



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council Environment & Planning Committee  
Held on line in the Town Council Offices, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon  
On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:**

Cllr A Kay (Chairman)  
Cllr J Parker (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr D Newton  
Chris Hogg – Green Spaces Officer  
Val Baker (Admin Clerk)

**Members of the Public:**

Stevie Edwards – Residents Representative of Lamb Yard.  
Jeremy Wire, Beryl Turner and 6 others

**Apologies:** Cllr E Franklin & Cllr T Lomax

**145. Minutes**

It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes for the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**146. Declarations of interests** – there were none.

**147. Planning applications**

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to send the planning recommendations to Wiltshire Council.
- (ii) There were no delegated decisions to be made.

The Appeal Decision for 15 Elms Cross Drive (APP/Y3940/D/19/3238639) now dismissed, was noted. The Licensing Act 2003 – Review Application, for The Bear Inn – It was noted that the licence had now been transferred back to the original Licensee (Mr K Barker) of the Old Bear Inn.

**148. Correspondence relating to planning applications to be considered at this meeting** – there was none.

The Chairman brought forward Agenda item 150 – Green Wall – Lamb Yard.

**149. Green Wall – Lamb Yard** Cllr Kay produced a 'mock- up' of her interpretation of what the wall might look like. It was a combination of a background mural with living plants in the foreground. A discussion took place; Cllr Kay introduced Stevie Edwards who gave a more in-depth report for the proposed Living Wall project. (report attached). It was noted that this was a 'Community project' for which the Town Council are fully supportive of and reflects the ethos of the Council's Climate Emergency Declaration. The Community Group wished to thank Cllr Gibson & Cllr McNeill Ritchie for their assistance when talking to the Commercial sector of the Community. Jeremy Wire asked if a design strategy would be produced prior to the Planning application, Cllr Dom Newton confirmed that there should be and requested this to be referred to a later E & P meeting for approval. The offer of help from the Council to assist the Community Group when submitting the Planning application was noted. It was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** that BOATC would submit the Pre-Planning & Planning application for the Living Wall, on behalf of the Community Group and would be funded from the E&P budget.

**150. Electric chargers in Station Car park** – Cllr Kay informed the committee that the two chargers in Station Car Park had not been in operation for some time and were beyond repair. She suggested getting quotes for replacing the two units and in principle BOATC could possibly joint fund this with Wiltshire Council. It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour

RESOLVED: to consult with Director of Operations on this matter. It further noted that the supply of additional chargers was a requirement in the Town and Wiltshire Council need to be consulted on this.

151. Chairman's Report (Chairman's report attached to these minutes).

Cllr Kay reported that Warminster Town Council had not yet declared a Climate Emergency Declaration but have now produced a list of actions to be discussed at their CED meeting, making us as a town, standing out as a 'beacon'.

Cllr Kay further reported that she would like to arrange a meeting for the Review of the Neighbourhood Plan in early March and hoped to engage past participants who had helped with the editing of the original Neighbourhood Plan but also encourage new people to get involved with the revision of this Community document. Cllr Kay said it was imperative to 'embed' the greener items into the NP in order to meet the Town's expectations and WC's Green infrastructure Strategy which forms the basis of the plan.

Cllr Parker reported that in light of the recent floods in BOA the Environmental Agency and other agencies are now contacting the CEV's (Community Emergency Volunteers) for assistance and support on a more regular basis. It was RESOLVED: to write a letter of thanks to the CEV's copied to the Environment Agency for their help.

152. 2020/1 E & P Budget (attached)

The Chair reported that the Town Council 2020/21 budget was passed in January and specifically wanted to raise the awareness the E & P's budget where £10,000 has been allocated for 'unspecified' spend which could include things like running events & smaller projects. A further £15,000 being earmarked for bigger projects. She added that if there were more expensive projects required then the Council would find ways to fund these either through reserves or other grants. She said that the other Committee's budget had reflected a significant spend on all things that essentially were considered 'Green and Environmental' for example: Community & Rec have things like Secret Gardens and well-being projects/grants.

153. Correspondence for Action

There was none.

154. Correspondence to note

- (i) 7a Kennet Gardens – Planning Appeal decision (APP/Y3940/D/19/3238639) was noted.
- (ii) Bellway Homes Development - Perimeter fence along the Holt Road. The Chair reported that several 10-12' trees and small shrubs had been planted intermittently along the boundary of the site.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AT THE DELEGATED ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING  
COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

Town Council reference	1
Ward	BRADFORD ON AVON NORTH
Planning Application Number	20/00259/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	26.02.20
Town Council meeting date	18.02.20
Case Officer	Selina Parker-Miles
Applicant	Mr D Blake
Address	5 Crown Court, Woolley St, BA15 1BG
Description of work	Alteration of rear of roof and installation of a pair of dormers working with existing roof-light structural openings where possible
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	2
Ward	BRADFORD ON AVON NORTH
Planning Application Number	20/00258/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	26.02.20
Town Council meeting date	18.02.20
Case Officer	Selina Parker-Miles
Applicant	Mr D Blake
Address	5 Crown Court, Woolley St, BA15 1BG
Description of work	Alteration of rear of roof and installation of a pair of dormers working with existing roof-light structural openings where possible
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	3
Ward	BRADFORD ON AVON NORTH
Planning Application Number	20/00457/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	27.02.20
Town Council meeting date	18.02.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mrs K Fryer
Address	6 Woolley Close BA15 1BH
Description of work	Single Storey side extension following demolition of garage and inclusion of roof dormer to existing single bungalow
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

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Town Council reference	4
Ward	BRADFORD ON AVON NORTH
Planning Application Number	20/00857/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	27.02.20
Town Council meeting date	18.02.20
Case Officer	Carla Rose
Applicant	Mrs Karynne Pitts
Address	36 Christchurch Road BA15 1TB
Description of work	Single storey rear extensions
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	5
Ward	BRADFORD ON AVON NORTH
Planning Application Number	20/00861/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	28.02.20
Town Council meeting date	18.02.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mrs Crabtree
Address	70 Baileys Barn BA15 1BW
Description of work	Removal of existing conservatory and construction of a new single storey rear extension
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

# **Proposal for a Bradford on Avon Community Project**

## **for a LIVING WALL & HISTORIC MURAL in Lamb Yard**

*Prepared by Stephanie Edwards on behalf of residents of Lamb Yard*

### **Vision**

We the residents of Lamb Yard and the owners of the wall, Alison and Ray, we would like to propose creating a beautiful monument in the centre of BOA. Our idea is to form a Community Group to raise funds to create the first living wall outside London and we would like the support of the Town Council.

We wish to raise the morale of local people by creating a beautiful Living Wall in the centre of the town and include some historic murals which will depict the towns colourful history. Our aim is to create a town centre to be proud of and which will attract more visitors and businesses which will undoubtedly have a positive economic benefit to BOA and will also target some of the towns pollution problems.

If we're going to solve the challenges of climate change we need to involve everyone and encourage them all to play their part in promoting projects like the Living Wall. BOA has had many ongoing problems of pollution in the past and we are consistently struggling to improve air quality for all residents, businesses, children and visitors and to create a better first impression of the town.

### **Main benefits of a living wall and murals**

The Green Wall could have a significant impact in the Town:

- Plants metabolise CO2 and other harmful emissions produce oxygen, through photosynthesis, and this can alleviate the poor air quality; it also demonstrates the community commitment to improving air quality and can be delivered in near term. This could further encourage Unitary Council to work on the traffic.
- The location of the propose Green Wall is in one of the densest built-up part of the Town
- The Green wall could act as a haven for small creatures, improving local biodiversity
- The selection of green plants would provide a strong aesthetic improvement which improves the ambience and well-being of the residents and visitors
- The design of the Wall makes a strong message about the commitment of whole community towards Climate Emergency measures

Murals create a tangible sense of place, destination, resulting in increased foot traffic while adding colour, vibrancy, and character to an urban environment. Murals contrast the negative mental health effects of concrete and asphalt and can have therapeutic benefits in relieving stress.

### **Local Research**

We organised a seminar around the concept of a living wall and it was well attended by residents and many groups in the town, everyone was enthusiastic about the project.

We have been thrilled at the individual support from Cllr. Simon McNeil-Ritchie, who has offered help with lottery Funding & sponsorship, also Cllr, Sarah Gibson and Cllr Alex Kay who have offered support with potential designs and with planning permission .

### **Potential Partnerships**

- Residents of BOA and the Kingston Mills Development
- First Port Management Company
- Streets Ahead

- The Preservation Trust
- Climate Friendly BOA
- BOA Business
- White Stripe
- Arts Festival BOA
- Secret Gardens
- **Town Council**

### **Potential Costs & Time Scale**

The cost of the living wall is £600 per square meter so to cover the wall we wish to raise £30k.  
 The painted murals for approximately 26m<sup>2</sup> is £8-10k  
 Sarah to quote for panels

£35-40,000 maximum

Time scale, approximately one year from April/May 2020

Attached are 3 quotes in order to satisfy Council Funding , ANS appears to be the most professional and the best quotation to-date.

### **Funding opportunities**

1. Lottery Funding Awards for all
2. Lottery Heritage funding
3. Co-op local Community Funding
4. Crowd Funding
5. Bradford on Avon Town Council
6. Wiltshire Council Area Board ?Land fill sponsorship
7. Preservation Society
8. Secret Gardens
9. Arts Festival
10. Corporate Sponsorship



## Environment & Planning - Chairman's report 18/02/20

Cllr Alex Kay

### Environment

1. 31/01/20: The land registry is now complete, and we are the owners of Arnold's Wood. BOATC now own the Kingston Wood  
<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/local-woodland-under-town-council-wing/>
2. Pocket park grant acquired for Tory Woods (Community & BOATC) £10k
3. Successful Climate Emergency event: 23rd January 2020 SMH: Green Homes: DOMESTIC ENERGY FOCUS. <https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/green-homes-event/>
4. Letter to Sainsbury's sent requesting they consider solar power, accompanying BWCE offer.
5. 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 St Margaret's Hall from 7pm: Climate Emergency Community group session: Household waste focus: Several speakers including from WC officer to speak about the changes to waste collection and answer questions on what happens to it, etc. Also discussion on further ways we can reduce waste.  
<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/events/event/no-time-to-waste/>
6. Community Fridge installed. Certifications in place; Sue and Fiona have stepped up to organise the Community Fridge. Initially it will be a 'pilot scheme' and the volunteers are thinking of ways to make this a successful and sustainable project. Watch this space! Two volunteers are putting a Business Plan together.
7. 27/01/20: Cllr Kay met with Cllrs from Trowbridge Town Council to share efforts and ideas for Climate Emergency efforts, including potential for Trowbridge to work towards SAS Plastic-free, amongst other things. Trowbridge Town Council are developing training for property auditing for Climate Emergency and offered to share this with us in due course.
8. 27/01/20: Zero waste group meeting towards encouraging supermarkets to minimise (plastic) waste, chaired Ros Edwards.
9. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020: Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon discussion meeting. A lot of idea on how to communicate about Climate Emergency & getting people who are disengaged onboard.
10. Mighty Girls event: 17/02/20: an upcycling clothes event  
<https://bradfordonavontowncouncil.gov.uk/events/event/fight-fast-fashion-workshop/>

### Planning

1. Neighbourhood Plan 2036 update project to be started: standby for launch of steering group in February 2020 (Probably 2026-2036 update will not require full rework of adopted plan; need to retain all we can.) Please contact BOATC if you are interested in helping.