

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

- 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.
- That PC Laura Wallace would be joining the local team from Trowbridge.
- That speed checks were being carried out on New Road, with local units continuing to monitor the area.
- That crime continued to be low in the Bradford on Avon community area.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Fee for his involvement with the Area Board and wished him a happy retirement.

Bradford on Avon Town Council – the written update was noted

Winsley Parish Council - the written update was noted

South Wraxall Parish Council

- That the Parish Council now had a new Chairman.
- That the Parish Council were trying to get village defibrillators installed in the village.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their updates

37 <u>Covid-19 Recovery discussion - Focus on Young People</u>

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.

BoA Youth - Kelly Panes

The written update noted

Points made included:

 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. 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 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.
- The good work done through the Colonel Llewellen Palmer funded drama and poetry project to help young people find their voice during these difficult times.
- The importance of providing a safe environment for young people to meet in.

Relate Counselling service – Sylvia Gilmore

Points made included:

- That the Relateen project had stopped face to face counselling in March due to the pandemic.
- That a webcam based service had now been launched.
- That there were currently around 67 young people on the waiting list at the moment.

The Chairman requested a further update in March 2021 to hear more about the project.

Decision

- 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
- 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.

The Chairman thanked everybody for their input in the discussions

38 Update from Streets Ahead transport group

Trevor Bedeman – Chairman, Streets Ahead Transport Group gave a short update.

Points made included: That more pedestrian crossings were required – site visits with Wiltshire Council highways engineers had been requested. That the town bridge was now impossible to social distance on. That there appeared to be more traffic using Silver Street/New Road as a rat run. • That through traffic now appeared less keen to give way to pedestrians who were trying to cross busy roads. • That it was disappointing that formal air qual monitoring wasn't happened as yet. The Chairman thanked Trevor Bedeman for his update Working Group updates 39 Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – written report was noted Next meeting Monday 21 December Health and Wellbeing Group Next Meeting Wednesday 4 November - 2pm Online meeting Grant and funding applications 40 Decision Bradford on Avon Town Council awarded £2,500 (pending planning application) for Living Green Wall at 37 Silver Street Decision 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** Decision Cedar Court Residents awarded £500 for Cedar Court Pond Repair

	Decision Relate awarded £2,000 for Relateen Counselling Project
	Becky Addy Woods funding application (previously agreed under delegated authority) was noted
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