

## May 2020 Full Council Appendix

### 2021/06 Grant to Down Syndrome Training and Support Service

Grants are dealt with by the Finance and Purposes committee. An application was received from the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service some months ago for a grant towards a new carpet for the centre. It is a requirement of the Town Council's grant criteria that:

*Grants cannot be paid to individuals or to groups whose membership is closed and not open to residents as a whole. **You must demonstrate that most of your members / beneficiaries live in the Parish of Bingley.***

The grant did not pass the officer vetting process as the most of the beneficiaries of the centre do not live in Bingley Parish. A letter was received from Philip Davies requesting a reconsideration of this decision. Bingley Town Council has the General Power of Competence which would enable it to grant funds to groups where the majority of beneficiaries do not live in the parish. The council as part of its assessment of whether to award this grant needs to consider the precedent of awarding grants to groups where the majority of beneficiaries do not live in the parish. The following advice has been received from YLCA:

*Dear Ms Batterley*

#### *BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL – GRANT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION*

*Thank you for your enquiry of the 18 May 2020 in which you seek advice on behalf of Bingley Town Council regarding a grant to a voluntary organisation.*

*We would advise that as the council has a grant awarding scheme and the grant criteria that the council has adopted states that the majority of beneficiaries need to live in the parish, how and why has the grant from the voluntary organisation passed the vetting process? Why would the council deviate from its own grants policy?*

*The council has GPC and could give funding to benefit areas outside of the parish. This would be the decision of the council should the grant application go forward.*

### 2021/07 Covid 19

#### BINGLEY COVID GROUP MEETING 7TH MAY 2020

Meeting was attended by:

██████████ (CBMDC) ██████████ (Eldwick Church) ██████████ (All Saints Church)  
██████████, ██████████ (Bingley Foodbank), ██████████ (Trinity Kitchen) Geoff  
Winnard, David Heseltine, John Pennington, (CBMDC ward councillors and town councillors) Helen  
Owen, Lee Matthews and Ruth Batterley (Bingley Town Council)

██████████ provided an update informing the group:

- That CBMDC had sent out some household letters on making a household plan. The letters are being sent in batches to prevent potential overload of phone calls to the CBMDC 01274 431000 number
- There's a Bradford Council home shopping service with cards so individuals don't need cash. Bradford is referring shielded and vulnerable people to Morrisons online with success

- Bradford is oversubscribed with volunteers
- Police. There's a dedicated patrol car with a police officer and mental health social worker on call.
- Complaints are being received about lack of social distancing at takeaways; equipment has been provided to enable shops to mark safe distances on the floor.
- The canal tow path has been discussed with CRT. Information has been put onto the CRT website about safe distancing, etc. Inspector [REDACTED] advises that the tow path is part of the Shipley patrol route. The CBMDC wardens have been made aware of issues on the tow path.

#### Group updates

[REDACTED] and volunteers.

[REDACTED] advised that calls are fewer now; she thinks this is in part to residents buddying up and receiving support from neighbours, etc. There have been no referrals from CBMDC sent through to her this week. It was noted that the Bradford Credit Union is now making low cost loans available.

#### Bingley Foodbank

[REDACTED] advised that there have been six families requiring the service of the foodbank this week. The amount of food coming in through the week has equalled the amount going out to people in need. The schools believe there will be more demand from families once they've used up their reserves of stored food. There's no need for Ward funding for the Foodbank at present. Lee Matthews reported that the free food offered by Denholme has now been taken. There is some food available at Denholme for purchase at cost price. Excess food has been taken to the Shipley Food Bank. The community kitchen may need ward funding at some stage, but at present they are coping.

#### Ward Councillors

A request was made for numbers of Bingley cases that are being reported to the CBMDC 01274 431000. see below.

Concerns have been raised about:

- Social distancing
- Speeding
- Anti-social behaviour on Gilstead Moor
- Dog fouling on Gilstead Moor. [REDACTED] was asked to liaise with Yorkshire Water about issues on the moor as owners of Gilstead Moor
- Burglaries are still problematic. Residents need to be vigilant

#### Town Council

- Lee Matthews continues to support the Foodbank and the community kitchen
- Helen Owen asked about the situation in care homes and GP surgeries. The Bradford Public Health Service manages these and information is difficult to access.
- The Yorkshire Clinic is being used by the NHS for chemotherapy patients.
- A request was made that information from CBMDC be provided in a consistent format that can be easily uploaded to social media

#### Churches

- [REDACTED] reported that the situation is generally quieter; people have developed their support networks.
- [REDACTED] advised that the situation is similar in Eldwick. The church has developed a garden of crocheted flowers

#### Community Kitchen

- Twelve households receive three meals each week
- Donations have been received from Yeadon Morrisons and from local residents

#### Cottingley Community Centre

- Lee Matthews reported that he attends every Friday morning and has taken an overflow of food from the centre to the Bingley foodbank

The group were asked to think about moving on and coming out of lockdown. The difficulty of reaching residents who don't use the Internet, social media or belong to community church groups was discussed. Mention was made of the good work that the Village Societies do. Central Bingley is does not have a network of this type.

██████████ and the Shipley Area Office and ██████████ were thanked for their continued work.

The figures for calls to 01284 431000 no are as follows: 18/05/2020

Bingley		Shipley Constituency
WB Advice	3	13
Domestic	3	11
Emotional	5	27
Financial	4	17
Food Delivery	57	280
Medication	4	24
Fuel Top up	*	2

### **2021/08 Emergency Support subcommittee**

The COVID-19 pandemic was perhaps not the emergency envisaged when the council's Emergency Support Sub-Committee was set up, differing considerably in the scope and severity of its impact and its duration from events where the Sub-Committee and community volunteers have recently taken action, such as flooding. However, it is unlikely to be the last of its kind, and any type of emergency response plan needs to be flexible enough to incorporate a broad definition of 'emergency'.

The stated aim of the Emergency Support Sub-Committee is:

*To support Bradford Metropolitan District Council in providing an effective Community Emergency Plan for Bingley in the event of a major emergency; this document will assist with operational management of any emergency situation. The Emergency Planning subcommittee will ensure that such a plan exists and is tested regularly, at least every 18 months. To co-ordinate the Town Council response in the event of an emergency in the parish, in line with the scope below.*

It is important to note that Bradford Council retains statutory responsibility for the district's emergency response. However, is there a role for the Town Council, through the Emergency Support Sub-Committee, to aid and support the community during and after an emergency that the plan currently doesn't reflect?

Volunteers in the community have provided excellent and essential support to Bingley residents in the last few weeks, and the Town Council has been able to provide useful assistance to these efforts through individual councillors and its Environmental Warden. However, I think it would be helpful for the council to review the scope of the Sub-Committee's activity and a) assess what additional action the council may want or need to take to support the community while the pandemic is ongoing, and b) put measures in place to enable it to use its resources and powers to the fullest extent when a similar situation arises.

Action taken as part of this could involve:

- A review of the current Emergency Plan and the extent to which it has been useful in the current situation

- Clarification of the scope and remit of the Sub-Committee and the types of emergency it is set up to deal with. Should there be an addendum to the current (Bradford-led) plan?
- Confirmation from Bradford Council of its own role, procedures and expectations
- A resume of the activities and roles of the council, voluntary groups and individual volunteers since mid-March
- Consideration of how the council can best support ongoing needs for community support and volunteers (for example, in the event of a second or even third wave of the coronavirus or in any future emergency)
- Investigation of methods for supporting volunteers in terms of their physical and mental well-being and financial recompense if required

### **2021/09 Emergency Plan**

The Emergency Plan was originally drawn up by Bradford Council. A copy of the redacted plan is attached.

### **2021/13 Market**

Otley Town Partnership are not intending to restart any of their monthly markets before August and then only if Government advice on physical distances can be managed. One of the main problems with Bingley is the lack of toilets and hand washing facilities when cafes are closed.

For Bingley Town Council, if our gazebos were to be used, they require close contact in erecting and dismantling. Also, as we are required to provide First Aid cover, this would be impossible to offer under current guidelines.

If guidance changes on closure of non-essential shops, cafes etc were to change, the situation will be reconsidered in the light of this and we will be consulted to make a joint decision.