

MINUTES

Meeting: BRADFORD ON AVON AREA BOARD
Place: St Margaret's Hall, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon,
Wiltshire
Date: Wednesday 8 July 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9.25pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Malcolm Hewson (Chairman), Rosemary Brown (Vice-Chairman), Trevor Carbin, Linda Conley, Dick Tonge (Cabinet Representative)

Parish and Town Councillors

Martin Moyes (Holt PC), G.Platten & Simon Richardson(Staverton PC), A.L.Spreadbury (Wingfield PC), John Allison (Winsley PC), Simon Coombe & Bill Bailey (Limpley Stoke PC), Matthew Midlane (Monkton Farleigh PC), Gerald Millward Oliver, Gwen Allison, Sheila Allen, Isabel Martindale, Simon Fisher (Bradford on Avon TC),

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Neil Berrett & Dave Hobman
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Andy Crane
NHS Wiltshire – Jo Howes & John Holden
Senior Citizens Forum - Alan Knight
Bradford on Avon Community Partnership – David Gregory
Bradford on Avon Library – P.England
Chamber of Commerce – A.Eberlin & Mike Andrews
Bradford on Avon Historic Core Zone – David Moss & Don Hinde
Mid Wiltshire Economic Partnership – Len Turner
Development Service for Young People – Kevin McGuire & Dawn Froggatt
Bradford on Avon Town Council – Diane Holmes

Members of Public in Attendance: 60

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u> | <u>Action By</u> |
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| 1. | <p><u>Chair's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Bradford on Avon area board and wished to thank all the town, parish and partner representatives who were in attendance for this the first meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman said that all partners needed to make the area board work to ensure that decisions were made as close to local residents as possible.</p> <p>The Chairman then introduced the Wiltshire councillors who made up the board, Niki Lewis (Wiltshire Council Service Director) and Dick Tonge, (Wiltshire Council cabinet member) who was in attendance for this meeting.</p> <p>The Community Area Board Manager and Democratic Services Officer were also introduced.</p> <p>All town, parish and partner representatives in attendance were introduced by the Chairman.</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Personal Interest: Mr Malcolm Hewson – Bradford on Avon Town councillor, has attended Town Council meetings where the river Avon footbridge proposals were reported.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Minutes of the Meeting of 16 June 2009</u></p> <p>The minutes were signed off as a correct record of the meeting.</p> | |
| 5. | <p><u>Local Issues – Public Participation</u></p> <p>The attendees at the meeting were then asked to think as a table of local issues that could be discussed at future Bradford on Avon area board meetings.</p> | |

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| | <p>Listed below are topics that the groups came up with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quality of life in Bradford on Avon and villages – the impact of traffic and speeding. 2. Activities for teenagers living in rural areas. 3. Affordable housing – children growing up in our villages are unable to find homes in our villages. 4. How will the Area Board work – what decisions can it make. 5. Traffic issues – regular updates at the area board on any traffic related issues. 6. Intimidation of pedestrians & cyclists by traffic in Bradford on Avon and villages. 7. Speed Guns – villages keen to use them. 8. Greater clarity of what issues the area board can positively deal with. 9. Community Partnerships – how will they work with the area board. 10. What funds are available to the area board. 11. How do you get an item onto an area board agenda. 12. Lack of good social housing in Bradford on Avon and villages. 13. Flooding issues at Staverton, (Cereal Partners bridge). 14. Canal towpath – poorly maintained, lots of overhanging trees & bushes etc for walkers and cyclists. 15. The poor state of the roads. 16. Are we bringing more local democracy to local people. 17. Are we representing local businesses enough. 18. Environmental issues – are we going enough in the local area. 19. Improving tourism in and around Bradford on Avon. | |
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| | <p>20. Through town traffic – issues.</p> <p>21. Free parking in Bradford on Avon and a park & ride scheme.</p> <p>22. Recycling of business waste.</p> <p>23. Re-siting of the Station car park recycling centre.</p> <p>24. More fast growing trees in the country park to hide the recently imposed National Rail mast.</p> <p>25. A better Wiltshire Council website.</p> <p>26. Better opportunities for adult learning in Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>27. Speeding – it's happening all over the area.</p> <p>28. Emergency services vehicles travelling through Holt village.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the groups for their participation and for coming up with a varied and interesting selection of topics.</p> | |
| 6. | <p><u>Introducing the Area Boards and Making it Work for You</u></p> <p>A short film was shown which set out the aspirations for the Area Board.</p> <p>Elly Townsend (Bradford on Avon Community Area Manager), gave a brief introduction as to the work of the area board and the role of the community area manager, she also outlined how the area grant scheme would be operated and what budget the board would have to work with.</p> <p>She also gave a brief overview of the Bradford on Avon area profile.</p> <p>Niki Lewis (Wiltshire Council Service Director) advised the meeting of the process of how local issues would be addressed, full details of this was included in the welcome pack given to all attendees.</p> | |

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| 7. | <p><u>Role of Community Area Partnership and Community Plan and Future Challenges</u></p> <p>John Gregory, (Chairman, Bradford on Avon community area partnership) updated the board on the work of the community area partnership in and around Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>Points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the partnership was looking forward to working with the area board. • That this was an excellent opportunity to draw local groups together and shape the board and partnership. • That the partnership needed to pinpoint what it's priorities should be over the coming months. <p>Niki Lewis (Wiltshire Council Service Director) reported that Wiltshire Council would be supporting the community area partnerships.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked John Gregory for his update.</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>Historic Core Zone</u></p> <p>Alan Creedy (Transport & Development Manager, Wiltshire Council) presented a report that sought the area board's support for commissioning work that would consider the value and advantages of creating an Historic Core Zone in Bradford on Avon.</p> <p>A copy of the full report was tabled at the meeting for all Wiltshire Council members.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Bradford on Avon area board gave its support for the Historic Core Zone initiative. • That the Bradford on Avon area board nominated a board member, (Mr Malcolm Hewson) to join the Historic Core Zone project board and to have a delegated role assisting in agreeing the brief. <p>The Chairman thanked Alan Creedy for his presentation.</p> | |

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| 9. | <p><u>Updates from Town & Parish Councils, the Police and other Partners</u></p> <p>Cllr Bill Bailey, (Limpley Stoke parish council) gave a short powerpoint presentation that illustrated the issues that the village of Limpley Stoke was facing with speeding vehicles and the dangers that this presented to the residents of the village and it's visitors.</p> <p>A petition was also presented by Limpley Stoke Parish Council requesting a 20mph limit.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That speed limits are a topical and emotive issue. • That Limpley Stoke was a particularly difficult village to walk around without encountering issues with vehicles. • That residents were afraid to walk through their own village because of the fear of a road accident occurring. <p>Mr Dick Tonge (Wiltshire council cabinet member for highways & transport) advised the meeting that he would be looking into this issue to see what could be done to improve things.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that this was an issue that should come back to a board meeting in the near future with more supporting documentation etc, the board could then have a more thorough debate on the subject.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Bill Bailey for his presentation.</p> <p><u>Other Updates</u></p> <p>The Kinston Mills development and the need for a pedestrian foot bridge link over the river Avon.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there was a great deal of public support for a foot bridge link. • That the town council had commissioned a plan for a foot bridge from a local designer. | <p>Elly Townsend to follow up.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the old Wiltshire County Council had been very supportive of the scheme. • That funding was a major issue that was holding back this project. • That not all residents were happy with the design put forward for the bridge. <p>The Chairman advised the meeting that he was keen to get backing from the town council and then take the project forward to Wiltshire council.</p> <p><u>Police & Fire Services</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised the meeting that he was aware the the police and fire services had not had the opportunity to give updates at this meeting, he invited them both to give full updates at the next meeting.</p> | |
| 10. | <p><u>Election of Representatives</u></p> <p>Mrs Rosemary Brown was elected as representative to the Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership.</p> <p>Mrs Rosemary Brown and Mr Trevor Carbin were elected as representatives to the Bradford on Avon Community Area Young Persons Issues Group.</p> <p>Mr Malcolm Hewson was elected as representative to the Bradford on Avon Historic Core Zone project board.</p> | |
| 11. | <p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The date of the next Bradford on Avon Area Board would Wednesday 30 September 2009 at a venue to be confirmed.</p> <p>It was agreed that future meetings would alternate between a town location and a rural one, future venues for these meetings would need to be arranged.</p> | <p>Elly Townsend and Kevin Fielding to arrange.</p> |
| 12. | <p><u>Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and making the first meeting such a success.</p> <p>All parties were encouraged to give feedback on the way the meeting could be improved.</p> | |

