



**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 the 12th April 2022 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr K Bessant

Cllr S Blackwell

Cllr J Parker (Chairman)

Cllr A Potter

Cllr K Vigar

Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Ian Brown (Director of Operations)

Apologies: Cllr E Franklin, Cllr S Gibson and Cllr J Vittles

Members of the Public: Jane Jones and Dr Gabriel Malcolm and 2 others.

41. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Vigar and seconded by Cllr Bessant and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th February 2022 as a true record.

42. Matters arising

No written police update received.

43. Declarations of interest - none

44. Chairman's Report

Chairman reported that a DAA meeting was held last week and it was agreed that there would be no more parties in the park, as they had little return. They would be planning smaller events instead. A fundraising afternoon has been arranged for the 22nd July 2022 in St. Margaret's Hall to raise funds for Alzheimer's Support and DAA. To note that the Chairman, Cllrs Vigar and Potter will be visiting the Youth Centre. Chairman said she had helped with the Pancake Race on the 1st March 2022. Chairman said she will have a directory of activities from the DAA which she will give all councillors a copy of. Duck Race Easter Monday, she noted that the swans are nesting under the town bridge, so the plastic ducks will go in the river from Westbury Gardens and Matthew is doing the communications on social media about this. She also noted that the Skateboard Working Group had met for the first time tonight and Cllr Bessant would be reporting back to the next meeting.

45. Ukrainian Refugees

(i) Cllr Blackwell proposed providing additional ongoing support to Ukrainian refugees at a local meeting point where refugees can meet for a cup of tea/coffee, get help with language, form filling and other practical skills for settling into life in the local area. This was agreed to help with the cost of refreshments.

(ii) Janes Jones gave a speech about Ukraine and she will be organising a fundraising event for Ukraine in the Holy Trinity Church on the 14th May 2022. Members were asked to match fund the amount raised on the day. She that all councillors be invited to join this event. Discussion ensued and it was proposed by Cllr Vigar seconded by Cllr Bessant and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** To give a donation of £2,500 towards this event. Cllr Vigar agreed to send the Wiltshire Council's Welcome Pack to Jane Jones.

46. West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association

- (i) It was noted that Cllr Gibson had hosted the AGM in St. Margaret's Hall on the 23rd March 2022.
- (ii) Members agreed to send the letter of support to Elblag and their twin town of Ternopol.

47. Youth Strategy

The January to April 2022 Report was considered and the Chairman reported on some of the items, such as the BoA Youth Council, BoA Youth Café, Community Mapping, Annual Survey and Skatepark Funding and their key issues. She noted that there was a newly recruited part time youth worker in place and all the Summer Term activities planned.

48. Book Fiesta

Dr. Malcolm had submitted a report to the committee in advance of the meeting and she gave an interesting presentation on the last Book Fiesta and explained in detail how the events both in person and online went. She tabled some of the feedback she had received. She said she will be developing her website now with some free contents and Zoom workshops. She showed a sample of a comic book by Holly McIntosh to help school children with their mental health. Dr Malcolm said that she was hoping to get more outside sponsorship. She will be doing some radio work with Radio Bath and West Wilts Radio on book launches. She thought that St. Laurence Road would be a good place for a book exchange. Cllr Bessant said some fantastic work had been done through the book fiesta and she awaits the dates for the next one, in the final quarter of the year. The Chairman congratulated Dr Malcolm on the book fiesta.

49. Residents' Panel

The Communications Officer's report was considered. After discussion, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: (i) To have a core of 2 councillors (Cllrs Vigar and Chairman) and the Communications Officer, and that Town Councillors with an expertise in certain subjects be called on when needed. Councillors to be consulted with by email on the questions for the surveys.

- (ii) The dates for the next surveys will be 27th May 2022, 21st October 2022 and 6th January 2023.
- (iii) The theme for the second survey would be Environment. Cllrs Kay and Potter to be consulted with.
- (iv) The theme for the third survey would be Events. Cllr Bessant agreed to help with this.

50. Noticeboards

The Communications Officer's report was considered. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blackwell, seconded by Cllr Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To proceed with Whitehill and Poulton and use noticeboard Option 1 in the report at a cost of £228.74 each. To have a review in the autumn.

51. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 28th June 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm