

MINUTES

Meeting: Bradford on Avon Area Board

Place: On-Line Meeting

Date: 13 January 2021

Start Time: 7.00 pm

Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Sarah Gibson (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Kidney and
Cllr Jim Lynch

Wiltshire Council Officers

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
42	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome, Introduction and Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everybody to the on-line meeting of the Bradford on Avon Area Board.</p> <p>The Area Board members were introduced.</p> <p>The following Chairman's announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Us Weight Management Programme • Local Plan Review consultation • Census 2021 • OPCC precept Consultation – Angus Macpherson Police and Crime Commissioner was in attendance to outline the consultation and show a short power point presentation • Covid update
43	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager</p>
44	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 October 2020 were signed as the correct record
45	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none</p>
46	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Wiltshire Police</p>

	<p>Inspector Gill Hughes outlined the written report contained in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a Delivery Van was stolen from the Town Centre whilst the driver was delivering a parcel. The vehicle was recovered by PC Bowden within 11 minutes and two males were arrested hiding nearby. They were now on bail whilst further enquiries were completed. The van was undamaged and still fully laden with parcels. • That reports of anti-social behaviour were down during November/December, compared to the previous two month period. Whilst seasonal trends may have played a part, having a new member of the team in PCSO Laura Wallace had made a significant difference for the better in terms of visibility. • That engagement with Community groups for both the young and old was the current focus. Interaction with Schools was also beginning to resume. • That Wiltshire Police were working with the Canal and River Trust to address Anti-Social Behaviour and an unauthorised encampment on the Canal Towpath. • Social media – keep up to date with what’s going on, use the Wiltshire Police app “community messaging”. <p>The Chairman thanked Inspector Hughes for her update</p> <p>Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – written report contained in the agenda pack</p> <p>NHS & Healthwatch - written report contained in the agenda pack</p> <p>Bradford on Avon Town Council - written report contained in the agenda pack</p> <p>Winsley Parish Council - written report contained in the agenda pack</p> <p>South Wraxall Parish Council - written report contained in the agenda pack</p>
47	<p><u>The Creative Economy</u></p> <p>Cllr Jim Lynch opened a discussion on how Covid-19 had impacted on Bradford on Avon and its creative economy.</p> <p>Points made by Cllr Lynch included:</p>

- That the Creative Economy was the lifeblood of many Wiltshire towns and villages
- It covered an astonishing array of creative businesses and organisations including Music and The Performing Arts, Advertising, Marketing, Architecture, Crafts, Graphic and Fashion Design, Film, TV, Video and Radio, Photography, IT, software and Computer Publishing
- The Creative Industries were, in short, the beating heart of Wiltshire's economy and the centre of it's growth and innovation
- That the creative economy seemed to fall outside of the JSNA parameters
- The need to create a platform to highlight the creative economy in Bradford on Avon
- That a simple Facebook survey could be carried

Comments raised from the floor included:

- That this was an important issue in Bradford on Avon
- It would appear that the 16-24 age group were bearing the brunt of covid related job losses
- That St Margaret's hall could be a good music venue, but that it lacked a good PA system – This could with the right investment in a PA system become a good live music hub for the town
- That Iford Manor had been trying to promote live music during the pandemic whenever it was possible, adhering to social distancing rules etc
- That the parishes should not be forgotten during any discussions

What next?

- That a dialogue should be started with groups and organisations to provide help and support to our young people during these difficult times
- That the Area Board members would to get together to discuss a way forward speaking to key players in the town including BoA business etc
- That Cllr Lynch and Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager would get together to discuss the survey and getting the message spread through the "Our Community Matters" web pages

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That Cllr Lynch reported back at the next Area Board meeting with an update on developments <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Jim Lynch for starting the discussion on this important topic</p>
48	<p><u>Working Group updates</u></p> <p>The CATG report dated 21 December 2020 were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next CATG meeting on Monday 15 February 2021 <p>Health and Wellbeing Group report dated 4 November 2020 were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group would be meeting during the next few weeks, inviting covid volunteer groups to attend
49	<p><u>Grant and funding applications</u></p> <p>Decision Winsley Parish Council awarded £1,895.41 for Football Pitch Maintenance and dugout refurbishment materials only</p> <p>Decision BoA Area Board awarded £500 for Support for Bradford Town Football Club fundraising effort</p> <p>Decision Westwood and Iford Parish Council awarded £5,000 for Westwood Park Play Area Refurbishment Phase 1</p> <p>Decision Wiltshire Mighty Girls awarded £1,500 for General application to support Wiltshire Mighty Girls through these challenging times</p>
50	<p><u>Close</u></p>