



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**



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Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council

Community & Recreation Committee

Held at Town Council offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

On 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)

Cllr M Roberts

Cllr S McNeill- Ritchie

Cllr E Franklin (Chairman)

Cllr A Kay

Cllr T Lomax (in attendance)

Cllr J Lynch

Cllr J Parker

Cllr D Garwood (in attendance)

Cllr D Taylor\*

\*arrived 7.10pm

Members of the Public: Sandra and John Box, Joyce Shaw and 5 others.

Apologies: None

82. Minutes

Cllr Lynch reported that in his opinion the Grants Advisory Panel was not properly set up to deal with He advised that his thoughts on how this committee should be run, which should have come to this committee had not been included on the agenda. Chairman advised that as his report arrived too late to add to this agenda his report will be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019. It was proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as a true record.

83. Matters arising – none

84. Declarations of interest

Cllr Garwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application for the Computer Club as he was a volunteer. He reported that he was a non-voting member of this committee.

85. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported that the judging for In Your Neighbourhood had taken place and that the results were expected in October 2019. She said that the theme for next year would be bikes and biodiversity. She said that two Cypress trees had been purchased for Westbury Gardens to brighten up the area.

She said that she was waiting for the community radio station to be active and various members of the public wish to be involved.

The recent Bike Hill Climb had 200 entries and the Mayor went up the hill on an E bike.

She had attended the Fitzmaurice School Guinness world record for the largest jute bag.

This year saw the celebration of 50 years of German Twinning and the Mayor had held a reception which was well received. There are plans to visit Norden next year.

She reminded that there was a Climate Emergency meeting this Thursday on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 7pm in St. Margaret's Hall.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day so the bank holiday had been moved.

#### 86. Action Plan

The Action Plan was noted. Cllr Roberts said he would like to see more detail on each line. Cllr Newton explained that these were things we were already doing.

#### 87. Youth Strategy

Chairman read out the details of the Community Family Care Report and this was noted.

#### 87. Grants

Cllr Lynch said that this panel could not make recommendations on grants. Chairman disagreed and pointed out that under 4.6 of the Terms of Reference for this committee: - "The Committee shall appoint Working Groups as and when it is deemed necessary".

Chairman explained the recommendations from the Advisory Panel yesterday attended the Town and Unitary Councillor and officers of the Town Council.

	Project title	Amount £	Recommendation
(i)	Carers Support Wiltshire	£1,200	Award £1,200.
(ii)	Computer Club	£800	Award £800
(iii)	Wiltshire Music Centre	£1500	No award
(iv)	Age UK	£7,741	Award £7,741.

It was proposed by Cllr Kay, seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To award grants in line with the Grant Advisory Panel's recommendations.

#### 88. Floaty Boat Fund

Cllr Newton explained that the Town Council and Area Board had given £1,000 each for the Floaty Boat Fund. It was launched after a boat nearly sunk on the canal. He said that a series of workshops had been arranged to help with boat maintenance. On the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 How to spot the signs of sinking 6-7pm at Bradford Wharf following by How to raise a sunken boat from 7pm – 8pm. Stove Safety on the 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Lock Inn and 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Cross Guns Avoncliff. Cllr Lynch reported that this fund was not managed by the Town Council but by BOACAN (Bradford on Avon Community Area Network). Joyce Shaw said the canal area was still a mess. John Box said that he thought these boats had to have a safety certificate to be in the water like an M.O.T. Cllr Lynch suggested that representatives from the Boaters and the Canal and Rivers Trust be invited to speak at a future meeting. He said he was working very hard on this. Cllr Roberts asked what the £2,452 balance in their fund would be spent on.

#### 89. Men's Shed

Cllr Parker reported that 22 people had attended a recent meeting. She said that the men's shed would be set up at the Avon Club Trowbridge Road and that they would need help with funding applications. She said that a web page would be set up too in the future. Cllr Lynch congratulated Cllr Parker on this new initiative.

#### 90. D.A.A. (Dementia Action Alliance)

Cllr Parker reported that this a self-funded committee and that Wiltshire Council have withdrawn their funding. She was in the process of setting up 5 or 6 safe places for lost, distressed vulnerable people. She said that the places would be identified by stickers on their shops. Cllr Newton asked Cllr Parker if Community Family Care could be included in this initiative.

#### 91. Police Up-date

Cllr Roberts reported that he had read the police up-date but could find no mention of Community Speed Watch in Bradford on Avon or of lorry watch. He also wanted to know the outcome of the anti-social behaviour survey which was on-going.

#### 92. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

## Appendix 1

Members of the public who spoke at the Community & Recreation Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019

1. Sandra Box reported that there was not a 'no dogs' sign at the entrance to Victory Field via Pound Lane and that all the gates needed painting. She said there was dog mess on the pavements from Victory Field to St. Margaret's Hall. Clerk said she would rectify these problems and talk to the Town Wardens.