



Bradford on Avon Town Council

Minutes of the Virtual Town Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL
Held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr L Brown

Cllr E Franklin

Cllr A Kay (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr T Lomax

Cllr J Lynch

Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie (Chairman)

Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)

Cllr J Parker

Cllr M Roberts

Cllr D Taylor

Mrs S Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Ms L Booth (Communications Manager)

Ms S Hawkins (Accountant)

Mr C Hogg (Green Spaces Officer)

Apologies: Cllr D Garwood and Cllr S Gibson

Members of the Public: Barney Weston, Trevor Bedeman, Louise Walford and 21 others

82. Declarations of interest - none

83. Minutes of the last meeting

After an amendment was made it was proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Kay and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th January 2021 as a true record.

84. Matters arising - none

85. Minutes of Committees

The minutes dated 13th January 2021 from the Environment & Planning Committee were noted.

86. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report was noted. It included items on:-

- CEV's. Chairman reported that the CEVs had carried out 67 jobs over 3 days, 24 today. Last Saturday the river level was being monitored every 2 hours. We now have 3 more new CEVs.
- Riverside Railings Kingston Mill – despite the pandemic, work is continuing to replace these railings
- Skatepark fundraising – Noted £4,000 public funds – AB Dynamics will be donating £3,000 – Cllr Parker said that she was surprised to learn that the skatepark had permitted development rights. She reported that she had visited 26 houses in Poulton about the skateboard park and that people were happy about it being replaced provided the areas was

properly landscaped with lighting on the footways etc. Cllr Parker said the skateboard park had not been discussed at any Full Council meeting. Cllr Brown said that £300,000 for a new skatepark is a large capital expenditure to pick up and should be discussed at Full Council. At the Town Council Conference public exhibitions were promised. Cllr Newton said that this project is taking a long time in the making and that the young people did not understand years of delay since 2018. He had recently attended a meeting where the technical aspects of the build were discussed with the contractor. Cllr Newton will bring an item to the next Full Council.

- Electric Vehicles and EV Charging Points – Request for proposals had been issued for the installation EV Charging points at two locations in the town.
- Re-launch of GROW–more information <https://www.facebook.com/GROWBradfordonAvon/>
- Local Plan housing needs up and potential sites for development for the period up to 2036 To be discussed at Environment and Planning Committee on the 9th February 2021. Public can take part in the consultation via <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review-consultation>
- Vaccination programme – The Town Council had offered the NHS Primary Care Network the use of St Margaret’s Hall as part of the ongoing vaccination problem and is continuing to coordinate with the local GP practice on communications.

87. Community Asset Transfer

Director of Operations explained that Wiltshire Council must advertise the dispersal of the various assets because they have achieved less than market value. There was a three-week turnaround on this. He explained various other aspects of the transfer and that 20 parcels of land all need registering separately at the Land Registry. Cllr Roberts asked about some land in the Country Park outside the parish boundary and the Director of Operations agreed to get back to him tomorrow. It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Kay and with 8 in favour and 2 abstentions it was **RESOLVED:** To delegate permission and delegated authority to the Director of Operations to sign and seal the land transfers and contract.

88. EcoSulis Biodiversity Survey final report

Cllr Kay and Green Spaces Officer explained the report in detail. Cllrs McNeill-Ritchie and Franklin thought it a well written report. Cllr Newton requested from the Green Spaces Officer a Forward Management Plan for Environment and Planning Committee to consider. After discussion it was agreed to note the EcoSulis Biodiversity Survey Report.

89. Improvements to Berryfield Road and Christchurch Road

Trevor Bedeman and Louise Walford addressed the council about this matter. Trevor said it was of residential and parental concern. Louise said it has been on the agenda for many years now and the parents need some road safety measures in that area. She hoped that WC/CATG could resolve the situation. After discussion, it was agreed to formally request that Wiltshire Council CATG (Community Area Transport Group) investigate Berryfield Road and provide options for improvements in this area, taking account of the wider impacts on the surrounding area and traffic network.

90. Accounts for payment

Cllr Roberts said he had a query he would take up with the Accountant tomorrow. To approve payroll and direct payments up to 31st December 2020. The accounts having been examined by a non-signatory councillor. Cllr Newton proposed and Cllr Franklin seconded and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To pay invoices and payroll for December 2020 amounting to £92,533.19.

91. Management Accounts Reports

Detailed management reports up to 31st December 2020 noted. These accounts show detailed balance sheet and income and expenditure by committee heading.

The meeting closed at 8.23pm

Members of the public who spoke at the meeting: -

1. Dr Janice Patrick gave an update on the vaccination programme and answered questions. Cllr Brown asked why patients from Bradford on Avon had to travel to Melksham when they might not have any transport and the trains and buses do not stop there. St. Margaret's Hall is a successful flu vaccination venue. Dr Patrick said that Melksham suited 66% of their patients covering the Melksham and Bradford on Avon areas. She gave lots of statistics. 95% of the over 80's had been vaccinated once. As had 94% of care home patients and 89% of 75–79-year-olds. 23% of the over 70 and clinically vulnerable. She said that working people will be given a choice of where to have their vaccination. Cllr Newton thanked her for attending this evening and for all her and her team's hard work delivering the vaccination programme.
2. Barney Weston explained that the new trial one way system was not helping in New Road, in fact it was making their lives a misery. He said that residents had been emailing Integrated Transport at Wiltshire Council. He offered tea and biscuits to anyone who wished to walk the route with him. Cllr Roberts explained that a Wiltshire Council Officer will be doing an assessment but this has to be suspended due to the pandemic. Barney explained that he was expecting to hear from Cllr Gibson this week with the latest update from Wiltshire Council.
3. Jez Wire said the traffic data should be available online.