

Appendix August 2020 Full Council meeting

2021/86 Bingley Covid Group

Bingley Covid -19 Group Meeting. 2nd July 2020

In attendance: Marcia Churley - Ward Officer, Helen Owen- Bingley Town Council, Geoff Winnard - BTC and Ward Councillor, John Pennington - BTC and Ward Councillor, Rev Martyn Weaver- All Saints Bingley Parish Church, Barbara Walls - Bingley Foodbank, Kathryn Hughes - Bingley Community Kitchen.

Apologies, Michelle Chapman. David Heseltine, Julie Smith.

Easing of Lockdown - 4th July - bars, pubs, clubs, restaurants etc

- All such establishments in Bingley have been visited by team of BMDC officers and advised on regulations for reopening.
- A team of officers is on standby for the weekend to monitor the local situation.

From Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

- No plans to reintroduce a local lockdown currently
- Track and Trace Centre has opened in Centenary Square, Bradford today to deal with Pillar 2 referrals. i.e. - Community, not frontline.
- Location was decided by central Government from a list of recommended sites. A request was made to ask how potential sites were identified and by whom.
- A second wave of the Corona virus is anticipated.
- Central Foodbank in Broadway Shopping Centre is now closed,
- Shielded residents: from July 6th can meet up to 6 people outdoors and from August 1st clinically shielded can return to work, if workplace is Covid secure.
- Support for shielded groups in the form of food deliveries will cease.
- Morrison's supermarkets will continue to offer a food delivery service to these residents and they are recruiting extra staff. Residents are to be encouraged to use this service or to return to previous support networks.
- Signage in town centre areas re social distancing is in place. 2m is still recommended, where possible.

Information, press releases and bulletins from Bradford Metropolitan District Council are not being received quickly enough and Bingley Town Council are often finding information from social media long before official contact. Marcia Churley will investigate and respond.

Bingley Issues

- Concerns have been expressed by a resident and Myrtle Park volunteer re parties, litter, drug taking in the Park and surrounding areas. Photos to be shared.
 - Police have Myrtle Park and Goit Stock on their radar for patrols, but are limited in resources and staff.
 - The clean team have a regular schedule and respond to extra calls.

- Shipley mobile Environmental Warden service is reduced to one person and Bingley EW has resigned, so staffing for extra patrols and support is an issue.
- Volunteer wardens could be subject to abuse and would have no powers.
- Individual litter champions could be directed to the Myrtle Park area, particularly during fine weather.
- The Youth Service have been proactive in engaging with young people in groups and encouraging good behaviour.
- The prevalence of Nitrous oxide phials was noted and there is a need for action at national level re the availability and dangers of these.
- Noted that Officer Cath Gallimore is to retire, although she intends to work as a special constable. She will be greatly missed, having served the Bingley Area well for many years.

Food bank.

- Barbara noted that social distancing signs for 2m are essential to maintain the safety of volunteers and clients.
- Donations continue to be steady and cash is still available to allocate.
- There are a small number of regular clients, but with redundancies and the slowdown of the economy, it is possible that numbers will increase in the coming months.
- Councillors Holmes and Winnard are thanked for their valuable assistance.
- There is a waiting list of volunteers to the food bank.

Community Kitchen.

- Five households are being supported. This number may rise for reasons as above.
- Summer holiday food vouchers may lessen the need, but newly redundant workers will not be included in the scheme, so may need food support.
- Gill Needham will step in to help the food bank over the summer break if needed.
- Additional funding may be asked for if needed as a result of increase in jobless families.
- Ward Councillors still have access to funds and will assist.
- Trustees of the Community Kitchen will contact local schools again to remind them of the service and asked to share contact details.
- Bingley Town Council will also be asked to share details.

Bingley Churches -

- calls for help have significantly reduced.
- Churches are beginning to open for private prayer on a limited basis and some church services, e.g funeral, weddings with a small number of attendees are taking place.
- Each church will have its own protocols for distancing, hygiene etc.

Proposals should a second lockdown occur.

- Marcia Churley as Ward Officer will lead the BMDC response using the 01274 431000 no. and will anticipate support from volunteer groups and Bingley Town Council.
- It is not know whether the Bingley and Bingley Ward Coronavirus Resilience Response group will continue or for how long. It was felt that any response should not rely on the goodwill, time and efforts of one person, Michelle Chapman, who has carried the local effort single handedly. Without this work, the response would have been very different.

- A suggestion was made that volunteers on Michelle's database could be asked if they were happy to have their details shared to the Ward Officer for future use. Marcia to discuss with Michelle.
- Bingley Town Council have an emergency Support Group meeting soon where ideas and experience of Emergency response will be discussed. Will give feedback.
- A Bingley Community Partnership was suggested, co-ordinated by the Ward Office and to include a nucleus of local group volunteers and leaders with links to the wider community. It was agreed that this group would meet in September initially and quarterly after that.

Playgrounds reopening:

- outdoor activities may be considered low risk, the risk of infection from surfaces within these is deemed to be high and there are no plans currently to reopen.
- Major risk assessments will be needed and advice given before this can happen.
- A local resident in Gilstead has offered to clean the Gilstead play area but will be advised not to as it may send the wrong message to residents.

Covid 19 Group Meeting Thursday 30th July

In attendance: Marcia Churley – Ward Officer, John Pennington BTC and BMDC, Helen Owen BTC, Barbara Walls - Bingley Food Bank, Julie Smith- Eldwick Church, Rev Martyn Weaver – All Saints Parish Church(11.30 a.m.) Lesley Danson – HALE and CABAD.

Apologies: Michelle Chapman, David Heseltine, Geoff Winnard, Kathryn Smith

Lesley Danson was welcomed and gave a brief outline of the work of HALE during the pandemic

Noted the situation is worse. Shipley usually have 40 + volunteers with particular befriending skills, which are different than those required for telephone befriending, so new volunteers have had to be recruited and trained. Drop offs of magazines, puzzles, books etc have been organised.

Marcia Churley: wardens and volunteers are still working to reassure residents, particularly among shielded. A new Covid- Code flyer/leaflet is available. MC will send a copy to all.

Morrison's will retain its list of shielded customers and guarantees delivery within 24 hrs.

John Pennington: update from Susan Hinchcliffe given (before Govt extended lockdown was announced) he will provide a list of Covid – 19 testing stations in the district.

Barbara Walls: Foodbank stocks are healthy. Now trying to extend teams with new volunteers.

The Community Kitchen is now open on Fridays only and is supporting 4 families.

Julie Smith: the Eldwick Community Café is now open outdoors only. 12 attended the first session.

The church is open Sunday afternoon only with a limit of 30 people.

Parishioners have been helped to learn how to get remote access to services by young village resident with IT skills.

Pre school is open.

Prayer Field now has 1600 flowers and they will remain.

Helen Owen: Emergency Response Group have met. Some alterations to the Emergency Plan are to be made. The idea of a dedicated emergency phone line is being investigated. The need to be part of

a Community Partnership was recognised as well as the need to reach people who don't use social media. The possibility of a Bingley post card with certain emergency contact details is under further discussion.

Rev Martyn Weaver: All Saints Parish Church is now open 4 times a week. Public Worship is live-streamed on Sundays. He will share details of a Mental Health First Aid course which may be helpful to individuals and for groups to share with volunteers.

The Bingley Support Partnership will have its first meeting on 24th September via Zoom 6.00 -7.00 p.m. The Partnership will meet via Zoom every 3/ 4 months. The main purpose of the group is to share information and offer support to other groups and agencies in the area.

2021/88 Christmas

The budget for Christmas and events is £7k. Documents are attached. Before placing any order with Festival Lights or Carlton Nursery the following will need to be obtained:

- Quotation from Festival lights addressed to the Clerk
- Permissions from CBMDC
- Risk assessments, method statements and insurances

2021/89 Schedule of meetings

It is recommended that the town council schedule of meetings for the current municipal year continues as the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, apart from the December meeting which will take place on Tuesday 15th December to allow for Christmas and the January meeting which is to take place on Tuesday 19th to comply with the CBMDC precept deadline.

2021/90 Planning matters

- a) The Planning committee resolved to request the full council to consider the LBA application
- b) The planning application for pole mounted ticket validators needs a response by the end of August. CBMDC will not allow an extension for comment on this application.

2021/91 CIL

CIL policy and procedures

Consider amending the CIL policy to include a four-week decision window for Bradford Council and incorporate that into the CIL award procedures accordingly

The council discussed its CIL policy at the May full council meeting, and agreed that Bradford Council was to be given a two-month period to respond to any decisions by the Town Council of what the CIL is to be spent on.

Bradford Council's own policy states that 'If a local council has not applied the funds in accordance with the regulations, then CBMDC may serve a notice on the local council requiring it to repay some or all of the receipts that had been transferred to them'. It also states that 'The National Planning Practice Guidance for CIL (Paragraph 151) states Local councils "should work closely with their neighbouring local councils and the charging authority (CBMDC) to agree on infrastructure spending

priorities". It is therefore considered that all local council's should notify the CBMDC CIL Officer to discuss any proposed spending of the CIL neighbourhood fund.'

Given the request for discussion, rather than *assume* Bradford Council's acceptance of a proposal after two months it may be better to include in the procedure a period for discussion and response from Bradford Council. Bradford Council has indicated that they would be able to give a response within four weeks. It is suggested that community groups applying for a CIL Award produce a brief Expression of Interest that is submitted to Bradford Council for approval. If approved, they can then move to working up their full application. They should consider the need to include this additional step in their timetable for submission bearing in mind the Town Council's three annual deadlines.

2021/92 Correspondence

- a) Email from resident about car parking permits:

Dear Susan (Hinchcliffe)

The change to resident/visitor permits has not been thought through at all. I applied for a visitor pass, which has expired. I have a resident pass which has not yet expired.

However, of main concern is the visitor pass which the resident is supposed to update with car reg numbers and when visitors arrive update the records accordingly. The visitor pass is mainly for my mother who receives visitors during the week when I am at work. She has advanced dementia and has no access to a PC/laptop and unfortunately due to her condition would not be able to use it. I don't think my mum will be the only person in the area with this problem. Her GP, Oak glen Surgery in Eldwick will verify this.

Is it possible for a paper visitor permit to be issued for those with special requirements? The administration of this would be minimal. I am extremely worried that visitors will receive penalty notices which will cause them to drop their visits until I am there. However, I am working fulltime, caring for my mum and I need visitors to keep her company and watch her wellbeing when I am not there.

I have contacted my MP, and will be contacting Bingley Town Council as well as the latter may not fully understand what this change means for vulnerable residents.

I hope you can agree to keeping paper permits for this special group, backed by their GP.

- b) Reply from MP about Local Electricity Bill

Dear Ruth

The Local Electricity Bill is so far down the list of Private Members' Bills to be considered that it has no chance at all of ever being reached for debate.

Best wishes

Philip

Philip Davies

Member of Parliament for the Shipley Constituency

2021/93 Remembrance Sunday

Due to the Covid pandemic, it's unclear what the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday are going to be this year. YLCA have advised that there is no guidance from NALC and the YLCA advice is to follow government guidance for out door events. The Clerk has been in touch with the Bingley Remembrance Group and has been advised:

We are awaiting a response and are planning for the possibility of no parade, there will be some form of event/service