



**Bradford on Avon
Town Council**



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Minutes of the Sustainable Travel Council meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held
on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7p.m in St. Margaret's Hall

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr S Blackwell

Cllr D Garwood

Cllr A Potter

Cllr T Trimble (Chairman)

Cllr J Vittles

Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr S Gibson, Cllr J Parker, Cllr K Vigar and Ian Brown (Director of Operations)

Members of the public: Annette and John Seekings, Tessa Edgecombe, Jeremy Wire, Louise Weissel, Andrew Nicolson and Ivan Wiggan.

18. Declarations of interest

Cllr Garwood declared that he was a resident of Market Street.

19. Minutes

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Vittles and with 3 in favour and 2 abstentions it was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October 2021 were accepted as a true record.

20. Chairman's Report

(i) Traffic Consultation – Chairman said that 2,080 questionnaires had been returned. 650 interactive maps completed and approx residents attended the consultations. Copper Consultants were pleased with the response. The questionnaire responses will be presented to Wiltshire Council for them to see what can be achieved. He was very encouraged by this. Tessa Edgecombe said that a holistic strategy was needed. Annette Seekings said there should have been a trial run first to iron out any problems. She said they will have a real problem analysing the results as the scaling and ratings were muddled up. Cllr Vittles said we all have our own ideas how the traffic should be handled and all slightly different. It will be for Wiltshire Council to draw out themes by looking at the facts on how the residents in the town are thinking. Jeremy Wire asked when will the public have the results? Chairman said the Consultant will produce a report for Wiltshire Council towards the end of March, in time for the next Sustainable Travel Committee meeting on the 29th March 2022. Chairman said that Wiltshire Council would only act if there is a consensus in the town. Ivan Wiggan asked him to define 'consensus' and the Chairman said he was not going into that now. Andrew Nicolson gave a verbal request that he would like to see all the survey responses. He said he could help compile the responses. He said that full disclosure will

remove one excuse for paranoia, complaints about conspiracy theories. He said that people should be able to access the data if they want to. He said that local citizens would be able to analyse and report back on the data in a rich variety of ways that the Councils and their consultants can't be expected to anticipate. He offered to be contacted for his views and his friends views to help in anyway. Cllr Garwood said it will be difficult to get any one group to agree with a potential solution and you will never bring the two sides together.

(ii) Public transport – Chairman reported that the direct service rail service to Waterloo had been lost, despite a petition with over 6,000 signatures. Also experimental D1x bus services will cease from 30th January 2022. The D1 bus service will no longer run between Warminster and Salisbury from the 30th January 2022. Wiltshire Council will be arranging for a new bus company to take over this service. Chairman said there was also a shortage of 70 bus drivers.

(iii) Update on the traffic requests for speed reduction on the following road near Downs View, Sladesbrook (Leigh Cottage Nursery), Holt Road and Bath Road. Traffic surveys requested to gather speed and volume data.

(iv) Community Automatic Speed Watch – Chairman explained that this speed camera could report excess speeding to the police in daylight hours. A camera would cost in the region of £600 but the Police need to agree to accept it as evidence. This maybe a future project. The Police and Crime Commissioner has recently agreed that Wiltshire is not prosecuting enough.

(v) Highway code changes – Chairman said these had not gone through government yet but could change the way roads are designed in the future. He said there would be more responsibility on drivers for other road users depending on the damage their vehicle could do. Andrew Nicolson said that Trowbridge Area Board have a presentation from Jane Deeley Road Safety Manager in Education from Wiltshire Council.

21. Wiltshire Council Community Area Transport Group (WC/CATG)

High on the radar list from WC/CATG

(i) Whitehill – No entry sign needs to be advertised by a Traffic Regulation Order which has been delayed.

(ii) Berryfield Road – improving the junctions for school children trying to make it safer.

(iii) Sladesbrook – Measures being looked at for Christchurch School at opening and closing times through the Active School Travel. These measures include flashing speed indicators for motorists passing the school and painting the road. 50% costs likely to be in the region of £3,750.

(iv) Top of Wine Street/Winsley Road – traffic survey requested.

(v) Station Approach – Scheme provisionally programmed to start construction in Spring 2022.

(vi) Belcombe Place – signage work has been completed

(vii) Coppice Hill – bollards have been installed at the top.

(viii) Belcombe Road to Rickfield footpath – This is part of the Walking Wheel route and a new handrail was required.

Next WC/CATG meeting arranged for 31st January 2022.

22. Highways Improvement Request Forms and WR1 forms (double yellow lines)

(i) The following Highways Improvement request forms were approved by this committee.

Amanda Eggleton bus shelter Winsley Road, Ann & Phil Banks-Welsh pavement outside 222 and 224 Trowbridge Road, Tessa Edgecombe bollard outside Cheese shop, Ortons and Spa 5, 6,7 and 8 Market Street, and bollards at the bottom end of Market Street by the Swan, Cllr. Jennie Parker sunken pavements and drop kerbs in the Southville Road and Culver Road area, Jon Weeks for new pavement from driveways of Maplecroft farm estate

and Jerico Cottage to meet the A363 and Michelle Hawkins-Collins regarding speeding at Trowbridge Road.

(ii) Waiting Restriction Request Forms (double yellow lines) - First application from Jennie Parker for the Kingston Avenue, St. Laurence Road, Avonfield Avenue, Southville Road and Widbrook View. Second application from Malcolm Ward for Kennet Gardens. Clerk agreed to send to Wiltshire Council as they would be looked at this month. The two WR1 forms were approved by this committee. Applications are considered by Wiltshire Council in January each year.

23. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 29th March 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

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Members of the public who spoke at the Sustainable Travel Committee meeting on the 18th January 2022

1. Jeremy Wire wished the members a Happy New Year. He said that regarding the traffic consultation how many booklets were expected to be delivered and how many were not delivered. Chairman advised that the company used claimed they delivered all 5,000. Chairman explained that after Christmas an additional leaflet went out by Royal Mail extending the deadline.
2. Ivan Wiggan said that on the 17th December he reported a large articulated lorry to the police when he was nearly squashed on the pavement. He also witnessed two weeks before that a young mum with a pram just about to cross on the pedestrian crossing in Market Street when a car doomed up the road. At Christmas time he had his two small grandchildren visiting and the parents and grandparents had to shepherd them up and down Mason's Lane as the pavements are so narrow. He had a friend visit him in Mason's Lane from Sladesbrook with her two toddlers and since the reintroduction of two-way traffic she did not walk into town anymore. He said this was a snapshot of what had been happening to him over a period of 6-9 months and he could have said lots more, he was just one person and it was not just happening to him. His question was while the results are analysed in the long term what short term action can be taken to stop any more accidents. Chairman advises that incidents should be reported to the police. He advised Mr Wiggan to document his experiences. Mr Wiggan said that someone will get killed soon in his view. Cllr Garwood said that the yellow box was ineffectual as no one knows the rules, do not enter the box unless your exit is clear. He said that during rush hour 20 times an hour a car, truck or van mounts the pavement, leaving the pedestrian 10" of pavement to walk on. He thinks that 3 bendy bollards are required.
3. Andrew Nicolson congratulated the council on running the traffic consultation. He realised that there had been some distribution problems with the booklet. Also some difficulties with the wording and layout of the questionnaire. He hoped that the report which came from the responses included their comments, and geographically identified residents. He suggested that any interim results could be looked at by the various groups in the town such as Streets Ahead. Chairman advised that there will be no interim results.