

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Bingley Town Council held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 at 6.30pm
at St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Gilstead Lane, Bingley, BD16 4QR**

Councillors present: **Barton, Beckwith, Clough, Gibbons, Goode, Malik, Miah, Owen, Pennington, Reynard, Taylor, and Winnard**

In attendance: Eve Haskins (Town Clerk), Nicola Mansfield-Smith (Deputy Town Clerk)

Members of the public: Three (including Diane Fairfax of the Friends of Bingley Pool)

2122/27 Chair's remarks

The Chair thanked all councillors and staff for their work for the Town Council in last month, and reported the following:

- Bingley Covid figures are high.
- First litter pick of the year was able to be held on Saturday 26th June, ten people attended and lots of litter gathered; thanks were expressed to all volunteers including Ros Dawson and Councillor Goode.
- Floral displays are in place, courtesy of Carlton Nurseries, and bedding plants for local groups ordered: thanks expressed to all involved in displays, and all groups who work so hard to make Bingley an attractive place to live (including Bingley Bloomers, Action Stations, and all the different village societies).
- Reminded all councillors that there are training opportunities available with YLCA, and also that it is crucial that all members undertake the Office 365 training on 6th July.
- Welcomed new councillor, Robert Beckwith, for Crow Nest ward.

2122/28 Apologies for absence

Apologies received and the reasons for absence approved from Councillors Drucquer, Truelove and Williams.

2122/29 Disclosures of interest

Councillor Goode declared an interest in item 2122/38 as a member of the Friends of Myrtle Park, and Councillor Reynard declared an interest in item 2122/45 as an employee of the NHS: they did not vote on those items.

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

2122/30 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 25th May 2021 as a correct record.

2122/31 Public participation

- Questions/observations from members of the public:

A member of the public thanked Councillor Miah for bringing item 2122/45 to the meeting.

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2122/32 Bingley Pool update

Ms Fairfax provided an update as one of the Trustees of the Friends of Bingley Pool, reporting that the decision to close Bingley Pool as part of Bradford Council strategy still stands, and confirmed that the Friends continue to meet with Bradford Council representatives to establish a way forward for either repairs to be carried out at Bingley Pool or a new pool built. The Community Asset Transfer (CAT) which was meant to complete last year was delayed due to Covid, and the pool in the meantime remains closed, although the gym is open. Continued closure is due to ceiling plaster falling and contamination in the pool tank. The Friends of Bingley Pool assumed that the CAT would transfer with good asset, and the proposed CAT cannot take place if the pool is not fit for purpose. The original modelling exercise by Bradford Council which identified other provision in the area, including the now defunct pool at Bingley Grammar School, is no longer valid. The Friends of Bingley Pool have asked Bradford Council to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance of the existing pool until the CAT is signed off or a new pool provided, and highlighted to the Town Council the need for a community campaign to raise awareness and promote positive action in order to provide swimming provision in Bingley, to ensure that local school children can pursue swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum. The Town Council thanked Diane Fairfax for her comprehensive report.

Ms Fairfax left the meeting at 6.50pm.

Agreed to take item 2122/45 next.

2122/45 Fair Pay for NHS Workers: Motion from Councillor Miah

Councillor Malik introduced a motion to support fair pay for NHS workers at Airedale Hospital and requested a recorded vote.

1. **Resolved** to publicly support the GMB in their campaign at Airedale Hospital to achieve harmonisation for staff on AGHS pay, terms and conditions with the NHS AFC pay terms and conditions.

Vote was carried out by a show of hands: four in favour (Councillor Beckwith, Councillor Malik, Councillor Miah and Councillor Owen), three against (Councillor Clough, Councillor Taylor and Councillor Winnard), and five abstentions (Councillor Barton, Councillor Gibbons, Councillor Goode, Councillor Pennington and Councillor Reynard).

2. **Resolved** that the Chair to write to the board of directors of both AGHS and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, informing them of our support for the GMB campaign and calling on them to agree to the GMB demands.

Vote was carried out by a show of hands: four in favour (Councillor Beckwith, Councillor Malik, Councillor Miah and Councillor Owen), three against (Councillor Clough, Councillor Taylor and Councillor Winnard), and five abstentions (Councillor Barton, Councillor Gibbons, Councillor Goode, Councillor Pennington and Councillor Reynard).

3. **Resolved** not to share the GMB campaign petition "Demand fair pay for staff at Airedale Hospital" on the Town Council's social media platform and website due to the Town Council's Communications Policy not allowing this information to be shared.

This section of the motion was withdrawn by Councillor Malik.

2122/33 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for 2020-21

- a) **Resolved** that the internal audit report for 2020-21 considered and accepted.
- b) **Resolved** that the review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control considered.

- c) **Resolved** that the Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 was approved.
- d) **Resolved** that the Accounting Statements for 2020-21 was approved.
- e) **Resolved** that the period for the exercise of public rights noted, 1st July 2021 to 11th August 2021.

The Town Council expressed their thanks to Safia Kauser and Tracy Predeth for undertaking this AGAR at a time of staffing flux; and noted the very positive report from Diane Brown, Internal Auditor.

2122/34 To review the terms of reference for the following Committees/Working Groups

- a) **Resolved** that the terms of reference for the Climate Emergency Working Group to be deferred to next meeting.
- b) **Resolved** that the terms of reference for the Emergency Support Sub-Committee reviewed and approved, with the amendment ‘to provide information to the public for the implications of events, to be proactive rather than reactive’.
- c) **Resolved** that the Events, Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee to be disbanded (take the wording from the EMAC mins – in the interest of streamlining and efficiency, newsletter to be taken on by the officers of the Town Council, with input from Councillors).
- d) **Resolved** that the terms of reference for the Investigating Committee to be deferred to the next meeting.

2122/35 To elect members to Committees/Working Groups of the Council

- a) **Resolved** that Councillor Beckwith to be appointed as a member of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- b) **Resolved** to defer the election of members to Climate Emergency Working Group to next meeting.
Resolved that Councillor Clough, Owen, Reynard, Taylor and Williams be appointed as members of the Emergency Support Sub-Committee.

2122/36 Accounts

- a) **Resolved** that the schedule of payments from April to date received and approved.
- b) **Resolved** that the bank reconciliation for May received and approved.
- c) **Resolved** that Councillors Barton and Malik appointed for the signing of the monthly bank reconciliation and bank statements.

2122/37 To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

- a) **Resolved** that the Risk and Resource assessment for the OWL approved, after further investigations took place on manual handling, insurance, budget and live streaming concerns; further investigations to take place regarding the possible need for a television license. Discussion took place regarding the streaming of meetings, agreed to initially live stream only and not to place on social media, therefore accepted in current form, but with reservations regarding posting online.
- b) **Resolved** that the grant to Bingley Little Theatre for £2000 approved.

2122/38 Grant

Resolved that the grant application from the Friends of Myrtle Park for £1200 approved.

2122/39 Changing Places toilet

Councillor Taylor reported that good progress is being made on the Changing Places toilet: the Business Case is now in draft form, and now seeking permission from Town Council to get indication of cost from building contractors – Town Council agreed; funding letters sent to local companies, national companies currently being investigated also; consultation to be going out in next couple of weeks; Bradford Council

have been contacted regarding their national Changing Places funding and a non-committal reply received.

Councillor Goode left meeting 7.58pm, returned 8.00pm.

2122/40 Play in the Park

The Chair reported that the dates for Play in the Park have been agreed and publicised, Mobiloo been booked for the Myrtle Park events, and portaloos for other dates, and encouraged all Councillors to attend for the dates in their area, to publicise that it is a Town Council funded event.

Thanks were expressed to Councillor Drucquer for all her hard work on these events.

2122/41 Community Partnership

The Chair reported that plans are going ahead for events to take place on 7th August, the same day as official opening of Hub, the invites for which will be sent out in the next week, and Play in the Park taking place in Myrtle Park on that day also. She emphasised that volunteer First Aiders are still needed for the market: agreed that the Town Clerk to investigate this training for Councillors Malik and Reynard.

2122/42 Market

The Chair reported that the next market is due to take place on Saturday 3rd July 2021: Councillor Winnard will be First Aid contact, Councillor Goode to help market holders.

2122/43 Newsletter

- a) **Resolved** that the newsletter approved for publication; to go to print tomorrow.
- b) **Resolved** that the increased delivery costs for the newsletter approved.

2122/44 Community Partnership and Market Reports

Community Partnership and Market Reports accepted.

2122/46 Promotional items for publication

Resolved that the following item to be promoted for publication: presentation from the Friends of Bingley Pool, to encourage residents to join the Friends; AGAR approved and available, period for exercise of public rights; two grants awarded; accepted that will purchase the OWL to make meeting available to all; Changing Places progressing; Play in the Park dates organised; newsletter will go to print and will be delivered early next week; market dates agreed.

2122/47 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting agreed as Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 6.30pm to be held at St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Gilstead.

Councillor Pennington tendered his resignation from the Town Council: the Chair thanked him and wished him well.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.