

# WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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

Held on: **8 February 2007**

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

Present:

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

County Council  
Representatives

Bradford on Avon Town  
Council Representative

Parish Council  
Representatives Cllr Kennedy – Limpley Stoke

Parish Liaison Group  
Representative

Community Area Partnership  
Representative

Also in attendance:

Officers: Clive Harland (part)– Principal Environmental Officer,  
David Bardwell - (part) – Principal Environmental  
Officer, Jacky Nicholas – Community Development  
Officer and Kevin Fielding – Democratic Support  
Officer

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hames, Viles, Hewson, Grant and Feilding.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chair welcomed the fact that there was a good turn out of members of the public at the meeting. She was pleased with the outcome of the RJ Compton & Sons appeal hearing; namely that the permit to operate a rendering process in excess of 10 tonnes a day had been refused.

### **4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **5. 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 had improved with a larger more challenging group of girls. Recently the group completed and received a Wiltshire Young Peoples Opportunity Fund grant for computer babies, these virtual dolls show young people how hard it is to care for a baby. The girls plan to go on a residential with these computer babies to experience them for an overnight period.
- 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. In addition on these nights a larger staff team comprising of volunteers is also contributing to a better service.
- Holt Youth Club - Numbers continue to rise with different activities being run with an Assistant Youth Worker in post and volunteers from the local community. A youth room will soon be completed with the group's own mural on display on a feature wall.
- School Outreach – Wednesday lunch times. As from September last year we have been operating a drop in to St Laurence Secondary School to talk to new and current young people, this is helping to widen our contacts and build relationships.
- Riverside Youth Club – Wednesday evenings. This evening has been set up by Churches Together who give their time to provide another place for young people to hang out on a night when our main centre is closed.

- Music Express – this afternoon session is going really well with a group of new contacts for the centre. The project aims to support young people in musical opportunities and at the end of the scheme the group will have produced their own composed CD.
- Sports Leadership Award – an award aimed at young people that are not in education, employment or training (NEET). The young people are developing their sports skills to a coaching and leadership level giving them this unique qualification.
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – the re-launch of the award has brought new members and a wider coverage of the award. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month a meeting is held at the Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month is in the Canberra Youth Development Centre. Every 4th Thursday of the month is in the Court mills Youth Development Centre.
- On the whole the provision for Bradford on Avon and surrounding areas is flourishing, and all young people and staff are very excited about all that the centre has, is and will be achieving in the future.

### **Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee**

The Chair updated the Seminar on the future of the Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee, the District Council is currently looking at options that will decide how the Historic Buildings Joint Committees will operate in the future and the funding implications.

## **6. NEW FOOD RATINGS – AN EXPLANATION OF “SCORES ON THE DOORS”**

David Bardwell, Principal Environmental Officer gave a presentation that outlined the District Council's new food hygiene rating system that was now being used to monitor West Wiltshire's food businesses.

The scheme, which is based on a national scoring system required by the Food Standards Agency, reflects performance in terms of hygiene, the structural condition of the premises, and confidence in food safety management at the premises.

The Chair thanked David Bardwell for his informative presentation.

## **7. PROBLEMS WITH LICENSED PREMISES**

Clive Harland, Principal Environmental Officer gave a presentation that outlined the current licensing legislation and how it fitted in with local licensed premises and the process should there be a licensing issue.

The Chair thanked Clive Harland for his informative presentation.

## **8. SMALL GRANTS AWARDED**

Jacky Nicholas (Community Development Officer) presented the Committee with a verbal update, making the point that there was still money available to fund local groups and causes from the Community Area Partnerships grant fund, and that she was keen that groups should contact her to discuss funding.

## **9. BRADFORD ON AVON COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

Jacky Nicholas (Community Development Officer), updated the Seminar on the Bradford on Avon Community Partnership Co-ordination Group.

Cllr Judith Cunliffe-Jones updated the Committee on the Countryside & Land based issues that a group had been set up to help promote local people producing local produce. A website had been set up but the group were looking to find funding for an administrator to run and maintain it, the group were looking to advertise in local Parish magazines and were hoping eventually to cover an area covering a thirty miles radius of Bradford on Avon.

Cllr Cunliffe-Jones requested that anybody who was interested in joining the group or knowing more about it should contact her, she also advised that the group would be holding a meeting in about two to three weeks time probably in Bradford on Avon.

Cllr Fran Lewis updated the Committee on Community Safety highlighting domestic violence and two schemes that she thought were worth mentioning:

- The Sanctuary Scheme – a scheme to help a parent with children when an unwanted ex partner tries to gain access in to the house. One room of the house has a lockable door that is modified to open out with a phone, the idea being that the ex partner cannot breakdown an outward opening door, the parent and children can hide there and call for assistance.
- Lifeline – a scheme where older people can have a panic button that they press if an intruder comes into their home, the button would alert local police and record what goes on in the house or residence.

Cllr Lewis felt both schemes were good, particularly the Sanctuary schemes which could potentially keep mothers and children out of Women's Refuges.

Cllr Rosemary Brown updated the Committee on Culture, Leisure and Sport developments. She advised that the number one priority in the culture, leisure and sport theme of the Community Plan was the appointment of a Community Area Arts Co-ordinator, who would co-ordinate, promote, support and help organise community based arts and leisure projects in the area. Successful representation had been made to the Town Council and the Bradford on Avon Community Partnership, who have both generously agreed to allocate £3,000 in the coming financial year to support such a part-time post. Cllr Brown advised the Seminar that she was very pleased with this development and thought that the work of the Arts Co-ordinator would be a great asset to the town and add value to the cultural and economic profile of the Community Area.

Cllr Brown also touched on Traffic & Transport and the on-going issue of air quality, particularly around the Masons Lane area of Bradford on Avon. Cllr Brown expressed her concerns of the lack of progress that has been achieved with Wiltshire County Council and informed the Committee that she would be asking in the strongest terms why it would appear nothing is being done to sort this out.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

At the Chairman's discretion speakers were allowed to give presentations on the following items:

Mr Milne	Car Park Charges
Mr T Campbell	Car Park Charges
Mr D Allison	Youth Activities in Bradford on Avon

#### **10. CAR PARKING IN BRADFORD ON AVON**

Cllr Brown read out to the Seminar a statement from Ian Gallin (Corporate Director, West Wilts District Council)

Points raised included by members of the public in attendance:

- That elderly church goers were struggling to get back to their cars within the two hour period and then falling foul of car park attendants at the St Margaret's car park.
- That local residents should have free parking and that tourists should pay for parking.
- That it is unfair that residents now have to pay to park their cars whilst seeing a doctor or dentist.

Cllr Brown advised the seminar that West Wilts District Council took their concerns very seriously and that they would be brought up at a Council meeting with Ian Gallin and would be fully discussed by West Wilts District Council.

#### **Youth Activities in Bradford on Avon**

Mr David Allison – Open Forum speaker.

Mr Allison was concerned at the apparent lack of adult volunteers to help with the various Bradford on Avon youth groups. The Chair advised Mr Allison that she would try to highlight his concerns to both the District and Town Council.

### **11. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET**

There were no items, which required referral to Cabinet

### **12. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

River Avon environmental issues: cleaning up the riverbanks, keeping the river clean.

### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date still to be ratified.

(7.05pm – 9.10pm)

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