



Sustainable Development and Travel committee minutes

Minutes

From the committee meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 22 September 2026

At St Margaret's Hall, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon

Decision making

The **decisions** made by the committee at this meeting are at minute [11](#), [15](#) & [16](#).

Present

Councillors:

- James Atkinson
- Kate Bessant
- Alex Kay
- Ben Reed
- Chris Spence (Chair)

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:

- Sam Blackwell
- Andy Gordon (Vice Chair)
- Kevin Elliott
- Ghika Savva
- Katie Vigar
- Jack Vittles



10. Agenda item 3 - Declarations of interest

None.

11. Agenda item 4 - Minutes from the previous Sustainable Development and Travel committee meeting:

Proposed by Councillor Atkinson

Seconded by Councillor Bessant

And with all in favour it was **resolved**: that the minutes of the last meeting of Sustainable Development and Travel committee held on Tuesday 16 June 2026 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

12. Agenda item 5 - Matters arising

None.

13. Agenda item 6 – Chairs Update

The Chair provided a verbal update.

Wiltshire Council has been in communication with town councillors regarding the proposals for the one-way/bus priority scheme on Silver street, LCWIP, and the pedestrian bridge.

Silver Street project currently requires resourcing and evaluation of air quality which will inform timescales for design and implementation.

Wiltshire Local Plan – scoping exercise. BoATC to formulate a response by the 30th September driven by the issues and priorities generated by the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Blackwell is working on this on behalf of the council and will share before submission.

Anyone can respond to the scoping consultation ahead of the development of the actual plan. The full timescale for the full plan through to adoption is 2029, so a long process.

The town council is mindful of the planning gap created by the failed Local Plan and will continue to consider applications on a case-by-case basis.

The Wiltshire Council Freight Action Plan sets out how heavy goods vehicles will be managed to support the local economy whilst reducing



impacts on communities, road safety and the environment. This is in a consultation phase, open to everyone, available online and closes on the 23 September 2026.

14. 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 17 June, 1 & 15 July, 5 & 19 August and 2 September 2026.

The Chair highlighted Councillor Gordon’s excellent response regarding the potential risk of flooding to Bradford on Avon from the Aldi planning application at Melksham.

15. Agenda item 8 – Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG)

- (i) Funding Structure update – the revised contributions agreed for parish and town councils of the Bradford on Avon Area Board LHFIG were noted. These are now set at 30% of the total cost down from 50%.
- (ii) Current Requests –the progress of current requests were considered as supplied with the agenda.
Newtown Residents Parking Permit Zone – Wiltshire Council traffic engineers have asked councillors for ‘local knowledge’ regarding the likely displacement of vehicles which regularly park on Newtown but would be unlikely to qualify for a permit in the proposed scheme. A new traffic and cycling scheme along with waiting restrictions are to be introduced along nearby Wine Street, and so it was agreed to wait for the introduction of this scheme before making any comment on the parking along Newtown.
- (iii) St Margaret’s Place – request for funding
As stated in the agenda LHFIG is prepared to re-site a No Cycling sign at the top of St Margaret’s Place which is currently set with very poor



visibility. There have been instances of cycling at dangerous speeds down St Margaret's Place.

Proposed by Councillor Spence

Seconded by Councillor Atkinson

And with all in favour **resolved:** to agree to contribute £150 towards the cost (overall cost of £500) of re-siting the St Margaret's Place No Cycling sign.

- (iv) The LHFIG progress chart of current requests was noted.

16. Agenda item 9 – Lorry Watch

Councillor Spence read out a request from members of the lorry watch team as supplied with the agenda. There was some discussion on the council receiving feedback regarding transgressing vehicles. It was concluded that due to GDPR issues a Freedom of Information request was probably the only likely mechanism to obtain any information/data.

The councillors wondered if reports filed with the DVSA by the lorry watch team could be shared.

Proposed by Councillor Atkinson

Seconded by Councillor Kay

And with all in favour **resolved:** to support the volunteer team providing new tabards, insurance and advertising resource to recruit new members.

17. Agenda item 10 – Auto Speed Watch update

The committee clerk provided an update which was supplied with the agenda. The lack of Wiltshire Police interest is disheartening. Councillors did reconfirm the town council's commitment to push for 20mph across the whole of the town.

18. Next meeting

The next committee meeting is arranged for Tuesday 24 November 2026.



End of the meeting

The meeting finished at 7.56 pm.



Appendix A: There were 6 members of the public present and 5 questions were asked.

[Q1] 2 residents asked if a new LHFIG request for improved pedestrian and cycling lanes could be exceptionally considered by the town council to meet a substantive bid submission deadline.

The Chair confirmed that Wiltshire traffic engineers had been contacted about this request, and it had been confirmed that this suggestion would be better considered by the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) team at Wiltshire Council and it would be forwarded onto them.

[Q2] A resident asked about the future of Lorrywatch

The Chair confirmed this is on the agenda and assistance should be forthcoming.

[Q3] A resident invited all to the Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon 20th anniversary celebrations on 20th October 2026. He also enquired about installing the SID on Junction Road.

The committee clerk confirmed this had been considered previously and there is not an appropriate location complying with guidelines.

[Q4] 2 residents expressed their concern at the proposed development of part of the St Laurence School playing fields and adjoining farmland particularly as there is no current Local Plan in Wiltshire.

The Chair shared concerns regarding the lack of a Local Plan. He confirmed that any proposals are currently speculative and the land in question is largely Greenbelt. The town council generally objects to developments taking place on Greenbelt land. The town council are not the planning authority but do have 'the residents of BoA's best interests at heart'.

[Q5] A resident asked for clarification on an LHFIG request she submitted as an update to a previous one for bollards on Market Street.

It was confirmed that the Wiltshire Council traffic engineers are having a look at the renewed proposal.