



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**

Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council

Community & Wellbeing Committee

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

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr K Bessant

Cllr S Blackwell

Cllr J Parker (Chairman)

Cllr A Potter

Cllr T Trimble (substitute for Cllr K Vigar)

Cllr J Vittles

Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Ian Brown - Director of Operations\*

\*Left at 7.30pm

Apologies: Cllr S Blackwell, Cllr E Franklin, Cllr S Gibson and Cllr K Vigar

Members of the Public: Briony Youth Worker and Joe Tomkinson Support Coordinator at Community Family Care, Louise Weissel and Sally Hill.

21. Minutes

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Vittles and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: to accept the minutes from the last meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

22. Matters arising - None.

23. Declarations of interest - None.

24. Chairman's Report

Chairman said that she was still helping organising the St. Aldhelm's Court 60+ Group. She had helped on a stall at the Thursday market to raise funds for them. They would be having a Christmas party with music and singing on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021. She said that she had been volunteering with the Age Friendly Melksham, an initiative she hoped to bring to Bradford on Avon. She was also looking at the Make Someone Welcome, an initiative which Devizes had and she hoped to do a similar thing in Bradford on Avon.

25. Youth Strategy

(i) Bradford on Avon Youth Update from September to November 2021 noted.

(ii) PowerPoint presentation from Briony Youth Worker and Joe Tomkinson Support Coordinator from Community Family Care. It was interesting to note that the membership had gone up from 70 in September to 120 in October 2021. They had four young volunteers and Dan was the Intern Youth Worker. They would be conducting an annual young person's survey and took details of the Town Council's Residents Panel. They had a youth café. They were also helping young people to write their C.V.s. They will be setting up a Youth Council and networking. They will be fundraising for the skatepark. They are recruiting for Volunteer Youth Workers. Members were invited to attend at the Youth Club on a Tuesday evening from 6.30 to 7pm in between their two sessions from primary ages to secondary ages.

26. Police Up-date

The police report was noted. Cllr Bessant said that in the police report PC Bowden was talking about CCTV and funding from Safer Streets. She asked for the Clerk to investigate this and talk to PC Bowden. Cllr Vittles asked that the expiry date for Safer Streets grant funding be sought. Cllr Vittles mentioned that the Town Council was using graffiti paint to remove graffiti. which there was a spate of in the town.

27. West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association

Cllr Blackwell's report was noted. It was noted that Bradford on Avon Town Council needed to prepare for the next AGM in Spring 2022, as the town holds the revolving presidency. It was proposed by Cllr Trimble, seconded by Cllr Potter and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That Councillor Sam Blackwell be the representative from Bradford on Avon Town Council to sit on the Twinning Association Committee. Also noted that Bradford on Avon Town Council will be hosting the next AGM in Spring 2022.

28. Public noticeboards

Report from Cllrs Vigar and Vittles was noted. Chairman asked if outside St. Aldhelm's Court could be investigated too. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Vittles, seconded by the Chairman and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That the committee asks officers to investigate and identify a budget for the provision of new noticeboards, to bring this to the next meeting of the committee for a final decision on the number of new noticeboards and the siting of them.

29. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.03p.m.

Members of the public who spoke at the community and Wellbeing Committee on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

1. Louise Weissel gave the members an update on where she was with Green Social Prescribing Pilot Project. She was working with Re-Think, the mental health organisation which delivers community mental health support in Wiltshire, and they have agreed to take her on as a volunteer to run this project. She hopes to be working with women aged 16-25. Cllr Bessant asked when the next update will be. Louise said she would be reporting to future meetings of this committees. In the meantime, she will be speaking to the Green Spaces Officer and Cllr Parker with any developments. She had also sent an update email to the Town Council. Chairman said she could help Louise with a directory of activities available in the town.

2. Sally Hill said that she had recently sent in a grant application from Inclusive Intergenerational Dance to do a Creative Lunch project. She was currently doing this in Corsham and Surrey. Sally was a dance practitioner working with people with dementia and Parkinson's disease and their carers, to have a movement session and an art and craft session. Chairman said she was interested to learn more about this and to discuss with Sally what was already available in Bradford on Avon, such as chair-based ballet and dance.