



**Bradford on Avon  
Town Council**



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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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr K Bessant

Cllr S Blackwell

Cllr E Franklin

Cllr J Parker (Chairman)

Cllr A Potter

Cllr K Vigar

Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Matthew McLaughlin (Communications Officer)

Apologies: Cllr S Gibson, Cllr J Vittles and Ian Brown Director of Operations

Members of the Public: Richard Craft and Jeremy Wire

Richard Craft from Walkers are Welcome addressed the committee. He said that all members had received his report. He would like some help with improved communications on the Town Council's websites. Richard said that the Walking Festival in September brought a lot of business to the town for bed and breakfast businesses. Richard said the footpaths on the Walkers' Wheel would be looked at on an ad-hoc basis. Richard thanked the council for the financial support. Matthew agreed to discuss communications with Richard.

30. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Potter and seconded by Cllr Bessant and with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions, it was **RESOLVED**: to accept the minutes from the last meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

31. Matters arising

(i) Minute number 26 – No written police update.

(ii) Minute number 28 – Public noticeboards – Noted that Officers are still working on this.

32. Declarations of interest - None.

33. Chairman's Report

(i) Chairman advised that the D.A.A. Party in the park will not take place this year but hopefully will take place in 2023.

(ii) Chairman said that the Men's Shed will be launched in the Spring.

(iii) Chairman advised that the Jubilee Working Group were planning various events in the town.

Another meeting will take place at the end of February 2022 on this.

(iv) Aldhelm's Court 60+ - This group cancelled their Christmas party due to the pandemic but hoped to restart the group again this Thursday.

34. West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association

(i) Next Elblag meeting arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 2.45pm in Trowbridge.

(ii) Cllr Blackwell gave an update of the current state of the twinning association and that no exchanges had taken place in the last two years due to the pandemic. He reported that the AGM was planned for the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 at 2pm in St. Margaret's Hall and hosted by Bradford on Avon Town Council.

### 35. Grant Applications

It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To ratify the Councillor Grant Panel held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 that £735 be awarded to Walkers are Welcome and £1,800 to Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust towards Civil War Re-enactment - The Tithe Barn Garrison to be held in the summer 2022. It was noted that the Inclusive Intergenerational Grant application had been withdrawn.

### 36. Youth Strategy

The Bradford on Avon Youth update Report November to January 2022 was noted. Members asked whether the Youth Council had been set up yet. Clerk to advise. Cllr Franklin was pleased to see the numbers increasing.

### 37. Surviving the Winter Grants

The Wiltshire AGE U. K. Surviving Winter Grant was noted. Jeremy Wire advised that a programme was launched in the Autumn of 2021 by Wiltshire Council who were working with City Energy to have a collective of residents requiring help with insulating their homes. Members thought this an item for a future newsletter and mention on social media platforms.

### 38. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

### 39. Confidential Business

It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To start confidential business.