Bingley Town Council, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Minutes of the meeting of the remote Changing Places Working Group held via Teams on Monday 20th December 2021 at 6.30pm

Councillors present: Kirdale, Malik, Williams
Non Councillors present: Fiona Dunne, Darryl Smith

Non member Councillors in attendance: Owen Members of the public: One

Town Clerk: Eve Haskins

Meeting commenced at 6.45pm.

2122/50 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and the reasons for absence approved from Councillor Truelove.

2122/51 Disclosures of interest

None received.

No written requests for dispensation received.

2122/52 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021 as a true and correct record.

2122/53 Confidential items to be discussed in confidence after item 2122/57

There were no items to discussed in confidence after item 2122/57, after the exclusion of the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2), due to the confidential nature of the item.

2122/54 Public Participation

The member of the public present was invited by the Chair to take part in discussions throughout the meeting.

2122/55 Updates since last meeting

a) Update on Government funding pot

No updates received. The Chair reported that he had contacted Phillip Davies, MP, regarding this, asking him to pursue the decision on this funding as soon as MPs return to work on 6th January 2022.

b) To receive an update from the Full Council meeting held on 7th December 2021

The Chair reported that the Full Council approved the Case for a Changing Places toilet at the meeting on 7th December, the Tender Report was unanimously accepted and the funding options considered. It was resolved at the meeting to fund the project from this year's budget, and it was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee should come back to the Full Council with alternative solutions to fund this project if the funding proposal Option 1 fails to materialise due to the non-delivery of Government funding by the end of December 2021. It was also unanimously agreed to delegate all other details to the Town Clerk.

c) To receive an update from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 8th December 2021

The Chair reported that the Finance and General Purposes Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2022-23, looking specifically at underspend account codes and resolved to recommend to the Full Council viring of funds from this year's budget to cover the cost of the Changing Places toilet without the need to use CIL funding (subject to a further review at the Finance and General Purposes Committee in January 2022).

d) To receive an update from the meeting with the preferred contractor on 16th December 2021, and to agree any further recommendations to the Full Council

The Chair reported that it was agreed that the preferred contractor would send colour samples to consider at a Changing Places Working Group meeting, and the radar key access was also discussed, which needs further consideration. The Chair agreed to contact Access for All to request their advice on the latter, and Ms Dunne also agreed to contact other venues with Changing Places provisions for their advice on this issue.

Darryl Smith entered the meeting at 7.15pm.

Discussion took place regarding the potential monitoring of the use of the Changing Places toilet, similar to the recording of the footfall with the other Hub toilets, however it was agreed that this is not necessary, and not possible with the use of the radar key access. The cleaning schedule of the Changing Places toilet was also discussed, and it was agreed that the Chair and the Town Clerk to meet with the current cleaning company to discuss this further.

Councillor Owen left the meeting at 7.35pm.

2122/56 Communications to donators

It was agreed that the Town Clerk to contact the two local businesses who have supported the project to communicate the latest updates on the Changing Places facility and thank them again for their support, namely Sovereign Healthcare and Don Whitley Scientific Ltd.

2122/57 Exclusion of press and public

There were no items of a confidential nature.

2122/58 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting agreed as Monday 17th January 2022 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.