

Community and Wellbeing committee meeting
Tuesday 27 June 2023



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Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 27 June 2023

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minutes [10](#), [16](#) & [19](#).

Present

Councillors:

- Kate Bessant
 - Jennie Parker
 - Alison Potter
 - Katie Vigar Town Council Officers:
 - Ian Brown - Chief Executive & Town Clerk
 - Matthew McLaughlin – Communications Officer Meeting clerk:
 - Sarah Howe – Committee Clerk
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Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- Sam Blackwell
 - Jack Vittles
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10. Agenda item 2 - Election of Vice Chair

The Chair of the committee took nominations for the vice-chair. Councillor Katie Vigar nominated Councillor Jack Vittles which was seconded by Councillor Kate Bessant. As there were no further nominations the Chair confirmed Councillor Jack Vittles was happy to be nominated in absentia and moved to the vote and with all in favour; **Resolved:** Councillor Jack Vittles was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the current year.

11. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

12. Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Jennie Parker

Seconded by Councillor Katie Vigar

And with all in favour it was **resolved:** that the Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 18 April 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

13. Matters arising None.

14. Agenda item 7 – Chair’s Update

The Chair summarised her update which was supplied with the agenda. The Chair highlighted the Trowbridge Futures project which is similar to The Hub here in Bradford on Avon (BoA) but a larger organisation with additional facilities. One addition is the Pantry. Clients pay £5 and are then able to take around 10 items of food, or sometimes more, donated by assorted local supermarkets. The Chair said that the scheme was considered as an additional opportunity here in BoA but for now the Community Fridge is offering a similar resource and the need in BoA is not quite the same as Trowbridge.

15. Agenda item 8 – Project Updates

The Communications Officer read out his update as supplied with the agenda. The collections from Sainsbury’s have begun with around 4 crates of food supplied on a Sunday which translates into around 40kg of food over the course of a month. A second collection on a Thursday will begin shortly.



Also, on the topic of notice boards, Barton Country Park board will be renovated shortly by the Men's Shed when the weather cools a little.

Councillor Vigar was very pleased to hear that Sainsbury's have started to donate to the Community Fridge and with two donation days from them alongside donations from the Co-op the council can let the Hub know more food will be available for those in need.

16. Agenda item 9 – Grants Panel

It was proposed by Councillor Kate Bessant and seconded by Councillor Katie Vigar and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to accept the Advisory Panel's recommendations from the meeting on the 9 June 2023;

- BoA Bowls Club £4000 for upkeep of the Bowls Club,
- BoA Cricket Club £500 for roll out artificial pitch,
- Holy Trinity Church £1000 for the maintenance of the churchyard,
- Discover ChristChurch! £2000 for accessible facilities (and a suggestion that they approach Area Board for the remaining £4000),
- Carers Support Wiltshire £300 for BoA based café sessions with Speakers,
- Christ Church School £2000 renovation of school pond
- Help Counselling £500 towards counsellor expenses
- Dementia Action alliance £165 for a Communi-Tea at St Margaret's Hall

17. Agenda item 10 – Residents Panel Survey

The Communications Officer supplied a verbal update. The next survey is finished in draft form and covers: play in BoA, questions around the town vision and the community fridge. The working group is meeting Friday 30 June 2023 to finalise questions. Councillor Bessant asked when the residents panel project will be reviewed. Councillor Vigar stated that it was initially set up for the 4-year term of the council and if panellists drop out there is a waiting list to replace. Panellists have been asked if they do wish to continue at times, and no-one so far has decided to drop out. At the end of the 4-year term the project will be reviewed. The Chair requested that those who receive paper copies of the survey also receive a stamped addressed envelope.

18. Agenda item 11 – BoA Youth Update

The update from the Co-ordinator of BoA Youth covering May and June 2023 was noted. David Lloyd the new permanent Youth Co-ordinator



offered to answer questions from the Councillors and added that of the two age group sessions on offer the younger group is going well but the older group is not attracting much attention. There will be an event on the 4 July at 7pm to try and promote the older age group session and meet some of those in that age range to canvas ideas on what might tempt them to come along. He is then hoping to have a better understanding of what the older age group might be interested in and to start things up in earnest in September. The Chair offered to attend the meeting.

Councillor Vigar suggested that perhaps the older children in the younger group might move up to the older group to improve numbers and that it was right to put plenty of energy into recruiting young people for the older group. She also asked about the use of outdoor space beside the Youth centre which is being landscaped to some degree for use by the Centre. Mr Lloyd confirmed that the children like the outdoor space for den building etc. and that it is proving to be a promising resource. Councillor Vigar concluded that she was pleased Mr Lloyd had been recruited to the permanent position and that the council must commit to helping all age ranges in the town going forward.

19. Agenda item 12 – Summer Holiday childcare provision

As in 2022, the council is proposing to add to mix of low-cost childcare provision in town over the summer holidays for 2023 offering a number of sessions each week with a charge of £5 per ½ day session. The proposal is that sessions will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9am-1pm and Friday 1-4pm. The full day on Friday is offered because other local providers do not offer low-cost provision on that day. There was a short discussion around the provision of 3 or 4 sessions as Friday afternoon may not be well attended although the thinking was that it may relieve grandparents who cover a lot of childcare responsibilities. However, 3 sessions is still an improvement on 2022. There may be retrospective grant funding available from Area Board as the application missed the deadline for the June meeting so will be discussed during the September meeting instead. Without grant funding the cost to the council will be £9580 for all 4 sessions. It was also suggested to survey parents who make use of the provision to see what times would be popular in future years.

It was proposed by Councillor Kate Bessant and seconded by Councillor Katie Vigar and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to provide affordable childcare for the summer holidays 2023, 3 sessions per week from 31



July to 29 August with sessions available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings.

20. Agenda item 13 – Police and Crime Commissioner’s Quarterly Update The update was noted by council members. The Chair confirmed that she has invited a Speaker from Wiltshire Police to come and speak to the council but so far has not been able to confirm anyone.

21. Next meeting

The next committee meeting is arranged for Tuesday 19 September 2023.

End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm

Appendix A: Comments and questions from the public

There were no comments or questions from members of the public at the meeting. There were 2 members of the public present in total.