

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **BRADFORD ON AVON SEMINAR
(INAUGURAL MEETING)**

Held on: **17 JUNE 2004**

Held in: **ST MARGARET'S HALL
BRADFORD-ON-AVON**

Present:

Councillors: Brown, Cunliffe-Jones and Repton

Officers: Community Development Officer (JN) and Community
Development Officer (temporary)

PRESENTATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE & WORKING IN THE AREA SEMINAR

The Community Development Officer gave a presentation on the Area Seminar's terms of reference as approved by Council on 12 May 2004 and explained the following:

- Community Leadership role
- How Members will operate as an Area Seminar group on outside bodies
- Communication between meetings and reporting back
- Agenda setting

She then answered questions from Members and other attendees. A copy of the presentation would be sent to all those who attended.

1 APOLOGIES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hames, Farkas, Lewis and Viles.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Brown was proposed and seconded and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Brown be elected Chairman of the Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2004/05

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Cunliffe-Jones was proposed and seconded and there being no other nominations, it was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Cunliffe-Jones be appointed Vice Chairman of the Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2004/05

4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman gave an update on air quality management in Bradford on Avon. She reported that the development of an action plan to improve air quality in the town was progressing, but as a number of partners were involved this was taking longer than anticipated.

6 ISSUES RAISED BY TOWN, PARISH, & COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Tennis Courts at Culver Close, Bradford on Avon

Councillor Landell-Mills, Bradford on Avon Town Council, referred to three tennis courts at Culver Close which were owned by West Wiltshire District Council and in a bad state of repair. The District Council had been lobbied and an action group set up by the Town Council. The Community Development Officer (Northern) informed the Seminar that the District Council was currently reviewing all the recreational and leisure facilities in the district.

Air Quality – Bradford on Avon

Mr Bryan Harris felt that there had been no opportunity for discussion of the air quality issue. He had concerns over the proposed one-way system and the validity of the models used.

Mr Don Hinde, representing the New Road Action Group, was also concerned in respect of the one-way system and felt that the re-routing of buses up Masons Lane had created more pollution. He stated that the community had not been consulted over the plan and County Councillors and officers were awaiting information from the District Council. He asked the Seminar to reject the one-way system and seek other solutions.

Mr Godfrey Marks, representing Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust, asked that it be put on record that he felt that West Wiltshire District Council had delayed the air quality issue to separate it from the Kingston Mill Development. He felt that the only solution was to reduce the traffic in the town

In response to the above comments Councillor Wiltshire explained that the District Council accepted that the one-way system was not the right solution to the air quality problem. However, the Council only had street management solutions available and no

real time monitoring equipment. Parkman Consultants were doing further traffic management modelling and community planning could also have an impact. Ideas were also underway for the action plan.

Bradford on Avon Bypass

Councillor Landell Mills referred to the Bradford on Avon bypass which appeared to have been deleted from Wiltshire County Council's List & Structure Plan.

7 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Repton reported on Wiltshire Victoria County History Committee.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Area Seminar was scheduled for Thursday 10 February 2005 at St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon, commencing at 7.00pm.

The next Parish Forum was scheduled for Wednesday 20 October 2004 at the Council Offices, Bradley Road, Trowbridge, commencing at 7.00pm.

(7.10 pm - 8.30 pm)