

Appendix September 2020 Full Council meeting

2021/123 Changing Places

A meeting of the project group was held on 4 September; see notes below:

Present: Edwina Simpson, Catherine Watkins (part of meeting), Fiona Dunne, Helen Owen, Steve Williams and Ruth Batterley.

Updates were received on modular Changing Places options provided by Astor Bannerman, Rise Adaptations Ltd and Portable Changing Places. These range in price from £49,950 to £56,000. There will be additional costs for groundworks and potentially legal costs in relation to transfer of additional land and/or permissions.

Edwina Simpson had contacted Nigel Gillatt and Tom Harte at Bradford Council regarding options for additional land required adjacent to the hub and Building Projects Group to request a budget figure for building a shell on site; replies awaited.

Issues about siting the Changing Places facility into Bingley Pool were discussed. It's not clear yet whether the facility can go into the pool.

Edwina Simpson noted that funding for the facility could be provided through a number of routes: the council sets the existing allocation of £12k into a designated fund and adds to it, perhaps over a couple of years; the council takes out an additional loan; funding is found from external sources (grant-making trusts, government); or a combination of these.

It was noted that Changing Places facilities will be made compulsory for new buildings in England such as shopping centres, supermarkets, sports and arts venues from 2021. The government had announced a scheme for £30m worth of funding to put Changing Place facilities into existing buildings on a matched funding basis. Fiona Dunne has written to Philip Davies, MP, who has advised that no decision has been made about allocating the funding as of yet.

Various issues around Changing Places, accuracy of town council minutes, town council commitment to a Changing Places facility and funding options were discussed. Catherine Watkins left the meeting. Fiona Dunne will work with Edwina Simpson and Steve Williams will look at the plan to see if there's sufficient space to the side of the council Hub for a Changing Place facility. A further meeting is to be held in a month's time.

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Action following the meeting in respect of a modular Changing Places unit adjacent to the Hub is as follows.

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Fiona Dunne and Edwina Simpson prompted Nigel Gillatt, who has provided the following response:

I am mindful that the Council can accommodate a deed of variation, if needed, so a Changing Place can fit at the side of the toilet as illustrated on in architect's model.

Please find attached the lease plan, how much extra space do you think is needed, it looked to me that it would fit, if so, we would just need to grant consent under terms of the lease.

The plan is all the land that is there up to the back of footway, I can't remember why the chunk at the back is not included. I am mindful to recommend any of the grass at the road side or rear could be included in a deed of variation. It may be that the Town Council did not want the responsibility for the dwarf retaining wall and technically cutting it (although I have not instructed the ground maintenance contract to be amended).

The process is to ask. As a community partner seeking improved provisions for the wider community there would not be a charge only your own legal fees incurred. As the lease is so new it could be rather than a variation that we just grant a new lease referring to a different plan number, rather than varying it. I would take Legal's advice on this. There is a chance that Legal call the land public open space in which case we may have to advertise the disposal by way of lease and consider any objections, but I would not think this would be an issue with the support of the Town Council.

A larger-scale plan has been sent through by Andrew Horrocks.

Building Projects Group

Steve Williams has had a conversation with Building Projects Group.

Costs are likely to be c £60-75k depending on spec for a nice shell building Worthy of the site. This estimate includes architectural fees and build costs connections with existing buildings, power, drains, plaster work, lighting, etc but not the internal CP fittings.

We can gain economic savings in writing our own User specification and placing a Design & Build contract with us acting as the decision authority. I.e. no project managers.

We will need to be clear on the internal design as to where CP fittings will go to ensure 'form & fit'.

The Council currently has a £12k allocation for installation of a Changing Places facility. The group is currently working to ascertain the full costs of a modular facility and these will need to be presented to full council for a decision on funding and how to proceed.

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Reply from Northern Rail about station refurbishment

Apologies again for the delay in responding to your email.

I've spoken with our team and the scheme at Bingley is currently expected to start on site in Spring 2021. We are currently progressing the design work for the scheme. The design and tendering process should be completed by the end of the 2020-21 financial year.

At that point we'll have a construction programme and more information about the precise timescales for delivery of the project. Indicatively though, at the moment we are expecting the work to be completed during the 2021-22 financial year.

In terms of the scope of the project, this can be summarised as:

- External refurbishment of the main station building (replacement of windows and all doors) and Platform 1 and 2 waiting room buildings
- Internal refurbishment of the main station building (excluding the ticket office and mess room facility) to a 'shell and core' finish. The aim of this work is to provide an adaptable space for prospective commercial tenants to utilise in the future.

The scope of work includes the external refurbishment of the waiting rooms but does not include internal work on welfare facilities. A future scheme would be required to consider the provision of a Changing Places facility at the station.

I hope that this is a helpful update on the project.

2021/127 Licensing hours in Bingley

Videos of Bingley

Councillors have had the opportunity to view videos deposited in the Dropbox. Some of the videos were shot between 3-4am and show the young people egressing Mavericks opposite Azeems. Others show fighting and brawling during the evening. One shows the impact to the town of the girl that was knocked unconscious. This event closed Main St. More recently windows were smashed at the opticians and the vape shop near to the junction with Park Road. These were customers of Mavericks fighting as they left.

The videos have been shared with the licensing PC Kevin Lord and some have been seen by Sgnt Terri Green also. Sgnt Green attends the Pubwatch forum if she is available. This forum has not met since the arrival Covid-19 on the scene.

The problems are many:

- Poor doorman performance at the Brewhouse (there is an open pub rear entrance in Busfield St with no doorman. There are issues about entry to the pub.
- Continued serving to intoxicated people. This is very difficult to prove and is often only policed with a warning as bar staff cannot always see who the alcohol is being purchased for. This is a particular problem with all pubs.
- Mavericks seems to have become a Night Club.
- Food Takeaways have varied their opening hours to suit the night time market often in breach of their licenses. Retrospective Planning Permissions are sought post the changes occurring.

All this leads to a poor outcome for residents of Main St and the surrounding areas.

I would like the Town Council to write formally to the BDMC Licensing Authority sharing these videos as we can (there are no legal reasons to not share them anywhere as they are shot in a public space). The aim of the complaint should be to highlight the impact of late-night opening hours on our town and ask the Licensing Authority to curb their hours back.

From the publican's point of view, I'd imagine they enjoy the late hours as they make money. The same would be true of the takeaways. The Police seem powerless too as currently their shift in Bingley ends at midnight. Other activities and infringements are also keeping them busy elsewhere.

I'd anticipate a form of response that says 'thanks for your letter but we cannot do much as the law is the law'. However, we will have lodged a formal complaint and be seen to be acting which we can then follow up on with the authorities.

I am happy to work with the Chair and the Clerk to draft such a letter.

Cllr Steve Williams

2021/128 Meetings with the police

Police Liaison meetings have stopped during lockdown. There have been drug issues locally and it's suggested that the problem of drugs in Bingley needs to be one of the items that's raised at future meetings.

2021/129 Parking and traffic orders

Simon D'Vali at CBMDC reports that:

The Town and Parish Councils are part of our statutory list for consultation and any promoted TROs that impact on your area should be sent on to you.

2021/131 Consultations

a) Proposal to remove telephone boxes

The following consultation has come from CBMDC. If councillors would like to see the list of phone boxes, being removed, please get in touch with the clerk.

Good afternoon, we have received the following information from BT.

BT are continually reviewing the demand for payphones and they have identified 27 public payphones in our area that aren't being used enough.

BT are proposing to remove them under the 90-day consultation process our deadline for this is 8 October 2020.

The list of payphones is attached.

To make sure that the local community are fully informed, they have placed consultation notices on these payphones.

Why do BT want to remove payphones?

Overall use of payphones has declined by over 90 per cent in the last decade and the need to provide payphones for use in emergency situations is diminishing all the time, with at least 98 per cent of the UK having mobile coverage. This is important because as long as there is mobile network coverage, it's possible to call the emergency services, even when there is no coverage from your own mobile network provider.

Also, Ofcom's [affordability report](#) found that most people no longer view payphones as essential for consumers in most circumstances.

How can a community keep a red phone box?

This is a great opportunity for local communities, councils and charities, to adopt their red phone box and make it an asset for everyone to enjoy. People across the country are using them for everything from defibrillators to foodbanks. It's really simple to do and costs just £1

- <http://bt.com/adopt>

What to do next

If the local community wish to **adopt**, please provide supply the location of the telephone box and your contact details for us to pass on to BT so that they can get in touch.

If you decide to **object**, you'll need to complete give your reasons. You must be able to objectively justify your decisions based upon telephony needs. Annex 1 in [Ofcom's full guidance about removing phone boxes](#) states that BT's Universal Service Obligation applies to the telephone, not the phone box. The guidance also details the appeals process BT must follow for unreasonable objections.

BT will assume there are no objections to the removal of a payphone if information on the form is incomplete or an adoption does not proceed.

Please send your responses to this inbox. Providing contact details if wishing to adopt a phone box – please note these details will be passed on to BT.

**b) Licensing application Station Masters House
LICENSING ACT 2003**

APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE- Station Master House 6 Park Road Bingley BD16 4JD

I write to inform you that an application for the Grant of a Premises Licence has been received for the above-named premises, which is within your Ward/Parish.

A Premises Licence allows the provision of some or all of the licensable activities which are; the sale/supply of alcohol; regulated entertainment and/or late-night refreshment. Further details regarding the application and clarification on the requirements can be obtained from our website; <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/licensing/current-applications-received-by-licensing-team/> or by contacting the Licensing Team. A Notice will also be placed on the premises and in the local press.

Valid representations may be made by;

- Responsible authorities
- An individual (e.g. local resident), body or business

Councillors may make representations in their own right as individuals or they may be asked by an individual, body or business to make a representation on that individual, body or businesses behalf. However, in the latter case the Council's Licensing Team will need to be given advance notice in writing, that the individual, body or business has asked the relevant Councillor to represent them at a subsequent hearing.

There is a strict timetable set out in the regulations for receipt of representations under the Act. In this case, the final date for receipt of representations from interested parties is 7 October 2020.

The Licensing Authority has no legal discretion to consider any representations received after this date.

Kind Regards

Bradford Council Licensing Team

2021/134 Direct Debit Clerk's phone

Financial Regulations require direct debits to be reviewed every two years.