

Appendix June 2020 Full Council meeting

2021/30 Covid 19

BINGLEY COVID MEETING THURSDAY 11TH JUNE 2020

PRESENT: Marcia Churley (Bradford Ward Officer) (Bingley Foodbank), (Bingley kitchen)

(Eldwick Church), Geoff Winnard, David Heseltine, John Pennington (Bradford Council and Bingley Town Council), Helen Owen and Ruth Batterley (Bingley Town Council).

Marcia Churley updated the group on the School Hunger Project. She noted that each school deals with the project individually.

The Bradford ward councillors confirmed that they will be donating £500 of their Covid ward fund to the Bingley Kitchen.

Bingley Kitchen advised that numbers using the kitchen have decreased from 12 families each week, to 6. The decrease is down to people having gone back to work. Attempts are being made to assess the needs of local communities over the school summer break. Advised that the scheme will be publicised; the town council offered to help with this publicity by putting a post on its website and Facebook page and sending a message to all on its e-mail list. Marcia Churley will also publicise the scheme.

Bingley Kitchen may need further capacity from Eldwick Church, although at the moment meals are being provided on one day, rather than two and there's capacity to serve meals on three week days if there's the demand and need. to visit Bingley Kitchen to see how they operate.

Canal tow path

Marcia Churley updated the group and advised she'd been in touch with CRT and Inspector Stothers. Bingley Town Council has also been in touch with CRT customer enquiries and Inspector Stothers. There are CRT provided notices along the canal path and Insp Stothers has advised that police are patrolling the area when staffing levels permit.

Bingley Town Centre

Ward councillors advised that social distancing markers and signage have now been put in place in Bingley centre. Ward councillors have had sight of the signage, etc and the locations.

It was noted that gatherings continue to take place in Myrtle Park. There are BBQs and gatherings that do not conform to social distancing requirements. The police have been informed, but no feedback has been received. Youth Services are carrying out outreach work. It was suggested that the town council write to local supermarkets requesting that they do not sell individual BBQs to help with preventing gatherings taking place whilst lockdown continues.

noted that calls have diminished and it's now quiet. Calls are generally about two each week. A buddy system is in place. Concern was expressed that some residents have become dependent on the service and may be requesting help when they could manage this themselves.

from Bingley Foodbank informed the group that numbers are much the same as reported at previous meetings. They have plenty of food and still need food from the supermarkets that have been donating.

advised there have been fewer requests for assistance. The drop off in the number of requests has been mainly due to people returning to work.

advised All Saints will be open for limited hours, starting w.c. 15th June 2020.

Ward Councillors

Dowley Gap is now open. There are currently 400-500 visits each day. The facility is being well used and well managed.

Questions were asked of the ward councillors about plans going forwards, i.e. post Lockdown. It was noted that discussions are being held at high officer level and at the moment these plans are not filtering down.

It was noted that shops are to open w.c. 15/06 and plans are being put in place for schools to slowly open.

Helen Owen advised that the Town Council tubs and planters are now in situ and local groups have been able to collect their plants from Myrtle Park depot.

b) Social distancing

Sent on behalf of Simon D'Vali

Dear Clerk

We have now installed signing (and in some cases additional measures) to enable safe social distancing in all of the district's recognised town and local centres; this totals 78 separate locations in the district. A significant number of comments were received as a result of our consultation on the proposals with you and other stakeholders, this has helped to develop the schemes at individual sites; the swift response time on this was much appreciated.

Following reviews on site, some of the layouts may now vary from those originally consulted on. This has enabled more practical arrangements for residents, shoppers and businesses that will minimise overall disruption. We have also sought to reduce the amount of traffic management equipment on the highway to address safety and congestion concerns and reduce the on-going maintenance liability.

Locations will be monitored and if any issues are brought to our attention, we will look at making amendments as and when required.

If you have any queries on this please e-mail:

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Chris.Bedford@bradford.gov.uk (Bradford city centre)

Simon.Dvali@bradford.gov.uk (Shipley/Keighley constituencies)

We also have an on-line Active Travel (Have your say) Portal on the Bradford webpage so your constituents can send in their ideas about Active Travel in their locality. We will log the comments and if they are feasible and have merit, we will put them forward for consideration. See link:

<https://cbmdc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=11996f5a60b0451da38f6ecabb01a626>

Please feel free to pass this to your constituents.

Regards, Simon

c) Bingley Post Office

Under the heading of “response to COVID” at our next Council meeting I am putting a resolution about Post Office services up for discussion.

Post Offices were listed as an essential service by our Prime Minister for obvious reasons. Local businesses depend on them for posting goods out, many people particularly the elderly use them for financial transactions. (This is particularly important in view of the poor local service offered by the banks.)

Eldwick Post Office in very limited premises has provided excellent service.

For the first twelve weeks of lockdown Bingley Post Office has been open for a paltry five hours a week. (I stand to be corrected).

Whatever the reason, this is poor service to the businesses and people of Bingley. I hear three small business owners complaining about it. Queues I am told extend down Chapel Lane, one way for the Post Office, overlapping the other way with the queue for the butcher.

Post Offices are a franchise of the Post Office Limited. They claim “The majority of our branches are open as usual”. Well Bingley isn’t.

As far as I can make out the only public obligation of a local post office is to publish its opening hours.

We may want to contact the local postmistress who is the franchisee. I am suggesting that the Town Council writes to our MP. The Post Office Limited is owned by UK Government Investments, which is wholly owned by HM Treasury.

d) Writing to schools

Writing to all schools to thank them for their work to support their students and school communities through the pandemic, acknowledge the varied challenges they face and draw their attention to the grant scheme in case they have projects, not being funded from other sources, that would benefit students particularly those combatting holiday hunger and ensuring children can learn remotely.

2021/32 Aire Valley Incinerator.

- The Environment Agency is consulting about the proposals for the new incinerator. This is the link to the consultation:

: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/bd21-4lw-endless-energy-limited-epr-zp3537at>

which expires on 21st June 2020. This is the link to the draft permit:

[\(https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/bd21-4lw-endless-energy-limited-epr-zp3537at/\)](https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/bd21-4lw-endless-energy-limited-epr-zp3537at/)

- Re-iterate BTC's opposition to the incinerator and respond to the EA explaining why its 'minded to' document has not properly answered the TC's objections which were:
 1. There are concerns about the effects of emissions from the incinerator on air quality, given the weather conditions, in particular the regular cloud inversions in the Aire Valley. What consideration is being given to the unique conditions in the valley?
 2. Bingley Town Council is concerned about lack of environmental monitoring in Bingley civic parish and the wider area generally. What consideration is being given to environmental monitoring, specifically in Bingley and generally in the surrounding areas? (See note below about the emails).
 3. Bingley Town Council is concerned that there is a primary school close to the proposed incinerator. What consideration is being given to the school?

Further matters of concern:

4. Insufficient consideration of the impact on residents' mental health if the incinerator goes ahead.
- Follow up email of 20 June 2019 re air quality monitoring. What progress has the team at Bradford made and can the AQ monitor now be re-located back to Bingley.
 - Write to those requesting the permit, explain the strength of local concern and opposition and ask them to re-consider their decision given the terrible impact and legacy they will be having on our environment and residents, particularly children.
 - Invite those requesting the permit to attend the next TC meeting (via zoom) to explain their stance and ask them what it would take for them to stop their request. If it's a question of money, would they consider selling the land to someone else who would do something non-polluting and positive with it, do they want reimbursement for money spent on planning etc? What would make them stop?
 - Invite AVAI to attend the next TC meeting, and any afterwards, to update on the campaign's progress.
 - Use BTC social media, e-newsletter and any other communication means, to promote the work and fundraising of AVAI.
 - Write to Bradford Council, the MPs for Shipley and Keighley re-iterating BTC's concerns and stance. Ask the MPs what they are specifically doing to fight the permit, given the petitions and other efforts that have been made over the past five years but to no avail.

A resident has been in touch asking that the town council promotes the consultation.

2021/33 New signatory

A replacement signatory is needed for Councillor Dawson. The council uses online banking and the councillor appointed should also be able to come to the office on occasions to sign financial documents.

2021/35 Play in Park

E-mail from Bradford Council:

Many thanks for your email.

The current government directive as it stands is that "in line with the social distancing guidance it is advised that large gatherings should not take place".

This would mean that obviously the Play in Parks events will not go ahead as it stands today. As you will be aware this is a fast-changing situation and therefore unless you wish to make the decision to cancel the events now, I would suggest that we wait until the end of June to see what the situation is and make the decision then. It is highly likely that the directive will not change and therefore the events will not take place but if you are happy to make the decision at a later date, then it is no problem from our point of view. The same applies if you wish to make the decision to cancel the events now, so whatever suits then we will go with your decision.

Please note that there will be no costs incurred whatsoever should the events be cancelled prior to them taking place.

2021/38 Schedule of full council meetings

It's recommended that full council meetings be held on the last Tuesday of each month, apart from the December and January meetings. It's recommended that the December meeting be held on Tuesday 15th and the January meeting on Tuesday 19th.

2021/40 Consultations

- a) Licensing application: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/business/licensing/current-applications-received-by-licensing-team/>
- b) Manningham Lane upgrades: [West Yorkshire Combined Authority's website](#).

2021/42 Updates

YLCA branch meeting

- NALC holds a weekly meeting with local associations every Wednesday which YLCA attends so this should be a good source of latest info.
- BHIB Insurers have created two publications about risk assessments for returning to work post Covid. I found this on their website but apparently the publications are free whether or not a council is insured with BHIB. Not sure how far this area of work has progressed at BTC but these publications this might be useful and save re-inventing the wheel.
<https://www.bhibinsurance.co.uk/measures-businesses-need-to-reinstate-buildings-premises-work-environment-following-covid-19-closure/>
- YLCA are looking to affect some sort of return to their office towards the end of June, though some staff likely to continue working from home.
- Proposed WY devolution deal. Peter Allison is writing to establish a way that parish councils can have an interface with the new city region/mayorality when it's created. It would be worth putting the consultation document on a TC agenda if councillors want to make any comment on the proposals.

- Work to support social distancing in high streets: general consensus that district authorities had not consulted town and parish councils at all, most finding out when the measures happen or via district ward councillors who happen to share some info.
- Some form of local authority control board is to be set up/may already have been set up and these will be key if any local lockdown measures need to be taken. Could you find out from Marcia what, if any, arrangements Bradford Council is making and how things might play out in Bingley if a local lockdown is necessary.
- The next SP meeting is likely to be in Denby Dale, in October.