

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Bradford on Avon Area Board  
**Place:** On-Line Meeting  
**Date:** 21 October 2020  
**Start Time:** 4.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 6.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sarah Gibson (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Kidney and  
Cllr Jim Lynch (Vice-Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager  
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

32	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to the first on-line meeting of the Bradford on Avon Area Board.</p> <p>The Area Board members were introduced.</p> <p>The following Chairman's announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19</li> <li>• Connect 5 – Mental Health Awareness Programme Public Health Training</li> <li>• Boundary Review</li> <li>• JSNA 2020 data for the Bradford on Avon community area</li> <li>• Holt Rural Housing Needs Survey</li> </ul>
33	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
34	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 and Tuesday 16 June 2020 were signed as the correct record</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11 March 2020 – Bradford on Avon Area Board</b></li> <li>• <b>16 June 2020 – Bradford on Avon Area Board (Election of Chairman &amp; Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year)</b></li> </ul>
35	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
36	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andy Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That this would be Andy's last meeting before retiring from Wiltshire Police, Inspector Jill Hughes would be taking over covering the Bradford on Avon community area.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That PC Laura Wallace would be joining the local team from Trowbridge.</li> <li>• That speed checks were being carried out on New Road, with local units continuing to monitor the area.</li> <li>• That crime continued to be low in the Bradford on Avon community area.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Fee for his involvement with the Area Board and wished him a happy retirement.</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Town Council – the written update was noted</p> <p>Winsley Parish Council - the written update was noted</p> <p>South Wraxall Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Parish Council now had a new Chairman.</li> <li>• That the Parish Council were trying to get village defibrillators installed in the village.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates.</p>
37	<p><u>Covid-19 Recovery discussion - Focus on Young People</u></p> <p>The Area Board were asked to consider the experiences of young people in the community area as a result of the Covid-19 crisis and to discuss the community-based activities that were on offer currently or needed in future to support young people through the recovery period.</p> <p>BoA Youth - Kelly Panes</p> <p>The written update noted</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the BoA Youth group was doing really good work, but needed to up its profile with better publicity to the wider Bradford on Avon community area.</li> <li>• That the lack of communications with villages re activities was frustrating but could be easily addressed – it was agreed that the group would email all future publicity flyers etc to Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager and the Bradford on Avon Area Board councillors who would then distribute and forward on across their own community areas to</li> </ul>

further highlight the activities offered by the group to a wider youth audience.

A video highlighting the work of the Holt Youth Club and their new activity field was shown.

Points made included:

- That the field was developing into a real activity facility.
- That around 45 people per week were attending and using it.

St Laurence School – Fergus Stewart, Head Teacher outlined the work of Relate and the Relateen Counselling project which had been running at St Laurence School.

Points made included:

- That St Laurence School had built up a good relationship with Relate/Relateen.
- That the Relateen Counselling project had become a very important service for the school.
- That over a 13 month period around 16 people per year group had struggled with issues that the Relateen Counselling project could help with.
- That the pandemic and the closer of the school had increased mental issues for young people.
- That the Relateen Counselling project was a high priority on staff training.

Bradford on Avon Town Council – Cllr Dom Newton

Points made included:

- That Bradford on Avon Town Council had tried to be very pro-active re young people during the pandemic.
- The implementation of the Grow Stations project to encourage people to try gardening.
- The continued support of the Fitzmaurice breakfast club.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The good work done through the Colonel Llewellyn Palmer funded drama and poetry project to help young people find their voice during these difficult times.</li> <li>• The importance of providing a safe environment for young people to meet in.</li> </ul> <p>Relate Counselling service – Sylvia Gilmore</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the Relateen project had stopped face to face counselling in March due to the pandemic.</li> <li>• That a webcam based service had now been launched.</li> <li>• That there were currently around 67 young people on the waiting list at the moment.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman requested a further update in March 2021 to hear more about the project.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Bradford on Avon Area Board appoint Cllr Jim Lynch as the Area Board representative to attend Youth Commissioners meetings with Bradford on Avon Town Council</b></li> <li>• <b>That the Bradford on Avon Area Board re-establish a Local Youth Network (LYN) to bring together local youth groups, organisations and stakeholders from across the community area to discuss youth issues and funding.</b></li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked everybody for their input in the discussions.</p>
38	<p><u>Update from Streets Ahead transport group</u></p> <p>Trevor Bedeman – Chairman, Streets Ahead Transport Group gave a short update.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That more pedestrian crossings were required – site visits with Wiltshire Council highways engineers had been requested.</li> <li>• That the town bridge was now impossible to social distance on.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there appeared to be more traffic using Silver Street/New Road as a rat run.</li> <li>• That through traffic now appeared less keen to give way to pedestrians who were trying to cross busy roads.</li> <li>• That it was disappointing that formal air qual monitoring wasn't happened as yet.</li> </ul> <p>The Chairman thanked Trevor Bedeman for his update.</p>
39	<p><u>Working Group updates</u></p> <p>Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – written report was noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting Monday 21 December</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting Wednesday 4 November - 2pm Online meeting</li> </ul>
40	<p><u>Grant and funding applications</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Bradford on Avon Town Council awarded £2,500 (pending planning application) for Living Green Wall at 37 Silver Street</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Bradford on Avon Bowls Club awarded £2,500 (pending match funding from Bradford on Avon Town Council) for the Installation of Borehole in Culver Close, Bradford on Avon</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Cedar Court Residents awarded £500 for Cedar Court Pond Repair</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b>  <b>Relate awarded £2,000 for Relateen Counselling Project</b></p> <p><b>Becky Addy Woods funding application (previously agreed under delegated authority) was noted</b></p>
41	<p><u>Close</u></p>