

MINUTES

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: St Laurence School, Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1DZ
Date: 12 September 2018
Start Time: 4.00 pm
Finish Time: 5.40 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Trevor Carbin (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Kidney, Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Sarah Gibson (part meeting)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Peter Dunford – Community Engagement Manager
Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer
David Redfern – Head of Communities

Town and Parish Councillors

Bradford on Avon Town Council – Alex Kay
South Wraxall Parish Council - Nigel Gill
Westwood Parish Council – Julie Adcock

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector James Williams
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – Jerry Herbert, Assistant Commissioner
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Andy Green
Wiltshire Mighty Girls – Marsha Mars
Community Family Care – Sasha Hart and Dan Whitson-Jones
Young people from St Laurence School and the Bradford on Avon Youth Club

Total in attendance: 32

PART ONE: Youth Workshop

The workshop was attended by young people from St Laurence School and from the BoA Youth Club. Pizza and drinks had been provided to entice them to stay on after school!

Councillor Jim Lynch, Chairman of the Bradford on Avon Local Youth Network, introduced Councillor Alex Kay, Mayor of Bradford on Avon. On behalf of the Town Council and its youth provider, Community Family Care (CFC), Alex welcomed all, particularly the young people present who had come to input their ideas to help shape up the new youth service for the Bradford on Avon area.

Sasha Hart from CFC introduced her team and gave a presentation by way of an introduction to the company and to the contract that they had been commissioned to deliver

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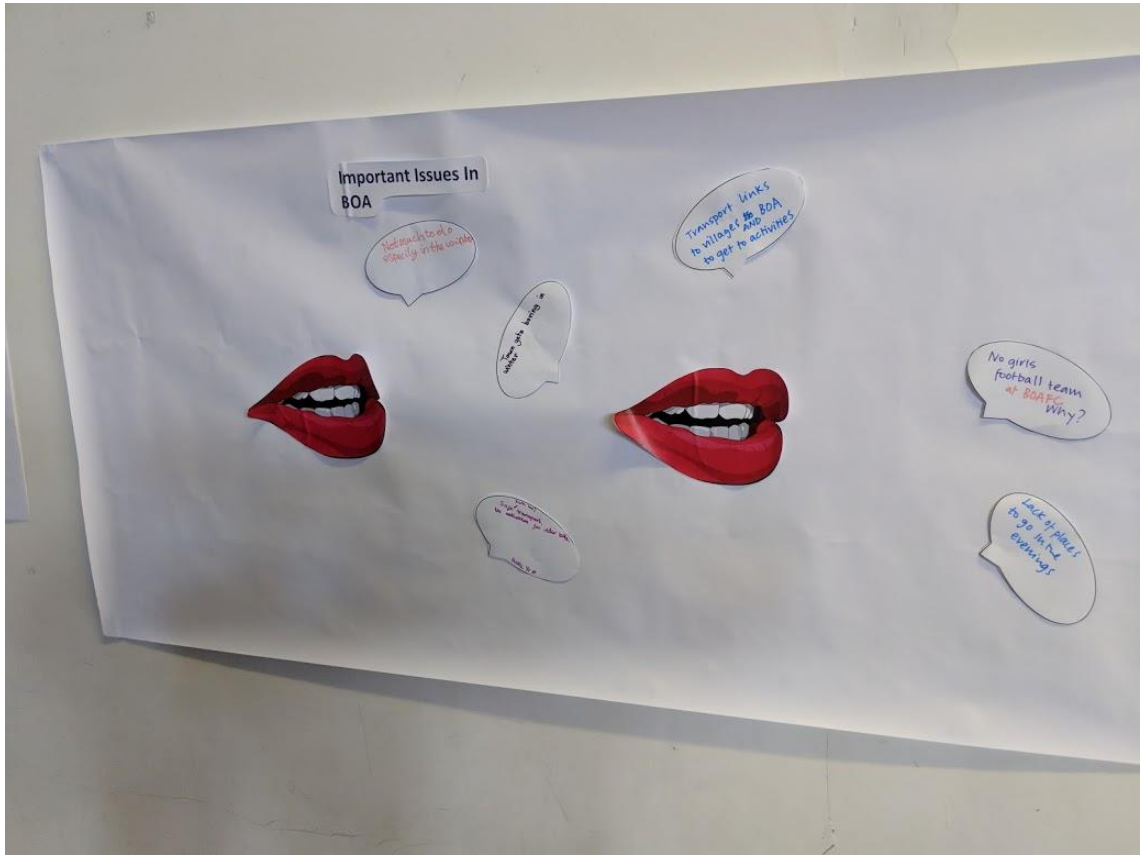
Using flipchart, post-it notes and marker pens, the young people were asked to summarise the local youth issues that needed to be addressed, and also to come up with ideas for the name and shape of the new service.

Comments from CFC

The session provided a good start to the process of defining the new youth service. The group 14 young people attended and engaged in the exercises, writing down their ideas and presenting them to the room using the microphones provided. Pictures of what they created and their ideas can be found below. We are really pleased with the feedback from the meeting however we are aware this doesn't give us a detailed and representative cross-section of the thoughts of all young people across Bradford on Avon. We have therefore also conducted an online survey through which nearly 800 young people have been engaged. Both of these pieces of work will be brought together and used to inform planning and practice decisions going forward – especially in setting up a young person led forum.

Next Steps

Councillor Lynch thanked all for their enthusiastic participation in the workshop. The outcomes would be fed into the launch of the new service which was planned for October half term week at the BoA Youth Club. Thereafter, the Area Board is keen to work with the Town Council and interested parish councils to bring the service out to the villages so that it becomes a community-area-wide initiative. There is great potential to pool funding from the Town Council, parish councils, Wiltshire Council and the Colonel Llewellyn Palmer Trust, a local educational charity with an annual grants scheme, to join up services and funding for the benefit of young people locally.



PRESS RELEASE: Youth Strategy comes to life

The Town Council's Youth Strategy, authored by Leader of the Council Dom Newton and adopted by the Council in December 2017, is moving into delivery with the appointment of Community Family Care, part of Community Foster Care, to provide youth services in the town.

Following a highly competitive tender process, with impressive presentations from the Community Family Care team and a national children's charity, Councillors agreed that the new provider would provide a highly innovative, responsive and localised service for Bradford on Avon and the surrounding villages. The new service will also bring jobs to the local area, with the expected recruitment of several youth workers as part of the service.

The Youth Service, funded primarily by the Town Council, with additional financial support from the Bradford on Avon Area Board and Colonel William Llewellyn Palmer Educational Charity (CWLPEC), will operate in the town and reach out into the surrounding villages, covering an area matching the four Wiltshire Council divisions of Bradford on Avon—North, Bradford on Avon—South, Holt and Staverton and Winsley and Westwood.

The service will be working with young people aged 10 to 18 and up to 25 for young people with additional needs or who have been in care. It will deliver some 'traditional' services, in addition to outreach work and more targeted work with young people. It will also work closely with local schools and other service providers, including delivering preventative work to address behaviours that may place young people at risk.

Councillors are also keen that the service provides a platform for young people to have more of a direct say in decisions that affect them and will be looking to the service to provide opportunities for youth participation and citizenship initiatives.

Leader of the Council Dom Newton said:

"We are very, very excited to be working with Community Family Care in delivering one of the first new Youth Services to be commissioned since 2010. We are increasingly seeing community councils like BOATC taking this type of step and we are proud to be leading a partnership across all party lines at Town and Area Board level to deliver an innovative and exciting service for young people in the town.

"The service has key elements – outreach and detached work, as well as youth club services – but it will really be for our young people to decide, with the new youth workers, what those new services really look like. We're looking forward to seeing how those develop and are hopeful that it will help a new generation of young people engage in their local community and with an expectation and understanding of their right to have their voice heard in decisions, locally and nationally".

Mark Kingston, Chief Executive of Community Family Care said:

"As a local charity which has been operating in Wiltshire for over 14 years, we are a firm believer in the significant value and social capital held both within all local young people and the local community. At Community Family Care, we are driven by our values and see our role as unleashing the potential and ultimately enabling the community to release the ambition of their young people and creating a better Bradford on Avon.

We want young people to feel this is their service and as a starting point, would like young people to develop the name for their new youth service. We are inviting suggestions from local young people to be emailed in to us at: Info@Communityfamilycare.co.uk."

Notes for editors:

The Youth Strategy document was adopted by the Town Council in late 2017 and covers both youth service provision in the town and area (part one) and improving opportunities for jobs and housing in the town (part two) for young people up to the age of 30. This was based on a review of current demographic trends, which show a marked difference in the numbers of 20-30 years olds in the town, against other towns of similar size and the social imbalance that can bring. It is also predicated on the idea that providing young people with the opportunity to engage in their local community means that they will value the outputs far more and that it embeds a habit of engagement in decision-making that will enhance political engagement of all types.

BOATC have assigned £40,000 funding for the Youth Strategy in year one, with a further £8,000 from the CWLPEC and around £6000 from the Bradford on Avon Area Board. The contract is for three years lasting until July 2021, with a total contract value of just under £142,000 split over those three years.

Community Family Care is a trading name of Community Foster Care which is a registered Charity with 20 years' experience of supporting children and families through fostering and edge of care services. Established in 1998, CFC developed from neighbourhood projects and supported local families to foster; enabling young people to safely remain within their communities. Today CFC operates across offices in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Lancashire and Cumbria providing high quality fostering services and, through its Community Family Care Team, it also offers a range of edge of care and early intervention support to children and families.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>PART TWO – Area Board - Summary of Issues Discussed and Decisions</u>
1.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Gibson – Wiltshire Council – who had to leave early</p>
2.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Jim Lynch - Food of Love Festival grant application</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes of the Area Board meetings held on the 11 July 2018 were signed as the correct record
4.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following Chairman’s announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on new division boundaries • Localised Labour Market Intelligence • Animal Licensing • Annual Election Canvass • Bath Clean Air Zone consultation
5.	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Deputy Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Jerry Herbert introduced himself and gave a brief overview of his role supporting Angus Macpherson.</p> <p>The following partner updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiltshire Police • Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue • NHS Wiltshire

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6.	<p><u>Community Grant Scheme - applications for funding</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered two applications for grant funding:</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Cllr Jim Lynch awarded £2,000 towards the “Food of Love” food/drink/music/community festival in March 2019</p> <p><i>Note: Cllr Jim Lynch did not vote on this application</i></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Cllr Sarah Gibson awarded £800 towards the repair and re-opening of the St Aldhelm’s Play Area in Bradford on Avon</p>
7.	<p><u>Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>Community Area Transport Group – Sarah Gibson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes of the meeting held on 3 September 2018 were agreed <p>Health and Wellbeing Group – Johnny Kidney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes of the meeting held on 10 September 2018 were agreed <p>Local Youth Network – Jim Lynch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A big thanks to everybody involved in the youth themed meeting today, now need to build some strong links with Community Family Care to move the youth agenda forward
8.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 28 November 2018 at St Margaret’s Hall, Bradford on Avon