

## Appendix June 2019 full council meeting

### 1920/45 Town Council sub committees

The town council resolved at its March meeting to suspend all sub committees and for the new council to decide which if any sub committees are to be reconvened. All of the pre-existing sub committees came under the remit of the Finance and General Purposes committee. The Emergency Working Group does not currently report to a committee. Its terms of reference are to be written and appointments to the Working group made.

### 1920/46 Christmas lights

Two or three councillors are required to lead on this project. This will involve meeting with suppliers and preparing agenda items for the full council's approval.

### 1920/48 Updates

#### a) Changing Places

Changing Places is a project that came about through consultation with the public on the new office project/toilet project. The council had no understanding of Changing Places facilities prior to the consultation. Around 800 signatures in support of the facility were collected in a petition run over a 2 week period. The Council felt that including a Changing Places facility in the office /toilet conversion project would compromise the viability of the project. Whilst considering this option, councillors became aware of an alternative option for a Changing Places facility in Bingley Pool, which was felt to be suitable due to existing facilities for people with disabilities, opening hours and availability and training of staff. After much liaison with Bradford Council, the Town Council was advised on 30th January 2019 that it would not be possible to install a Changing Places facility as planned without a substantial upgrade of the electrical system in the pool at an estimated cost of £220,000.

A meeting was held between Cllrs Dearden and Simpson and Changing Places campaigners on 15<sup>th</sup> April. Actions following the meeting were to contact John Coulton at Bradford Council to seek clarification of the rewiring position and cost and seek a second opinion, request confirmation from Friends of Bingley Pool that a CP facility in the pool was still acceptable, ask Bradford Council whether a space within Bingley Library could be used for a Changing Places facility, and check knowledge of agreements between Five Rise Shopping Centre and the library.

It was also agreed that a motion would be put to the Town Council at the April full council meeting to seek the Council's confirmation of commitment to a CP facility in Bingley: it was resolved that Bingley Town Council commits in principle to installing and maintaining a Changing Place facility, pursuing Bingley Pool in the first instance and investigating other options. (This follows a resolution at full council in June 2018 to commit in principle to providing a Changing Places facility within the community.)

There has been no reply from libraries at Bradford Council despite reminders. Lidl were also contacted regarding a facility and/or funding contribution but have not responded. On 1<sup>st</sup> May, John Coulton forwarded an email from Simon Colclough, Senior Electrical Surveyor at Bradford Council, stating that a smaller piece of work could be done on the electrical installation as a bare minimum, estimated cost £23,000. John Coulton stated in his own email that, while Bradford Council would not normally allow others to organise and carry out major works in Council buildings, as Bingley is going to be subject to a Community Asset Transfer (CAT), they would not want to stand in the way of

potential improvements that could assist the new occupiers and would be happy to agree a suitable time for a visit from an outside contractor in order to prepare an estimate.

In an email of 30<sup>th</sup> April, Friends of Bingley Pool confirmed their commitment to a CP facility in the pool. They have subsequently agreed to ask their building services advisors, consultancy Couch Perry Wilkes, about undertaking a further review of the electrical system. We have asked for a meeting with them once this contact has been made, and it is hoped that this will happen soon after 21<sup>st</sup> June. They advise that the CAT transfer of the pool is envisaged to be complete in April 2020.

Cllr Simpson has made contact with two providers of module CP facilities and will be arranging a date for one or both to visit Bingley on a no obligation basis in the next couple of weeks to discuss possible options.

#### b) Market promotion.

The council allocated £3k from its tourism and regeneration budget. Currently £665 has been spent from this budget with a further £1,590 allocated for future expenditure on toilets, entertainment and market fees. It is recommended that up to £300 be delegated to the clerk in conjunction with the Chair of the Finance and General Purposes committee to arrange for some additional publicity-fliers/posters etc.

#### 1920/49 Consultations

##### Consultation about priorities, CIL and the Neighbourhood Plan

Following the document about setting the council's priorities at the May meeting and consulting with residents, the proposal is:

- Create a survey/consultation document detailing the council's areas of work, projects and activities, asking residents to indicate which they think is most important and if there are any other areas that they feel the council should address. The document will likely be two sides of A4 and also available online through Survey Monkey. (An initial draft will be provided so ideally a few copies can be printed and used at the Eldwick Gala and, if necessary, at Bingley Show.)
- Further development of the document, and a plan for the consultation can be delegated to the F&GP (possibly EMAC).
- The consultation about priorities will be developed and take place alongside the consultation on use of the CIL and the Neighbourhood Plan.
- To hold a series of consultation events in September at locations in Crossflatts & Micklethwaite, Gilstead, Eldwick, Cottingley and Bingley, including Bingley market. (Start finding out about room availability)
- Delegate a budget of up to £1,500 to F&GP. This should cover room bookings, promotional items and services including, but not exhaustively, subscription to Survey Monkey, an advert in the T&A, design and printing for the consultation sheets, design and print of posters advertising the consultations, display materials for the consultation events plus any light refreshments. (Copy and press release writing provide FOC).