

CLERK REPORT TO FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 25th February 2020

The following actions were allocated to the Clerk at the February 2020 Town Council meeting.

| MINUTE | ACTION | STATUS |
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| 1920/203 | Budget proforma | The signed budget proforma has been sent to CBMDC. |
| 1920/204 | Priorities/funding | Letters sent to Bradford Council, Philip Davies and West Yorks Combined Authority. The latter two have replied and the responses are in the appendix. There has been no reply from CBMDC. E-mails were also sent to Philip Davies and Robert Jenrick about Bingley being considered for the Town Fund. Mr Davies replied that he has mentioned this to the minister. |
| 1920/205 | Warden | Lee Matthews started on 3 rd February. Councillors who have not made a time to visit their ward with Lee are asked to get in touch with him to arrange this. |
| 1920/206 | Climate Emergency Working Group | Letter sent to Philip Davies. He will forward this to minister. He is happy to be involved in any conversation with any constituent. Anti idling campaign. Secondary schools written to. Replies from Beckfoot School and Bingley Grammar School in the appendix. Bradford Council is promoting its own scheme to local primary schools and have advised that the scheme for the most part, is not suitable for secondary schools. Climate Conversation. This is an item on this month's agenda. Local Energy Bill. Power for the People e-mailed with Town Council support. |

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| 1920/207 | Five Rise Shopping Centre | Inspector Craig Stothers to attend February meeting. Replies from Bingley Library, Beckfoot School and Bingley Grammar School are copied below. |
| 1920/210 | Traffic issues | Local resident written to. Local police officer has advised that patrols and speed patrols have been increased. Shipley NPT now has its own speed gun which has resulted in more patrols. |
| 1920/213 | Play in Park | Locations and dates now agreed. |
| 1920/214 | Updates | <p>Priestthorpe Annexe Councillors Owen and Dawson attended the meeting. CBMDC will be inviting a representative to be consulted on grants awarded.</p> <p>Street furniture. Awaiting final approval from CBMDC. Further information needs to be compiled by BTC.</p> <p>LBA. Item delegated to Climate Emergency Working Group.</p> |
| 1920/217 | Finance | <p>Photocopier. Ordered. Awaiting date for delivery.</p> <p>Anti virus. Installed on three council owned laptops.</p> |
| 1920/221 | Council office/ toilet. | Cost on full council agenda for February. |
| 1920/222 | Porta loos for Play in Park. | Order placed. |

1920/204 Priorities/funding**Reply from Philip Davies**

Thank you for your email.

I think Bradford Council might be best placed to advise you on potential sources of funding for these.

Reply from West Yorks Combined Authority

Thank you for your recent email and copy of the priorities document on behalf of Bingley Town Council. The Combined Authority shares a number of priorities in common with those set out in the document you provided, particularly when it comes to tackling the climate emergency and enabling inclusive growth for all.

Whilst the Combined Authority has strict criteria in terms of projects it is able to fund, we work closely with partner councils and local businesses to ensure our projects and schemes support the best outcomes for those living and working across the region.

The Combined Authority welcomes input from a wide range of key stakeholders and I would encourage you to consult your Bradford district councillors for further advice on how Bingley Town Council can feed in to future consultations, and to explore any potential funding sources. Please also feel free to contact Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe or Cllr John Pennington, who are both Bradford district Councillors and members of the Combined Authority and will be able to assist further.

Kind regards,

Ben

1920/207 Five Rise Shopping Centre**Reply from Beckfoot School**

Thank you for your email.

I became Headteacher of Beckfoot in September 2019 having spent 4 years as Headteacher of Beckfoot Upper Heaton. This is a school I know well having been Deputy Headteacher here previously and knowing the school since 2002. Over the years we have worked hard to build a school that the local community can be proud of and our relationships with all stakeholders are very important to us.

We are very proud of our school and our students but we also know that there is, at times, a minority who do not always uphold our values. We always, as you allude to, aim to do all we can to prevent these instances through our daily work with students, our PSHCE programme and our clear messages about what it is to be a member of our school community and a part of a wider community in this part of Bradford and beyond. Fundamentally, it is about being decent and considerate to others at all times.

We act very quickly to support the local community whenever incidents are brought to our attention and will always continue to do so I can assure. We are not perfect, nor are our students at times, but will always do whatever it takes to be better.

In terms of Idling, we held a meeting here yesterday with WYP, the NPT, Planning and the Council to look at this issue and speeding for that matter. We have held campaigns led by students and supported by our NPT the last of which was in the Autumn term and that work was featured in the T&A. This is important to us and whilst we have limited powers we are trying to better educate our parents, carers and students as to the dangers of idling, speed and road safety. This work is ongoing but we are being supported by all the relevant and necessary people in order to attempt to bring about change and make Bradford Road a safer place.

Lastly, should you ever wish for me to come to council to talk to members directly it would be my pleasure and I would do my utmost to make timings fit with my commitments.

Reply from Bingley Grammar School

Thank you for your email. I would be interested to hear the response of the Chief Superintendent for West Yorkshire police with regard to anti-social behaviour in the town centre as it will allow us to make a co-ordinated response.

With regard to engine idling, our communications officer Mrs Kennett has been putting regular messages about the parking issue and engine idling on our website and our social media pages (twitter and facebook) and also in our monthly newsletter and magazine. The student group tasked with creating posters and banners for this were overwhelmed with their workload at that time of the year. They did however use their voice at events such as awards evening and transition events to speak directly with parent/carers about the issue. We have been in contact with Kate Questa at Bradford Council to ask for help with resources such as banners but the 'We Care About Clean Air' campaign they have rolled out across Bradford is specifically aimed at Primary Schools and they are not appropriate graphics for our students and their parent/carers.

With regards to parking in general around our school grounds, we are regularly in contact with parking services asking for their support.

Reply from Bingley Library

The Library service has had to employ a security guard to protect users of the Library for the last few years. This at a high cost to the service. We report any incidents to the Police on a regular basis.

The previous managers of the Library had meetings with the Youth Services and Police to try and work together to deter the ASB taking place within the shopping complex.

Contact was also made to the schools in the area to ask for their support for the library service and dealing with their students' behaviour whilst they are in uniform.

We would welcome any support.

We notify the Police of any incidents, but I have been made aware that names of the offenders are not known. There are other services/shops within the precinct who have issues with these people.

Are Bingley Town Council able to raise concerns with the appropriate authorities?