

THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT BRADFORD ON AVON AREA SEMINAR ON 8 FEBRUARY 2007 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD.

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **BRADFORD ON AVON AREA SEMINAR**

Held on: **20 JULY 2006**

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

Present:

West Wiltshire District Council Representatives: Cllrs Repton (Chairman), Brown, Cunliffe-Jones, Lewis (part) and Viles

County Council Representatives Cllr Hewson (part)

Bradford on Avon Town Council Representative Cllr Bowen (part)

Parish Council Representatives Cllr Grant – Holt
Cllr Kennedy – Limpley Stoke (part)

Parish Liaison Group Representative

Community Area Partnership Representative

Also in attendance: Cllrs Cox (part) and Manasseh (part) – West Wiltshire District Council

Officers: Graham Steady (part)– Principal Environmental Officer
Kevin Gibbs (part) - Interim Commercial Services Manager
Jacky Nicholas - Community Development Officer
Pam Sidgwick and Melanie Stimpson – Member Support Officers

12. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Committee was asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar.

Councillor Janet Repton was proposed and seconded.

There being no other nominations and on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED: That Councillor Janet Repton be elected as Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2006/07

13. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar.

Councillor Cunliffe-Jones was proposed and seconded.

There being no other nominations and on being put to the vote it was: -

RESOLVED: That Councillor Judith Cunliffe-Jones be appointed as Vice Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2006/07.

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Farkas and Hames

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed the fact that there was a good turn out of members of the public at the meeting and said that in future meetings should be better advertised to encourage public participation.

St. Margaret's Hall was due to have a make-over and the Chair encouraged people to make requests and comments to Bradford on Avon Town Council.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Bradford on Avon Youth and Community Services Committee

Cllr Brown informed the Seminar of the progress regarding the Bradford on Avon Youth Centre.

- The Girls Project - attendance was still low however the Youth Work is extremely focused and deals with some complex needs that some of the young women have.

- The young women have recently completed sewing for their fashion show and are planning to have the grand finale of their creations by the end of July in a local residential home for elderly people.
- A new project idea has been 'food from around the world' and it is hoped that the group will participate in cooking a different dish every week.
- Drop in sessions – staff have been working hard to build relationships with young people. After some challenging episodes the youth work is really starting to develop and young people are more settled and willing to engage with Youth Workers on various subjects and activities.
- Holt Youth Club – Different activities are being run with an Assistant Youth Worker in post and volunteers from the local community.
- The first Thursday of the month is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award meeting for young people of Bradford on Avon and the surrounding villages to attend and talk through their award with trained Award leaders. There is also a football coach coming along to sessions from Youth Action Wiltshire who works with a large group for an hour.
- Attendance within the evening drop-in sessions is on average 20 – 30 young people with over 100 contacts already since April 2006.

Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee

This year the Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee made a contribution towards the restoration of the building known as "The Fire Station" next to the Grade 1 listed Saxon Church.

It hopes to make a future contribution to the restoration of the archways under Well Path, possibly this summer.

19. WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY

Kevin Gibbs, - Interim Commercial Services Manager drew the committee's attention to the executive summary of the Waste and Recycling Strategy 2006 – 2009. The summary detailed future work to be carried out in respect of waste disposal and treatment and recycling. Some background information on the history of the strategy and how recycling has improved from 10% in 2004 to 45.6% in 2006 was given. The future plans for recycling were detailed, such as a plan to develop opportunities for recycling of trade waste and the introduction, on a larger scale than at present, of domestic plastics recycling.

Some concern and surprise was expressed by the committee that at present there were no recycling facilities for trade waste and it was felt that this matter needed attention.

20. BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Councillor Hewson, Chair of Bradford on Avon Community Area Partnership, updated the committee on the Bradford on Avon Community Partnership. The Community Planning group had developed plans to help people with community

projects. One example was that the Health Project group had been assisted in a bid to the PCT for health facilities to be provided on the site of Bradford on Avon hospital.

A Community Action day was planned for 24 September 2006 and any group was welcome to participate.

21. OPEN FORUM:

At the Chairman's discretion speakers were allowed to give presentations on the following items which were not on the agenda:

Cllr Manasseh	Credit Unions
Clive Richards	Car Park Charges
Caroline Philpott	Car Park Charges
Robert Oliver	Car Park Charges
Phil Collier	Car Park Charges
Mary Jarvis	Car Park Charges

RECOMMENDED:

That a summary of the comments and concerns raised by the Open Forum speakers be directed to the Car Parking Forum.

22. UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

OPEN FORUM – Geoffrey Marks

Graham Steady, Principal Environmental Health Officer, presented a report, which updated the Area Seminar on the air quality in Bradford on Avon. A meeting had been held with Wiltshire County Council and Capita Symonds regarding the next stage of work to be carried out with regard to Bradford on Avon air quality.

Predictions showed that air in 2010 the annual average nitrogen dioxide objective of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ would still be breached in Masons Lane and Capital Symonds were concentrating on that area for modelling purposes. However, the requirement is to work towards the air quality objectives but not to comply with them absolutely.

Further modelling is being carried out by Capita Symonds based on 2005 data which has been collected and this will determine what further work is required.

The automatic nitrogen dioxide analysis in St Margaret's Street is still being monitored by the Environmental Health Department as are diffusion tubes throughout the Town.

A report will be made to Defra in the autumn on the progress of the Action Plan. WWDC have also submitted an Update and Screening Assessment which looked at air quality across the whole of West Wiltshire district, this process is undertaken every three years. No new areas of concern had been identified in the district.

Some concern was expressed that there was no absolute requirement to comply with objectives. Concern was also expressed that WWDC had not produced a full report on air quality in the Bradford on Avon area.

At the Chairman's request Graham Steady also updated the committee on the Inquiry which had been taking place in respect of the refusal to grant a permit under the Pollution, Prevention and Control Act to Compton's rendering plant in the Town. The Inquiry had lasted three days and the result was expected in approximately six weeks time, after which either side had the right to appeal against the decision.

23. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

The committee noted the report on Neighbourhood Policing Teams, and in the absence of Gwilym Gibbons, Jacky Nicholas offered to take any questions from the meeting and ask Gwilym Gibbons to reply to them directly. Councillor Bowen updated the committee on funding for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

24. REVIEW OF BRADFORD ON AVON CONSERVATION AREA

OPEN FORUM – Brenda Samuel

Councillor Repton informed the committee that a group of Town Councillors had met with members of the Preservation Trust and the WWDC Conservation Officer, Caroline Power, to look afresh at the two conservation areas in Bradford on Avon. It had been decided to amalgamate the two existing areas. Following discussions it had been decided to remove the 1970's houses in Church Acre and Bath Road and the 1990's houses in Sladesbrook. The main additions were all the Victorian houses on Trowbridge Road plus the Council houses built of Bath stone in the grassed square.

The area at the entrance to Wooley Terrace had also been added including a newly built house facing the street.

The addition of more of the Country Park seemed logical.

Cllr Repton requested that people write in to Bradford on Avon Town Council and express their opinions on the proposed areas.

Councillor Brown announced that there would be a drop-in session on 14 August on the subject of the Conservation Area and people were welcome to attend.

25. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET

There were no items which required referral to Cabinet

26. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Progress on the development plans for Kingston Mills
- The future of Bradford on Avon Hospital – invite the PCT to come along and lay out their final proposals to the committee.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Area Seminar meeting will be 8 February 2007.

(7.04pm – 9.12pm)

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