

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Bradford-on-Avon Area Board  
**Place:** St Laurence School, Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DZ  
**Date:** 2 November 2022  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Sarah Gibson (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Trevor Carbin and  
Cllr Tim Trimble

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Liam Cripps - Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer  
Helen Jones – Director, Procurement & Commissioning

**Total in attendance: 17**

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<b><u>Minute No..</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
57	<p data-bbox="336 376 1137 414"><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 443 1487 517">The Chairman welcomed everybody to St Laurence School for the Area Board meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="336 555 1487 629">The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <p data-bbox="336 667 571 705">Building Bridges</p> <p data-bbox="336 743 719 781">Temporary Events Notices</p> <p data-bbox="336 819 547 857">VCSE Alliance</p> <p data-bbox="336 893 1099 931">Wiltshire Council Grants for Electric Vehicle Chargers</p> <p data-bbox="336 969 791 1008">Climate Strategy Delivery Plans</p> <p data-bbox="336 1046 655 1084">Points made included:</p> <p data-bbox="336 1117 1487 1220">That Bradford on Avon Town Council had sponsored a domestic heating Initiative - Energy heating survey had been carried out. A further event during January 2023 was planned.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1258 1487 1361">Winsley Parish Council outlined a green initiative where parks and recreational spaces were being used to site large scale heat pumps to heat local buildings and homes.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1400 1487 1503">That micro grids were a way of supplying energy through solar and wind power sources, which then could help to support the national grid and supply energy to local communities. That Winsley had the potential to start its own micro grid.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1541 1487 1727">Cllr Tim Trimble advised that a bus survey was planned for Bradford on Avon, which would highlight the potential for an electric bus service around the Bradford on Avon community area. That discussions with Wiltshire Council were ongoing, and that some local bus operators had expressed an interest in the electric scheme.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1765 1487 1868">That Bradford on Avon were piloting a community composting scheme for residents that did not have access to a compost facilities - (residents living in flats etc).</p> <p data-bbox="336 1906 743 1944">Cost of Living/Warm Spaces</p> <p data-bbox="336 1982 1487 2020">That an interactive map of Wiltshire Warm spaces was going live during early</p>

	<p>November.</p> <p>Jenny Parker – Bradford on Avon Town Council advised:</p> <p>That the Bradford on Avon warm spaces were to be registered on the Wiltshire Council interactive map.</p> <p>That there had been a great response from local churches to get involved.</p> <p>The BoA Hub was looking to supply hot meals once a week to help where needed, and that the Avon Stickers had offered the United Reform church hall as a warm space during their meetings.</p> <p>That the Coop &amp; Sainsbury stores were involved in providing provisions.</p> <p>That Bradford on Avon Town Council were planning to hold a series of Sunday Afternoon young family cinema events with coffee and cake.</p> <p>That the Bradford on Avon Library was open as a warm space.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their involvement in all the schemes and initiatives.</p>
58	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Jes Wire – Climate Friendly Bradford.</p>
59	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 were signed as the correct record</b></li> </ul>
60	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
61	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andy Lemon outlined the written report.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>That Kier Pritchard - Chief Constable, Wiltshire Police was to retire June 2023</p>

	<p>after 30 years of service in the police force.</p> <p>Peel Inspection – ongoing work continued to address areas of concern within the report.</p> <p>Selecta DNA – That the force was working in conjunction with a company called Select DNA, a police approved company that made an advanced forensic marking product to help you protect valuables. Use of the product had been shown to help reduce burglary by up to 83% in areas where it was used.</p> <p>That the Home had directed that every victim of domestic Burglary should be subjected to attendance by a Police Officer and consideration to the tasking of Crime Scene Investigation.</p> <p>Community Speed watch - The Community Policing Team had continued to support the Community Speedwatch schemes where possible, in recent Months, checks had been completed in the Bradford on Avon community area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 22 - 9 Vehicles Identified. 2.3% checked were speeding.</li> <li>• August 22 – 1 Vehicles Identified. 0.5% checked were speeding</li> <li>• July 22 – 4 vehicles Identified, 1.8% checked were speeding.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Lemon.</p> <p>NHS &amp; Healthwatch – written updates contained in the agenda pack were noted.</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Town Council – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted.</p> <p>Climate Friendly Bradford – written update contained in the agenda pack was noted.</p>
62	<p><u>Shared Lives</u></p> <p>Mercedes Apps - Team Leader, Shared Lives Service, Wiltshire Council outlined her presentation.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>That the Shared Lives Service helped people to live as part of a family, within the carers home, where they received the support or care that they needed.</p> <p>The service placed adults who had mental health needs or learning disabilities, physical impairments, or were elderly, or those who, for a variety of reasons,</p>

	<p>could not manage to live without support.</p> <p>The service had existed in Wiltshire for over 40 years, where care and support for up to three people was provided in the home of the Shared Lives carer.</p> <p>Becoming a Shared Lives carer</p> <p>As a Shared Lives carer, you would welcome an adult with care or support needs into your home on a short term or long-term basis. You would support them to develop their skills, independence, and social inclusion.</p> <p>Carers could be families, couples or individuals, the service welcomed people with a wide range of skill sets and life experiences.</p> <p>No qualifications were needed, and carers could combine this role with other work commitments. However, a willingness to share your life with others, and provide care and support with enthusiasm, motivation and commitment was important.</p> <p>As a Shared Lives carer, following an approval process, you would receive a weekly fee (£371- £571 per week) and work as a self-employed professional.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mercedes Apps for her presentation.</p>
63	<p><u>Co-Cars Update</u></p> <p>Cllr Tim Trimble advised that both Wiltshire Council and Bradford on Avon Town Council were working with Co-Cars of Exeter to survey the potential for a shared use Ecar and Ebike scheme in the town and surrounding villages.</p> <p>That this scheme would help improve local air quality and reduce our carbon footprint. It was also a very cost effective option for those who cannot afford to run a car or simply don't want the hassle of owning a rarely needed car.</p> <p>Ebikes could replace many short car journeys and make hills a breeze. Local residents were encouraged to take the survey so that an accurate assessment of the viability of these schemes, and where the vehicles could be sited could be assessed.</p> <p>That so far there had been around 176 responses to the Co-Cars survey.</p> <p>The closing date for responses was Sunday 11 December</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Trimble for his update.</p>
64	<p><u>Community Grants and Funding Requests</u></p>

	<p><b>Saxon Group Riding for the Disabled Association awarded £513.60 for Saxon Group RDA Mounting Block and Ramp.</b></p>
65	<p><u>Area Board Priorities</u></p> <p>The Chairman outlined the Area board priority themes for Bradford on Avon which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth engagement, employment and positive activity opportunities</li> <li>• Addressing climate change</li> <li>• Reducing isolation and loneliness</li> <li>• Supporting the local economy</li> <li>• Improving transport and access</li> </ul> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>Addressing climate change – That the Area Board was doing reasonably well with several ongoing initiatives.</p> <p>The importance of the Area Board being able to grant small amounts of money to local groups and organisations – example funds for subs for children’s clubs etc.</p> <p>That the Area Board hadn’t spent a great deal of money from its youth funding pot.</p> <p>That Area Board members needed to promote what the Area Board had to offer re it’s grant funding capabilities with local groups and organisations.</p> <p>The importance of using the Area Board’s funds where they were really needed.</p> <p>That great work was happening throughout the Bradford on Avon community area.</p>
66	<p><u>Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group – Cllr Tim Trimble advised that the group would next meet on Monday 14 November.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Johnny Kidney advised that he would be meeting with Liam Cripps – Strategic and Partnership Manager to discuss the way forward for the group.</p> <p>Local Youth Network – Cllr Sarah Gibson advised that she would be meeting on</p>

	Tuesday 8 November with other Area Board Youth representatives.
67	<u>Future Meeting Dates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 22 February 2023 - St Margaret's Hall.</li></ul>
68	<u>Close</u>