



Town Development committee minutes

Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 23 July 2024

At St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minute [12](#).

Present

Councillors:

- Alex Kay
- Simon McNeil-Ritchie (Vice-Chair)
- Alison Potter (Chairman)
- Katie Vigar

Town Council Officers:

- Ian Brown - Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Meeting clerk:

- Sarah Howe – Committee Clerk
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Apologies

From Councillors unable to attend the meeting:

- Kate Bessant
- Dave Garwood
- Sarah Gibson
- Jennie Parker
- Tim Trimble
- Jack Vittles



11. Agenda item 3 - Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

12. Agenda item 4 - Minutes from the previous meeting of the committee

Proposed by Councillor Vigar.

Seconded by Councillor McNeil-Ritchie.

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: that the Minutes of the last committee meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

13. Agenda item 5 - Matters arising

Letters have been exchanged between Councillor Potter and Councillor Clewer at Wiltshire Council. A further update from Councillor Clewer is expected. The Chair also explained that the Avonleigh Orchard property was not registered correctly and consequently the resident was not notified by Wiltshire Council regarding the neighbouring planning application.

14. Agenda item 6 – Chair's Update

The Chair provided a verbal update. Poulton play area phase 1 refurbishment is on course to be completed by the end of the next week, 2nd August 2024.

Councillor Kay also reminded members that the council are advertising a PlayDay at Poulton Park on 7 August 10am-1pm with various activities laid on most of which are free of charge.

15. Agenda item 7 - Comments on planning applications from the town council's delegated planning meetings

The minutes and decisions were noted from meetings held on 15 May, 5 & 19 June and 3 & 17 July 2024.

16. Agenda item 8 – Neighbourhood Plan Process

The Chair provided a verbal update. The town council are progressing the appointment of a planning consultant, with a brief to be published



next week, with the aim of reworking the housing section of the current Neighbourhood Plan. Alternative sites put forward after the call for sites will therefore be assessed for suitability.

17. Agenda item 9 – Old Golf Course

The Chair provided a verbal update. Volunteers for the campaigning group are handing out around 4,000 leaflets around town regarding the potential redevelopment of the golf course. Cala Homes, who would like to develop the site, have a website which is live and receiving comments about the proposed development. Petitions have also been distributed.

Councillor Kay also added that Wiltshire Council have not, so far, spoken to Cala Homes and the golf course is a reserve site for development in the draft Local Plan.

18. Next meeting

The next committee meeting is arranged for Tuesday 1 October 2024.

End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.11pm



Appendix A: There was 1 member of the public present who asked 2 questions and made 1 comment.

(Q1) Will Bradford on Avon received any of the millions currently given to Trowbridge to smarten up the town centre?

Town Clerk confirmed that the Trowbridge grant has nothing to do with Bradford on Avon.

(Q2) What is happening with the Swan Hotel and the Weaving Shed, both of which are up for sale?

No-one is sure what the latest is there and agreed it is a shame both have been empty for some time.

The resident is also very disappointed there will be charges introduced for using the tennis courts in Culver Close once the refurbishment is complete.

Councillor Kay confirmed that the decision to start charging for the use of the tennis courts was made about 3 years ago to assist with ongoing maintenance. The Lawn Tennis Association has a scheme where they provide a grant for 90% of the work to refurbish courts up and down the country on the proviso that a charging structure for maintenance is applied. Councillors confirmed that charging will be kept to a minimum and that pay and play options should be available alongside a book ahead system to keep things as flexible as possible.