

THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT BRADFORD ON AVON COMMITTEE ON 07 FEBRUARY 2008 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT RECORD

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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

Held on: **19 July 2007**

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

Present:

West Wiltshire District Council Representatives: Cllrs Brown (Chairman), Bolwell, Martindale, Repton & Walker

County Council Representatives Cllr Hewson

Bradford on Avon Town Council Representative Cllrs Paul Skidmore & Simon Fisher

Parish Council Representatives Cllr D Gardiner

Parish Liaison Group Representative

Community Area Partnership Representative

Also in attendance: Cllrs Carbin & Conley

Officers: Simon Philpot – Parking Project Manager
Jacky Nicholas – Community Development Officer and
Pam Sidgwick Member Support Team Leader, Karen Hart – Member Support Officer

14. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

Councillor Rosemary Brown was proposed by Cllr Martindale and seconded by Cllr Repton

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Rosemary Brown be elected as Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2007/08

15. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

Councillor Isabel Martindale was proposed by Cllr Brown and seconded by Cllr Bolwell.

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Isabel Martindale be appointed as Vice Chairman of Bradford on Avon Area Seminar for 2007/08.

16. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Landell Mills

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed the fact that there was a good turn out of members of the public at the meeting. She read out a letter to Andrew Pate from Tony Ballard of Linden Homes regarding the development of Kingston Mills.

The Chairman then opened up to speakers from the public to comment.

Open Forum - G. Marks & R. Owens voiced their opinions on the Kingston Mills development.

19. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS UPDATE

Jacky Nicholas informed the Seminar of the following items:

- That there are informal Seminars on 'Supporting Members in their Community Leadership Role' being held in the Atrium at the District Council offices to help Members with their role in Area Seminars.

- WWDC representatives are needed to create a 'Helping Neighbourhood Policing Teams' Task Group.

21. COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Meryl Morgan the official representative was not present. However, Jacky Nicholas did inform the Seminar that there are small grants available from the Community Area Partnership to support community group projects. Meryl Morgan is the contact if anyone wishes to obtain further information on 01225 776655 ext: 235.

22. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Wiltshire Racial Equality Council

Cllr Martindale informed the Seminar of meetings she had attended as the District Council's representative on the Racial Equality Council. There had been 2 meetings with a good turn out of mixed heritage. It was stated that 50 years ago there was a lot of overt racism and integration into the community was extremely difficult, however, it was felt that the situation is very different and vastly improved today.

Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee

Cllr Repton updated the Seminar on the future of the Bradford on Avon Historic Buildings Joint Committee. The HBJC has been discontinued. £21,000 had been returned to the Town Council and it was hoped that the Town Council would be working with Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust to continue with the preservation work.

Llewellyn Palmer Trust

Cllr Hewson informed the seminar of the Llewellyn Palmer Trust and how it benefits those in full time education. £35,000 has been distributed to part fund school trips etc.

Wiltshire County Overview and Scrutiny of Health Committee

Cllr Hewson updated the seminar.

The NHS are wanting to reduce the number of hospital beds. There are to be in place Neighbourhood Teams who provide primary health care in people's homes. These services are not yet in place.

'Bed Blocking' is still a problem and a task group of Councillors have been appointed to solve the issue.

Bradford on Avon Youth Development Centre

Cllr Brown presented the update of this item.

The young people involved in the centre agreed to pay a 30p subscription to the centre which will be saved and put toward equipment and activities.

A 'Tasty Bits' corner to introduce new tastes and food to everybody as well as running 'Ready Steady Cook' over many evenings which has been organised by one of the young people.

Young people decorated their compost bin in a bid to 'Bling their Bin' and chose the best place to put it in a recycling project by the centre.

An inspection took place on 11 June by the Youth Development Service which had very positive feedback.

There are various additional activities planned for this summer.

23. FUTURE OF HOSPITAL BUILDING AND GROUNDS

John Cottle updated the seminar on the future of the hospital building and grounds. The Hospital is closed and up for sale. It has been suggested to the developer that the grounds of the hospital be donated to the project group.

Discussions are currently going on. The progress so far is good and we should know what the outcome is by August.

24. WEST WILTSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION ISSUES

Open Forum – Mr Derek Robbins and Mr Mark Raines

Paul Walsh of the West Wiltshire Housing Society updated the seminar on the current situation.

There are 7 Sites in Bradford on Avon that have been proposed to build 'affordable homes'. At the moment 6 are going forward with planning applications to go to the Planning Committee.

Next is funding for the homes through PFI, and there is a period of consultation with regards to the project.

If councillors have any issues with the WWHS they should deal with the particular managers involved with the projects.

Cllr Brown stated that responses to the public from WWHS should be forwarded to Member Support so that Councillors could be informed.

25. CAR PARKING IN BRADFORD ON AVON

Open Forum – Ms L Coombs, Dr J Patrick, Mr A M Raines

Simon Philpot Parking Project Manager WWDC presented an overview on plans for the parking issues.

WWDC are aware of parking problems in BOA and there is to be a complete car park review as many car parks are poorly kept.

It was suggested that better lighting and CCTV would help ease the problem of 'boy racers' in car parks and that all problems are being seriously assessed.

There are also plans to abolish charges for car parking on a Sunday.

WWDC plan to decriminalise parking and will ask people to move first prior to ticketing.

The implementation of such a project will run at a small loss for the first 5 years but will then be making money that will be put back into West Wiltshire.

It was resolved that the Chairman would write to the Police Authorities alerting them to the disturbing use of Bradford on Avon station car park and to the alleged smoking of drugs nearby.

26. WASTE AND RECYCLING IN BRADFORD ON AVON

Open Forum – Mr R J Owens

Cllr Conley updated the seminar on progress made on how to dispose of our waste. The situation regarding waste disposal is due for review by Cabinet and there will be consultation throughout West Wiltshire.

OPEN FORUM:

At the Chairman's discretion speakers were allowed to give presentations.

27. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET

There were no items which required referral to Cabinet

28. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Policing Matters

Community Area Plan

Air Quality – to be standard item

Kingston Mills – to be standard item

Open Forum - to be standard item at beginning of agenda

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Bradford on Avon Seminar meeting has been arranged for 7 February 2008 at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon at 7pm.

(7.05pm – 9.30pm)

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