as a correct record.

119. Matters arising

Minute number 109 (i) Letter to Baroness Scott on a no deal Brexit. No reply to latest letter from Town Council but an acknowledgement of the letter had been received.

120. Minutes of Committees

The minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee on the 12th December 2018 and the Resources Committee on the 18th December 2018 were noted.

121. Chairman's Report

Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

122. Budget 2019-20

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Garwood and with 6 in favour and 3 abstentions it was **RESOLVED**: That the budget proposal for a precept of £744,390.00 (attached) be accepted. This would require an increase in the Council tax for Bradford on Avon of 6.29%.

123. Meeting dates

The meeting dates up to March 2020 were accepted.

124. Outcomes Statement from the Culver Close meeting

The mission statement wording was discussed and it was agreed on the following:-
To create a protected community green space at the heart of our town that promotes health and well-being in all its forms, and includes a range of quality facilities for both formal and informal sports and fitness activities for all ages.

125. Management Accounts Reports

The detailed management reports up to the 30th November 2018 showing balance sheet and income and expenditure by committee were noted.

126. Accounts for payment

Chairman reported that she had checked the accounts and found no problems. It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That November invoices and payroll amounting to £70,259.16 be paid.

The meeting closed at 8.23p.m.

Appendix 1

Members of the public who spoke at the Full Council meeting on the 8th January 2019.

1. Marie Hillcoat spoke about the planning application at Northacre Renewable Energy at Westbury for an advanced thermal treatment plant. Her report is attached to these minutes.
2. Nadia Evans spoke on the proposed thermal treatment plant at Westbury. She asked if Bradford on Avon Town Council could send a refusal of this application to Wiltshire Council. She reported that Cllr Sarah Gibson our Unitary Councillor had refused this application in the past. Chairman advised that this application would be going to Wiltshire Council's Planning Committee in 3 weeks' time. She would also mention it at Environment and Planning committee tomorrow.
3. Martin Newman spoke about the agenda for Resources Committee and asked if the Councillors had seen the proposed budget in advance of the meeting because it was marked to follow on the agenda sent out in December 2018. He would liked to have seen a copy of the budget in advance of the meeting, so that he could have made a comment at this meeting. Clerk advised that she would have emailed a copy if requested to do so. She agreed to email Martin a copy of the final budget. He also asked to see how much of this year's budget will be spent by the year end. Chairman advised that all town councillors had received a copy of the budget well in advance of the meeting. Accountant agreed to send him and the members the information on how much of this year's budget will be spent by the year end.
4. Nigel Gerdes advised that Wiltshire Council had reported in their Annual reports that Masons Lane was one of the most polluted places in Wiltshire. As Bradford on Avon Town Council signed up in 2015 to be a Clean Air Town by 2020, what had been done to achieve this? Cllr Newton said that air pollution was very much in mind when considering improvements to the road system in Bradford on Avon.

Chairman's Report & Mayoral Events

Alex Kay

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Events

1. 7/12/18: Sheriff Nicky Alderberry visit; TC and I took her on tour including HTC Xmas tree festival. She was impressed with the work BOATC are doing, especially with Youth initiatives and Women's 100.
2. 10/12/18: Thank you lunch for CEVs & CLUB volunteers.
3. 14/12/18: Thank you tea party at The Hall + tour for TIC volunteers.
4. 23/12/18: Pres Trust Xmas carols around the tree at Tithe Barn.

News items:

1. From 8/01/19: Solar Panel installation; scaffolding in place ca. 2 weeks to allow for bad weather etc.
2. Grants awarded from Wessex Water and Bath & West Community Energy Fund towards the BoA Drinking Water Fountain Project
3. SMH and BOATC are hosting Plastic Free's screening of the must-see documentary 'A Plastic Ocean'. Tuesday, 22 January 2019 from 19:00-21:30
The film will be followed by a Q&A with the film's producer Joanna Ruxton.
4. Support for Trowbridge birthing centre grows as petition passes 2000
<http://www.wiltshiretimes.co.uk/news/15129725.support-for-birthing-centre-grows-as-petition-reaches-1000-signatures/>

Correspondence:

1. No-deal Brexit: reply to Baroness Scott, Wiltshire Council

Planning Number: 18/09473/WCM

Revision of the layout and design of Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility permitted under consent 14/12003/WCM (re-submission following 18/03816/WCM refusal)

Northacre Renewable Energy Stephenson Road Northacre Industrial Estate Westbury BA13 4WD

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Bradford on Avon Town Council Meeting

Councillors,

We have come to the meeting this evening as part of a community group that is opposing the building of an Advanced Thermal Treatment plant in Westbury. The plant will take 1000s of tonnes of waste from around Wiltshire including Bradford on Avon.

This ATT plant or incinerator is now on its third application. Last year Wiltshire residents including people from Bradford mounted a campaign to oppose its construction and permission was refused. It has now gone to appeal and another application is due before the Strategic Planning Committee on January 23rd.

Westbury and Frome Town Councils are opposing the application as are Dilton Marsh, Heywood and North Bradley Parish Councils. We are here to ask Bradford on Avon Town Council to do the same.

Everyone who has become involved in this campaign understands that waste is a resource, that we need to tackle the cost of Landfill Tax and to reduce our consumption. We have all become environmentalists.

We also know that the ATT plant is the wrong solution to tackling waste – it will create Landfill in the Sky.

We need positive actions at town and county level to tackle climate change. The ATT plant though will not help - over its projected life it will produce over 4 million tonnes of CO₂ from the 4 million tonnes of waste it needs to run. The plume it will create, which could go as far as 15km, will contain noxious particulates below 2.5 microns – the ones that our children should not be breathing in.

Positive voices from town councils carry weight. Wiltshire Council has to truly apply what is called the Waste Hierarchy to its waste policies and contracts.

We ask that you urgently discuss this matter and place it on the agenda as an item at the Environment and Planning Committee before 23rd January.

Marie Hillcoat (Westbury Gasification Action Group)

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