



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**



Minutes of the Town Development Committee meeting of  
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held  
on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7p.m in St. Margaret's Hall

Present:

Cllr J Vittles (Chairman)  
Cllr K Bessant (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr S Blackwell (substituting for Cllr Vigar)  
Cllr S Gibson  
Cllr A Kay  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie  
Cllr T Trimble  
Sandra Bartlett – Town Clerk  
Ian Brown -  
Apologies: Cllr D Garwood, Cllr A Potter and Cllr K Vigar

Members of the Public: 1

34. Minutes

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Gibson and with 5 in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the minutes from the last meeting dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 as a true record.

35. Matters arising

Minute number 31. War Memorial – Cllr McNeill-Ritchie explained that the grant application information and quotes were collated now and ready to submit by the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. He hoped to have this done by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. Director of Operations explained that the Canadian war memorial will be moved and put on a plinth closer to the war memorial.

36. Declarations of interest - none

37. Chairman's Report

Chairman explained that he had attended a wash up meeting for the 2021 Christmas lights, which also served as a kick-off meeting for 2022. The 2021 event was a major success and we received lots of positive feedback from residents and visitors. Plans for this year are already shaping up and we are hoping to make it even bigger and better, with some exciting ideas in the pipeline.

With regards to Culver Close following the consultation in 2021 there will be a presentation from the architect in the next month or so.

As mentioned at Full Council earlier this month, we are now expecting asset transfer from Wiltshire council to take place imminently following the cabinet member decision paper. The Director of Operations will be meeting Wiltshire Council Officers in early February.

Chairman said that the outcome from the lottery bid for the skatepark was due by the end of January. He said we will have an update next time on bids and funding at the next meeting.

### 38. Woolley Grange - Planning Application Number 2021-10082

It was agreed to send the following recommendation:

The Town Council has no objections in principle to this application and is supportive of this local business which is one of the main businesses in the town and has an excellent reputation. Whilst members were appreciative of the need to update the facilities and impressed by the careful mitigation against loss of green space and sensitive additional accommodation proposed, they were, however concerned about some aspects of the application, as highlighted below:-

- It was felt that there should be a no right turn out of the hotel through Woolley to mitigate possible increases in traffic
- Concern was expressed about the relationship between façade of the listed building and the proposed half underground kitchen and new lift which appears imposing and close.
- The expansion of accommodation into the walled garden was considered over development, and in need of scaling down as it takes away the character of this garden.
- The location of new spa was considered imposing when seen from the path between the main building and the garden. It was felt that the entrance needs softening.

These concerns do not outweigh the in principle support for this application.

### 39. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

It was noted that one meeting had taken place with Cllrs Kay, McNeill-Ritchie, Gibson, Vigar and Planning Consultant. Locality Grant had been applied for and to meet the criteria there was a need for consultants. Cllr Gibson said that a consultant with an ecologist perspective with a planning background would be useful. Cllr Gibson to ask Strategic Planning for assistance with the technical wording. Cllr Gibson said that housing allocation needs to be considered too. Next steps Vision and option for consultants. Chairman asked for this to be a standing item on the agenda.

### 40. Delegated decisions

Delegated decisions for 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were noted.

### 41. One Public Estate

Cllr Gibson explained that there will be a meeting tomorrow. She waiting to hear whether the car park had been included for the development phase. Cllr Gibson asked if the members had any objection to her MSE Modern Building Design students studying the possibilities for the station car park and doing an exhibition of their work at the end of the course in St. Margaret's Hall. Chairman thought this a good thing to do. Cllr Kay said the message needs to be clear, that it was an exercise for the students. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie said we need to know what direction Wiltshire Council are helping us work towards and what was likely to be coming along in the future.

### 42. Old Golf Course Working Group

The Working Group will consist of Cllrs. Bessant, Kay and Potter and Vittles with groups to be approached to join including Preservation Trust, Climate Friendly and Keep it Green Bradford on Avon. It was proposed to have a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon.

### 43. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.