



**Bradford on Avon
Town Council**



Minutes of the Full Town Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon
on Tuesday 4th June 2019 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr A Kay
Cllr T Lomax**
Cllr J Lynch
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr D Taylor*
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)
Ian Brown (Operations Manager)
*7.12pm Cllr D Taylor arrived
** 7.14pm Cllr T Lomax arrived

Apologies – Cllr D Garwood and Cllr J Parker

Members of the Public – Clive Jefferies, Laniney Sweeney from Challenge Aid, Russell Cole BOA Fireworks Committee and 10 members of the public.

13. Declarations of interest – none

14. Minutes

After two small amendments were made, it was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on the 7th May 2019.

15. Matters arising - none

16. Minutes of Committees

The minutes of the Town Development Committee held on the 14th May 2019 were noted.

17. Chairman's Report

Chairman's Report noted and attached to these minutes. Cllr Kay reported that Bradford on Avon was the first town in Wiltshire to get the accreditation. Cllr Kay reported that she had attended together with Cllr McNeill-Ritchie the French Twinning dinner. She had also attended many events

18. Policies of the Town Council

It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting.

19. Ethical Investment Statement

Cllr Newton explained this statement in detail. It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To adopt this Ethical Investment Statement, which will be an appendix to the Treasury and Investment Policy. To ask financial providers to take this statement into account and ask for their feedback on it.

20. Climate Emergency Update

Cllr Kay explained that this draft plan was a blueprint of how the Climate Emergency could be addressed. It listed several actions to be completed. Cllr Kay said that she had been working with Climate Friendly and Preservation Trust to work towards Bradford on Avon becoming town carbon neutral by 2030.

21. Fireworks

Russell Cole explained that he had been Chairman for six years and the 3 PTAs from Fitzmaurice, Christchurch and St. Laurence put on this event. They needed more volunteers to stage the event. Russel Cole and three members from the BOA Fireworks Committee requested help and assistance from the Town Council to assist with putting on this event. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Lynch, seconded by the Chairman and with 8 in favour and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: That the Firework Committee work with our Operations Manager/Cllr Roberts to assist and support them with their event. Cllr Kay asked that solar Lumiere be incorporated into the event plan.

22. Handrails

The report was noted. After discussion, Cllr Newton proposed, seconded by Cllr Franklin and with 6 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: That the Town Council delegates authority to the Highways and Transport Committee's earmarked reserve for the installation of railings, and inspection and remedial works to surfaces of footpaths indicated and others as may be necessary. Support will be sought from relevant groups within the town, including CATG and the Preservation Trust, but works will not be contingent on their financial or other support.

23. Challenge Aid

Laniney Sweeney reported that there would be a silent disco in the Tithe Barn on the 31st August 2019 to try and raise money for Challenge Aid. A short film was shown to show the work of this charity. Challenge Aid promotes health and fitness throughout the UK by motivating schools, universities, corporate groups and individuals to raise money through sponsored exercise. With the money raised, they create Schools of Hope in East Africa, which offer both an alternative and complementary form of education for aspirational young slum dwellers.

Laniney explained that £6,000 was needed for a new school, £3,000 to set up in year 1, £2,000 the next year and £1,000 in the third year and then £500 a year to maintain it. She said that 98% of their pupils transitioned to secondary school. She explained how Beckington school had raised £800 towards this project. Laniney answered questions and explained that the teachers were not paid but achieved a qualification which they could take to another school. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lomax and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To support the Challenge Aid project.

24. Contracts for employees

As part of the Quality Council status it was noted that all employees have contracts of employment.

25. Correspondence received

(i) Letter noted from St. Laurence School thanking the Town Council for the £10,000 towards equipping the new science laboratories.

(ii) Cllr Lynch reported that he had seen a post on social media saying that he was not in favour of the donation to St. Laurence school. He said that this was not the case and asked the Clerk what he said. The Clerk advised that he agreed with a donation up to £5,000. Cllr Lynch said he would be writing to the Head Teacher. Cllr Newton agreed to take the post down.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

Appendix 1

Members of the Public who spoke at the Full Council meeting on the 4th June 2019

1. Clive Jefferies asked that the footpath from Coach Road to Holy Trinity Church there was not enough space for a cargo bicycle to get through the barriers.