



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council
Community & Recreation Committee
Held at Town Council offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
On 19th March 2019 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr J Lynch

Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)

Cllr J Parker

Cllr M Roberts

Cllr D Taylor (Chairman)

Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Ian Brown (Operations Manager)

Members of the Public: Charlotte Forrester from the Cycling Festival and three other members of the public

Apologies: Cllr A Kay and Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie

71. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Roberts and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 29th January 2019.

72. Declarations of interest

Cllr Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of his family was involved with Larkrise School.

73. Chairman's Report - none

74. Youth Strategy

Cllr Newton reported that Wiltshire Council's LYN (Local Youth Network) had awarded the Town Council £10,000. This was an increase of £4,000 from last year. He said that Community Foster Care had a steady increase in numbers attending at the Youth and Community Centre. 700 young people had responded to the second round of consultation. He said that 42% did not feel positively valued. Task work would be undertaken in the villages to try and combat at risk behaviours. Cllr Lynch reported that he was Chairman of the LYN and confirmed that £10,000 LYN budget would be paid to the Town Council. He was pleased to hear how the Youth Strategy was being delivered. He said that he would be working with Cllr Kidney to explore further aspirations of the Youth Strategy

75. Funding for equipping of St. Laurence School Science Laboratories and donation to Larkrise School and Friends of St. Nicholas School for the legal costs of a judicial review

Cllr Newton proposed an amendment to his original motion:-

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Parker and with four in favour and one abstention, it was **RESOLVED:** (i) Recommendation to Full Council that Bradford on Avon Town Council to make a donation exclusively for the legal costs directly associated with bringing the following judicial review – R(Friends of Larkrise School and Friends of St. Nicholas School) v. Wiltshire Council, and any associated court appeals, by means of the following crowd-funding campaign: <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/keep-special-schools-local/> and that in making this donation the Town Council is in no way seeking to place itself in conflict with Wiltshire Council, but is instead seeking to ensure that the case being brought in the interests of local children with special needs has the resources to access justice and seek a fair hearing.

(ii) St. Laurence School Science Laboratories – It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council a single donation up to £10,000 to contribute towards the cost of equipping of the new science laboratories at St. Laurence School, recognising the importance of science and engineering both in the history of the town, and in its economic, social and environmental future.

76. Grants

(i) Bradford on Avon Cycling Festival

Charlotte Forrester gave a report on last year's cycle festival. She said that over 800 people attended the weekend and engaged with the local community. This year because traders said their trade was down on the Saturday, they have decided to move the event to a Sunday when most of the shops are closed. They have learnt lessons from last year on the signage for the road closure of Market Street, which will be done well in advance of the event. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To award the Cycling Festival £1,455.60.

(ii) Community Radio Station – Some discussion took place and the proposal was generally well received but members asked for this item to be discussed again at Full Council to establish the governance structure of this organisation.

(iii) 999 Responders – Cllr Roberts reported that he had been in recent discussions with South West Ambulance Service Trust to establish why 999 volunteer responders were not supplied with basic equipment such as blood monitoring kit, tympanic thermometer and blood pressure monitoring kit. It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that this grant of £110 should be discussed for a local Volunteer Responder subject to seeking clarification from South West Ambulance Trust that this was in order. Applicant to be invited to the Full Council meeting to answer any members questions.

77. Community Strategy and a Mens Shed in Bradford on Avon

(i) Community Strategy

This Town Council recognises the diverse needs and aspirations of our community. Regardless of age, gender, sexuality, race, religion or economic status, we value and will support all who live, work or otherwise contribute to our Town.

We recognise the different needs and aspirations of our community and believe that a cohesive and inclusive community is central to building a happy, vibrant and successful town.

We will aim to support and develop our community through:

- Identifying need not being met by other services and which support a cohesive and inclusive community;
- Preventative services, recognising that meeting needs before a problem arises is more effective, and usually cheaper;
- Encouraging innovation in community projects, recognising that new ways of approaching a problem can lead to strong outcomes;
- Partnership working, to maximise investment and the impact of funding;
- Supporting sustainability of community projects, through direct funding, logistical support and advice.
- Focusing on outcomes, to make sure that our support provides for real change.

These principles have already been embedded in our policies in the areas of Youth, Environment, Health and Well-Being. They have also been applied in practice in other activities and funding. They are now adopted as underpinning all Town Council policies.

It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council that the Community Strategy as listed above be adopted.

(ii) Mens Shed

Cllr Parker explained in detail how a mens shed could work in Bradford on Avon.

She said that land had been identified at Bradford on Avon Agriculture for this purpose. Members seemed generally in favour but would need to know exactly what the requirements from the Town Council would be, in order to set up this initiative. Cllr Parker explained that a public meeting would be required to find out the demand for this. She intended to mention it at the Annual Town Meeting/Gathering.

78. Skatepark

It was noted that some responses to the request for proposals had been received.

79. Finger post brown sign advertising the George Public House

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That a letter of support be sent to the Landlady for a new sign indicating where the public house was located. It was noted that the Friends of Woolley had also sent a letter of support.

80. Future of Community & Recreation Committee

Cllr Lynch reported that he would be circulating some notes to Town Councillors for the next meeting on the 10th April 2019 at 10am in the Town Council Offices. He would also be discussing this matter with his other Unitary Councillors and hope they could attend the next meeting too.

81. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on the 29th May 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.