



**Bradford on Avon
Town Council**



Minutes of the Full Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on the Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr T Lomax
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr J Lynch
Cllr M Roberts
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)
Mr Ian Brown (Operations Manager)

Apologies

Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council), Cllr J Parker and Cllr D Taylor.

Members of the Public:

Feona Baker, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Lorna Lumb, Director of Finance and Operations at St. Laurence School, Jan Winfield from Larkrise parent group, and 5 others.

153. Short film from St. Laurence School shown about their facilities.

154. Declarations of interest

- (i) Cllr Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Special Educational Needs Schools as his niece was involved with Larkrise School. She was involved with the campaign to stop the closure.
- (ii) Cllr Lomax declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Special Educational Needs Schools as his father was the Solicitor working with the parents on the case. He took no part in the voting.
- (iii) Cllrs Garwood and McNeill-Ritchie declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item on the Community Radio item and both took no part in the voting.

155. Minutes

Cllr Roberts asked for a private minute to be included on the last meeting minutes on the CWLPEC. After a small amendment was made it was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes from the meeting held on the 5th March 2019 be accepted as a true record.

156. Matters arising – none

157. Minutes of Committees

The minutes of the following committees were noted:
Town Development Committee 12th March 2019 and Community & Recreation Committee 19th March 2019 and Resources Committee 26th March 2019.

158. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was attached to these minutes.

159. St. Laurence School Science Laboratories and donation to Special School

(i) Lorna Lumb, Director of Finance and Operations at St. Laurence School explained in detail why donations up to £60,000 were needed to equip three new science laboratories.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with 5 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: To make a £10,000 donation to St. Laurence School to equip the science laboratories. Lorna Lumb explained that a Gold Gudgeon will have the Town Council name printed on it and will be having a competition to name a Laboratory involving the community.

(ii) Jan Winfield explained her experience with Larkrise School and the education of one of her son's. After discussion, Cllr Lynch proposed £1,000 to the parents of Larkrise School, seconded by Cllr Kay and with 7 in favour and 1 abstention (Cllr Lomax) it was **RESOLVED**: To make a £1,000 donation to the Friends of Larkrise School towards their campaign. To advise them that the Town Council will revisit this issue again when Wiltshire Council have completed their consultation and have a new proposal. Also, that the Town Council makes a comment on the consultation against one single school and tries to keep special schools local.

160. Community Strategy

Item from Community & Recreation Committee 19th March 2019

The following mission statement was considered: -

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 Lynch, seconded by Cllr Roberts and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**:

That the Community Strategy as listed above be adopted subject to further debate about its implications and actions needed to be taken to embed it. This to be further discussed on the 10th April 2019 meeting.

161. Community Radio Station

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lomax, seconded by Cllr Kay and with 3 in favour and 3 against, the Chairman used her casting vote and it was **RESOLVED**: That the Community Radio Station could use the music room in the Youth and Community Centre free of charge for one year. If vacated the room to be turned back into its original state.

162. Grant application from Volunteer 999 Responders

After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Brown and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To award the Volunteer 999 Responder £110 for new equipment as endorsed by the South West Ambulance Service.

163. Confidentiality Agreement with Wiltshire Council and IDVerde and Bradford on Avon Town Council for certain highways and street scene services

This agreement was discussed and the same caveat as Wiltshire Council was proposed for the Town Council as a local authority too. Clerk to circulate this document to members and if they responded with 'no objections' to sign and seal the document in triplicate.

164. Resignation of a Town Councillor

It was noted that Councillor Steve Plummer had resigned on the 7th March 2019. Wiltshire Council had advised that 10 electors had come forward from the South Ward requesting that an election be called to fill the vacancy. Clerk had been advised that this election will take place no later than the 6th June 2019. Feona Baker advised that an inaccurate report in the Wiltshire Times will be corrected and apologised for in next week's edition. Cllr Brown felt that Cllr Plummer was bullied out of office. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie refuted this.

165. Management Accounts Reports

Detailed management reports up to 28th February 2019 showing balance sheet and income and expenditure by committee were noted.

166. Accounts for payment

Clerk advised that the accounts had been checked by Cllr Parker and no problems found.

It was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That February invoices and payroll amounting to £58,014.06

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

pChairman's Report & Mayoral Events

Alex Kay

Full Town Council 2 April 2019

Events

1. Full morning 27/3/19 Radio Wiltshire broadcast from BoA on our Environmental programme, with thanks to Rowena, Paige, Ruth, Jackie, Jane, and Lydia (for organising); good publicity for BoA; offer of publicity for future progress.
 2. Science fund raiser for St Laurence School 7/3/19
 3. 29th March 2019: 'Cut turf' ceremony for St Laurence new science block build; due to be completed by November.
 4. International Women's Day Celebration organised by BoA Women's 100, Friday 8th March, 7-11pm, included prize-giving of creative writing competition; attendees included Nicky Alberry High Sheriff of Wiltshire and MP Michelle Donelan; well-attended >100, fun, pleasant event. Thanks to all the W100 groups for all their help in events and fundraising. Over £1000 raised for each of our charities UPDATE!
 5. Upcoming: Planning for German Twinning 50th anniversary and visit July 11-17
 6. Upcoming: French Twinning visit 29th May-2nd June
- Upcoming: Town Meeting/Gathering to be chaired by Mayor on behalf the people of the Town, St Margaret's Hall, Thursday 25th April 2019; details to be published shortly**

News items:

1. Drinking water fountains: 3 fountains arrived, awaiting installation.
2. Repair and alteration on St Margaret's Car Park wall will LBC planning application submitted 18/02/19
3. Plastic-free: update
4. Walk of Life - 11th May 2019 10 miles along the canal BoA-Bath to raise funds for RUH. Everyone welcome to join me walking (Simon & Dom already signed up) or sponsor the event. £25 entry.
www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk Just Giving Page set up; details will be distributed and paper sponsorship forms in BOATC office. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alexe-kay

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1. No reply from WCC to Climate Emergency letter (attached)