



**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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown  
Cllr E Franklin  
Cllr D Garwood  
Cllr A Kay  
Cllr J Lynch  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie (Chairman)  
Cllr J Parker  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr D Taylor  
Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)  
Mr I Brown (Director of Operations)  
Apologies: Cllr S Gibson, Cllr T Lomax and Cllr D Newton

Members of the Public – Aga Stefanska (aged 11), Lillie-Anne Morris (aged 11), Joyce Shaw and 6 others.

87. Declarations of interest – none

88. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:**  
To accept the minutes from the last meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as a true record.

89. Matters arising – none

90. Minutes of Committees

The minutes from the following meetings were noted: -

15.10.19 Environment & Planning delegated  
22.10.19 Highways & Transport Committee  
05.11.19 Environment & Planning Committee  
19.11.19 Town Management Committee  
10.12.19 Environment & Planning Committee  
11.12.19 Community & Recreation Committee  
17.12.19 Resources Committee

91. Chairman's Report

- (i) On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 he and Cllr Kay met the High Sheriff of Wiltshire to look around the Christmas Tree Festival.
- (ii) Chairman thanked the C.E.V.s (Community Emergency Volunteers) for monitoring the river levels every 2 hours before the Christmas period. He noted that the flood defences were taken away before the New Year.
- (iii) Cllr Kay reported that the Christmas lights looked lovely. She said that the switch on event had gone well and was well attended. She was pleased that led type lights had been used.

92. Budget 2020 – 21

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Garwood, seconded by Cllr Kay and with 7 in favour and 2 against it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the budget proposal for a precept of £885,590.00 (attached) be accepted. This would require an increase in the Council tax for Bradford on Avon of 17%.

93. Meeting dates

The list of meeting dates From April 2020 to March 2021 was considered. Chairman proposed to change a couple of dates for Community and Recreation to move from August to September and November, cancel December meeting for Highways & Transport and these new dates were accepted.

The meeting closed at 7.38p.m.

## Appendix 1

### Members of the public who spoke at Full Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

1. Aga Stefanska asked if the council would provide a food pick up area and a shelter for the homeless. Cllr Kay explained about the community fridge. Cllr Brown said that rough sleeping was really bad and that The Hub on Church Street tries to ensure that everyone who needs a bed were put into accommodation. He said they don't always want to go. He said that the Hub was open from Monday to Friday and that Aga and Lillie-Anne were welcome to visit for a cup of tea. Cllr Brown said that to provide a hut or hostel would be more difficult. He said that Wiltshire Council had officers who deal with this. Cllr Lynch thanked the girls for coming to the meeting and he said they could contact him as Unitary Councillor for Wiltshire Council.

2. Joyce Shaw reported that 8 or 9 bicycles had been stolen from Kingston Mills. Chairman advised that the Management Company were due to arrive on Thursday to discuss this. He said this would be discussed further at the next Town Development Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Joyce said that she was concerned that the T.I.C. had closed on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and was not open between Christmas and New Year, although there were lots of tourists in the town.