



Bee Creative and Community Snug

Since the last committee meeting, I have met with Wellie O’Driscoll who is setting up a new venture, Bee Creative in premises in Silver Street. This will include a ‘community snug’ – a room available for community groups and charities to use for anything from coffee mornings to creative groups with a particular emphasis on craft, fabric upcycling projects, knit and natter groups and resource swaps.

The project seeks to bring people together through worthwhile activities which address environmental and cost of living concerns, and as such is a great project for the council to support and promote. Information is included in the forthcoming town council newsletter.

Wellie and those involved in starting the project are keen to hear from people who would like to be involved. Help needed includes: helping run activities, teaching others to use a sewing machine, sorting donated fabrics, making coffee and welcoming people attending activities and much more!

For more information, contact Wellie: madeinbradfordonavon@gmail.com

A well-being town

Thanks to the resident who attended the last meeting of this committee and Full Council to raise the idea of Bradford on Avon being a ‘well-being town’. The well being of our residents and of the community is at the heart of our mission as a town council. Our vision statement sets out that:

“For us, a successful town means:

- **A thriving and caring town**
- **A flourishing community**
- **A green and conscientious town**
- **An engaged town council**

We believe that how we act and how we work is just as important as what we do.”

Community and Wellbeing 21 October 2025

Agenda item 7 – chair’s update

Written by Councillor Katie Vigar



The elements included in this statement are at the heart of wellbeing, both for the individual and for the community collectively. And projects, such as the one mentioned above, along with the Men’s Shed and very many others which the council supports, contribute to the wellbeing of both those involved, and the wellbeing of our community.

I am grateful to officers for preparing the agenda item on this and associated report.

Dementia Awareness training

I have been in touch with the local Dementia Action Alliance to organise dementia awareness training sessions for councillors and staff. These will take place in late October and early November and are an important part of ensuring that in our work as a town council we are as dementia friendly as possible.