



Minutes of the  
Town Development Committee meeting of  
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 at 7p.m in St. Margaret's Hall

Present:

Cllr J Vittles (Chairman)  
Cllr K Bessant (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr E Franklin (substituting for Cllr McNeill-Ritchie)  
Cllr S Gibson  
Cllr J Parker (substituting for Cllr Trimble)  
Cllr K Vigar  
Sandra Bartlett – Town Clerk  
Ian Brown – Director of Operations  
Matthew McLaughlin – Communications Officer  
Apologies: Cllr A Kay, Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, Cllr A Potter and Cllr T Trimble.

Members of the Public: Richard Craft, Colin Johns, Sarah Murray, Joyce Shaw, Stephanie Edwards and Beryl Turner.

44. Minutes

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Cllr Gibson and with 5 in favour and 1 abstention it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the minutes from the last meeting dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a true record.

45. Matters arising - none

46. Declarations of interest

Chairman declared he was a member of the cricket club.

47. Chairman's Report

No report.

48. Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Cllr Gibson reported that she had sent out two dates for a meeting this week but had received no response. She will be sending out another email to invite members to a Working Group meeting next week to discuss members aspirations and seeking professional help to review the Neighbourhood Plan.

49. Delegated decisions

Delegated decisions for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 were noted.

#### 50. Culver Close Pavilion Presentation

Richard Paige from NVB Architects gave a presentation on the Culver Close Pavilion. Cllr Bessant said she liked the design and hoped good quality fittings would be used. She wondered whether more public toilets were required and smaller changing rooms. Stephanie Edwards said the upstairs would make a good yoga or pilates or tai chi area. Joyce Shaw said she would have like a building which merges into the surroundings. It was agreed that two more sessions of public consultation to take place. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Gibson seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: Subject to the consultations to accept the plans and in principle and agree to go forward with the planning process to be confirmed at the next Town Development Committee meeting.

#### 51. Skatepark at Poulton (standing item)

Agreed at Full Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to have a Working Group consisting of Cllrs. Gibson, Bessant, McNeill-Ritchie, Kay, Garwood and Franklin. It was agreed to arrange a first meeting of the Working Group in the near future.

#### 52. One Public Estate

Cllr Gibson reported that the architects have come up with some interesting designs, looking at a positive gateway to the town.

#### 53. Old Golf Course Working Group

The following was noted:- (i) that the first meeting took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022.(ii) That a reply dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 from Jo Churchill MP the Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation to Michelle Donelan MP concerning contaminated land. Cllr Bessant said she was in discussions with the Environment Agency about this too.

#### 54. War Memorial

After discussion, it was agreed that

(i) As the three quotes varied in price so much, it was agreed to delegate to the Director of Operations which of the three quotes would be appropriate.

(ii) It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To appoint Contractor A to carry out works to the V for Victory Canadian plaque and to approve moving the plaque nearer the war memorial.

#### 55. Place Shaping Priorities

Chairman read out the proposed wording from the Town Council's Planning Consultant. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Bessant and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: That a reply be sent including "to continue to conserve, maintain, and enhance the special architectural and historic interest of the town and its setting. Ensure the protection and enhancement of the landscape character and biodiversity of the town as a positive response to the ecology and climate emergencies and to reduce the potential impact of flooding."

#### 56. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was arranged for the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

#### 57. Confidential Business

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

Members of the public who spoke at the Town Development Committee meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

1. Sarah Murray from Alex Moulton Charitable Trust explained how the Hall would be working in the future. She explained that members of the public and tourists could view the gardens free of charge over the Easter weekend. She hoped to work with the Town Council to have a Queen's Jubilee event at The Hall.
2. Joyce Shaw said that the signage for tourists was abysmal in the town. The map by the town bridge had a bridge on it which did not exist. She said that when tourists arrive they need clear sign posts from the car park into the town.
3. Richard Craft asked what proportion of green space will be lost by the new pavilion.