



Minutes of the Full Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on the Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr D Garwood
Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr J Parker
Cllr J Lynch
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr L Brown
Cllr T Lomax (arrived at 7.23)
Mrs V Baker (Administration Officer)
Mr Ian Brown (Operations Manager)
Mrs S Hawkins – BOATC Accountant

Victoria Bodman – Wiltshire Council Community Housing Project Manager

Apologies

Cllr Plummer

Members of the Public: John Baker from the Wiltshire Times, Brian Elliot, Rowena Quantrill, Alison Renells, Jeremy Wire and 14 others.

Victoria Bodman from Wiltshire Council gave a presentation about Community Led Housing.

140. Declarations of interest

There were none.

141. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr D Newton seconded by Cllr D Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2019 be accepted as a true record, with the exception that Cllr Roberts reported that under Minute 132 his comments about the CWLPEC were not recorded. The Chairman explained that this matter had been resolved in the last minutes. Cllr Roberts requested that the minutes reflect that he would gather more information about the CWLPEC.

142. Matters arising

Cllr Roberts gave an update the Lord Fitzmaurice Trust. He explained that BOATC is a founder member of the Trust and therefore, legally still part to the trust. The Trust is established for children under the age of 25. Cllr Newton replied that an email had been received from by Lloyd Stevens (LFT Trustee) requesting confirmation that BOATC wished to remain as a Trustee. Cllr Newton explained that Education is an important concern in the Community and that, although the Town Council are not directly involved in Education, the Council should still continue to be involved with the Trust and maintain support. It was agreed that a representative (not necessarily the same Councillor) should attend forthcoming meetings.

A presentation was made to Peter Dunford Wiltshire Council's Community Area Manager who was changing his area from Bradford on Avon to Melksham. Cllr Kay thanked him for all his hard work

and support during his time in Bradford on Avon and the villages. A small gift and card was presented to Peter who gave a small speech in return.

143. Minutes of Committees

The minutes of the following committees were noted:

30.01.19 Environment & Planning Committee and Highways & Transport Committee 12.02.19

144. Chairman's Report

Chairman's report is attached to these minutes.

- Cllr Jennie Parker noted that the BOA Dementia Week was set for 20-24 May 2019. Councillors and members of the community with ideas for events and support, please contact us.
- Cllr Jim Lynch mentioned a community choir event at the Wiltshire Music Centre for the Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert on the 10th March.

145. K.E.R.B (Key Evidence Review Board)

Cllr McNeill-Ritchie gave a brief update on the results of the online survey, as well as the three related separate engagement events that had taken place during February. A graph showing the results of over 800 returns indicating various areas of concerns was displayed. The results indicated that the overall concern was traffic and pedestrian safety. He added that the survey completion date had been extended to Friday 8th March. It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: that a draft letter which included a 'break down of analysis' indicating main issues would be itemised and forwarded to Wiltshire Council – Baroness Scott. The letter to be reviewed at the next Highways and Transport meeting on the 9th April.

146. Climate Emergency Motion

John Pearce (Plastic Free representative) gave a resume of the Climate Emergency proposal highlighting the urgency for local Councils to work with partners across the town and regions to address a 'Climate Emergency'. He reported that to date over 20 Councils had signed up to this pledge and he welcomed that BOATC wanted to be involved in recognising this climatic crisis.

Cllr Kay read out the Motion as follows:

1. Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
2. Pledge to make Bradford on Avon carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both productions and consumption emissions (scope 1,2 and 3's);
3. Call on Westminster to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible;
4. Work with other governments (both within the UK and internationally) to determine and implement best practice methods to limited global warming to less than 1.5°C;
5. Continue to work with partners across the town and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans;
6. Report to Full Council within six months with the actions the Chairman of the Town Council, together with the Community will take to address this emergency.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour **RESOLVED**: to support the motion

Cllr Kay added that immediate actions should be as follows:

- To return to Environment and Planning Committee to create a Community Climate Emergency steering group
- To engage with Wiltshire Council, Westminster and neighbouring towns and villages to encourage and share best practices
- To write to Wiltshire Council and Westminster to demand strong future-proof planning, including adhering to LEMP (Local Environment Management Plan)
- To enhance protection of trees and greenspaces

147. Market Town Forum

Cllr Roberts reported that he had attended a meeting on the 24th January in Warminster. Various topics were discussed including how local towns and cities respond to Flooding and other climatic events. It was apparent that some towns are not prepared for such emergencies and were keen to meet with BOATC's Community Emergency Volunteer Co-ordinator – Paul Robertson on the 28th March in Salisbury to gain their knowledge and experience. Cllr Jennie Parker should be included if the CEVs are a main item on the MTF agenda.

148. Management Accounts report

The detailed management reports up to the 31st January 2019 showing balance sheet and income and expenditure by committee were noted.

149. Accounts for payment

Chairman reported that she had checked the accounts and found no problems. It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That January invoices and payroll amounting to £73,496.84 be paid. (Note includes Solar Panel payment).

'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960' by reason of a confidential nature now to be discussed, the public and press were asked to be excluded from the meeting.

150. Confidential session

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To start private business.

Appendix 1

Members of the public who attended the Full Council meeting on the 5th March 2019

Brian Elliot expressed his concerns about the condition of the hedge that had been decimated by the Bellway development. He also commented that the bat corridor had been destroyed because of the Bellway development and the large factory which appeared to be excessively lit at night.

Rowena Quantrill was pleased that the Town Council were proposing a Climate Emergency Motion and fully supported the work that BOATC would help achieve this.

Alison Renells asked the committee if they were satisfied with Wiltshire Council's Brexit plans if there was a No Deal outcome.

Jeremy Wire commented at Agenda no 11 when discussed.