



**Bradford on Avon Town Council**

You are hereby summoned to a  
Virtual Full Council Meeting of Bradford on Avon Town Council

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7.00.p.m.

Sandra Bartlett  
Town Clerk  
25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**AGENDA**

<p>1. QUESTION TIME OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (not to exceed 30 minutes) The public are welcome to ask questions on matters that are on the agenda and other matters at the Chairman's discretion. The question should not be a statement and limited to no more than 5 minutes. The Chairman will call the question from those who are indicating that they wish to speak. A record of any public participation session shall not be included in the Minutes but included as an appendix note to the Minutes of the meeting and will be made public via our website and held in archive.</p>
<p>2. Apologies To accept apologies.</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under Section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011 and under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Town Council.</p>
<p>4. Minutes To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 2nd February 2021.</p>
<p>5. Matters arising (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)</p>
<p>6 Minutes of Committees To note the minutes and decisions taken under delegated powers. These minutes are not for discussion. - 09.02.21 Environment &amp; Planning Committee circulated 24.02.21 Environment &amp; Planning Committee delegated - to follow</p>
<p>7. Chairman's report Chairman's report attached.</p>
<p>8. Borehole at Culver Close Report from the Director of Operations attached together with Hydrogeological Assessment</p>
<p>9. Local Plan Recommendation attached from Environment &amp; Planning Committee held on the 24th February 2021.</p>

<p>10. Skateboard park Leader of the Council to give a presentation on the skateboard park. Noting that this Council has confirmed, by repeated resolution, its intention to replace the town's skatepark which was removed by Wiltshire Council in 2018, it is now resolved as follows and seconded by Cllr Emma Franklin: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To replace the skatepark with a new wheeled sports facility at the same location as the previous facility, on Poulton Field;</li> <li>2. In recognition of the ongoing public fundraising efforts, the reduced availability of some grant-funding, and the delays in bringing this project forward, to ringfence not less than £100,000 from Town Council reserves, to be released on completion of the project or as otherwise agreed under relevant contracts with the appointed Contractor;</li> <li>3. To continue to provide all necessary Officer support to the project, including sourcing of funds from external bodies.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Lynch's proposal to be seconded on the night:- Skatepark motion "We are pleased that, following a 12-month delay, the proposal for a skatepark facility has been forwarded from the Community &amp; Recreation committee to Full Council for discussion. We fully support enhanced facilities for our young people, including one or more skateboarding amenities. The brief given by Full Council to the independent contractor (Maverick) asked them to assess the need for such a facility in Bradford on Avon, to visit and assess potential sites and " to ensure that local skaters' ideas and the views of the wider community were included in the design". The Council also noted (2nd July 2019) that "at least two public meetings" would be needed to achieve this. Understandably, it has not been possible for the contractor to fulfil this brief during the past twelve months and we look forward to this engagement process taking place, hopefully during the summer months. Under the circumstances it seems wise for the Council to undertake this process itself. As stated in the briefing document considered by the Community &amp; Recreation committee (Feb. 2020 " The Council needs to identify which site it wishes to prioritise to enable the design and engagement process to begin". We offer the following consultation roadmap for Council's consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site Location: The choice of site has, we suggest, two key components: A. Technical Feasibility and B. Social/Community Desirability. Two of the three sites considered by Maverick (report attached) are based in Victory Fields and are adjacent to each other. Both of these contain technical challenges, none of which appear insurmountable. Concerning the first site, in the south-east corner of Victory Fields and adjacent to the pavilion, the contractor states that " a new spray concrete facility could potentially work very well". Regarding the second 'MUGA' [basketball court] site, they state that " The site is a safe, overlooked space and close to the centre of town; perfect for a community facility of this nature". The third site, on Poulton recreation grounds, is the least technically challenging of the three sites. It is also, we suggest, potentially the most contentious site regarding Social and Community Desirability. Quite apart from its design flaws, the previous skateboarding facility on this site was, due to its isolated position, subject to frequent instances of anti-social behaviour, including documented drug abuse. Access to and from the site, both pedestrian and motorised, would also require serious thought. Consideration of this site would require substantive dialogue with the local community and stakeholder groups, including, especially, the local Police and Community Support Officers.</li> <li>2. Site Design: We note that the contractor suggests, for this purpose, a two-hour conversation with young people and an "afternoon or evening" meeting with the wider community. This is clearly inadequate for such a significant project. Proper democratic dialogue with our young people, our community, and stakeholder groups will require both online and face-to-face meetings, including site/design exhibitions and on-site visits. None of this, of course, has been possible during 2020, nor is it as yet. We recommend and propose, therefore, that Council agrees to undertake such a consultation process post-lockdown and move accordingly.</li> </ol>
<p>11. Annual Report 2019-20 Draft Annual Report 2019-20 attached for consideration and approval.</p>
<p>12. Standing Orders National Association of Local Councils - NALC's additions to model standing orders,</p>
<p>13. Proposal from the Natural Theatre Company Bradford on Avon Unlocked Proposal to be considered to aid recovery of the COVID pandemic and help with mental well-being.</p>
<p>14. Slow Ways and Kingfisher Trail (i) Slow Ways - Leader of the Council to discuss this initiative Link here: - <a href="https://slowways.uk/supporting-slow-ways/">https://slowways.uk/supporting-slow-ways/</a> (ii) Kingfisher Trail - Leader of the Council to discuss this trail cost to the Town Council £200. Details attached.</p>
<p>15. Accounts for payment To approve payroll and direct payments and invoices up to 31st January 2021. The accounts having been examined by a non-signatory councillor.</p>
<p>16. Management Accounts Reports Detailed management reports up to 31st January 2021. These accounts show detailed balance sheet and income and expenditure by committee heading.</p>
<p>17. Zoom details Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99823413814?pwd=Qzg1M0JMazJPa2NkdKZ4SmZoVUhiUT09">https://zoom.us/j/99823413814?pwd=Qzg1M0JMazJPa2NkdKZ4SmZoVUhiUT09</a></p>