

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Bingley Town Council held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 6.30pm at St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Gilstead Lane, Bingley, BD16 4QR

Councillors present: **Barton, Beckwith, Clough, Drucquer, Gibbons, Goode, Heseltine, Malik, Miah, Owen, Reynard, Truelove, Williams and Winnard**

In attendance: Eve Haskins (Town Clerk)

Members of the public: Nine (seven for part of the meeting)

### **2122/48 Chair's remarks**

The Chair thanked all the members of the public for their attendance at the meeting, thanked all staff and Councillors for attending the recent Office 365 training, and confirmed that the newsletter is now out for delivery (advised if Councillors have not received one to please contact the Admin Officer). She reported that the next market is on August 7<sup>th</sup> 2021, where live music will return, a photographic exhibition will take place in the Arts Centre and the official opening of council offices and public toilets will take place, attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor. The next Play in the Park is on Friday in Gilstead (although this will be postponed if the weather is poor), and the next litter pick will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021, meeting in offices at Hub in central Bingley. The Notice of Elections have been received from Electoral Services for Crossflatts and Micklethwaite wards, to take place by 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and the Chair expressed hope that candidates will come forward. She confirmed that some Councillors still wish to observe protocols regarding social distancing in meetings, which is wholly acceptable.

### **2122/49 Apologies for absence**

None.

### **2122/50 Disclosures of interest**

None.

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

### **2122/51 Minutes of previous meeting**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 29th June 2021 as a correct record, subject to the following amendment: Cllr Malik, not Miah, proposed the motion in item 2122/45.

### **2122/49 Public participation**

- Questions/observations from members of the public:
  1. A member of the public whose father lives in the area attended to give his views on Bingley Pool. He reported that he was leader of Lancaster City Council where the community pools faced closure so had to find a solution to keep swimming pools open, and successfully kept the pool open as a community asset. Acknowledged that the pool building at present is not in a fit state to be asset transferred, and would take too much work and funds to be taken on by a

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community group. He suggested that another venue could be sought for a community pool, and that a new pool would be cheaper to run, as the present building costs a lot to heat and maintain. If a new community building was the preferred choice, the Town Council and residents could work with Bradford Council to find a new site for the new pool, and suggested that Section 106 money could be used to build a community swimming pool elsewhere, with the Princess Hall site being developed for another purpose. Suggested that a new pool could be on one of the school sites, which opens up the building to partnership money also. He advised that the Town Council has access to funds that the District Council does not, and that the Friends of Bingley Pool can access different pots of money that Town or District Councils cannot – therefore a partnership approach may work. The Chair expressed thanks to member of public for time and suggestions: Chair to share his original email with all Councillors for their information.

2. A member of the public thanked the Town Council for ratifying item 2122/45 at the last meeting, and confirmed that the deliberations were successful. He spoke against the Special Motion at this meeting which calls for this motion to be put aside as invalid, and disagreed with the reasons for this.
3. A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the mountain bikes on the canal tow-path, and requested cross railings every hundred yards. The Chair asked the member of the public to moderate his language, and asked that the member of the public put their concerns in writing to pass onto the Councillor Gibbons as the Canal and River Trust Liaison, and confirmed that the Town Council will work with the Canal and River Trust to pass on these concerns.

#### **2122/50 Special Motion re previous resolution 2122/45**

**Resolved** that the Special Motion submitted by Councillors Clough, Truelove and Williams that the vote relating to agenda item 19 (minute reference 2122/45) put before the Full Council at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 be put aside as invalid as it fails the test of ‘specifically affected’ under Standing Order Clause 10a and also Clause 20 was considered, discussed at length and duly passed.

The vote was carried out by show of hands and it was requested for it to be recorded, as follows:

Votes for: Councillors Barton, Clough, Heseltine, Truelove, Reynard, Williams, Winnard.

Votes against: Councillors Beckwith, Drucquer, Goode, Malik, Miah, Owen.

Abstain: Councillor Gibbons.

#### **2122/51 Speed Indicator Device**

**Resolved** that the offer from Bradford Council to purchase (via the Highways Authority) one or more Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) was considered and the following agreed: Councillors Heseltine and Miah to investigate this issue and bring a proposal to a future meeting, including a Risk and Resource exercise if necessary.

#### **2122/52 Pavement way signs for Bingley Five Rise**

**Resolved** that the proposal from Councillor Gibbons on Five Rise way marking received, including the design for way-markers from the station over the bridge (Canal and Rivers Trust have confirmed they will pay for the stencils), thirteen of which will need to be placed: agreed that Councillor Gibbons to continue to liaise with Canal and Rivers Trust regarding this issue.

#### **2122/53 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

**Resolved** that the update received and the recommendations from the recent Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, agreed as follows, including a slight amendment to the original motion: to take the Plan forward, including the identification and interview of a potential new consultant to progress the project from its current state to completion, guiding the Town Council through the required consultations, applying for Locality funding where possible, re-engaging with Aecom (if recommended by the

consultant), and, after formally selecting a consultant, revert with a detailed costed proposal and revised Project Plan to the Town Council to take on the chosen consultant and progress the Plan.

**2122/54 Terms of Reference for Climate Change Working Group**

**Resolved** that the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Working Group be approved.

Councillor Beckwith left the meeting at 8.00pm and returned at 8.08pm.

**2122/55 Schedule of payments and bank reconciliation**

**Resolved** that the schedule of payments to date received and approved, and bank reconciliation agreed.

**2122/56 Special motions**

- a) **Motion 1:** The motion to agree that the surplus of £12,445 at the end of last financial year be allocated to the earmarked reserves for the Changing Places Toilet was withdrawn by Councillor Williams.
- b) **Motion 2: Resolved** to note that Bingley Town Council recognise that Bradford Council has commenced a programme to survey, report, enhance and upgrade the recreational facilities across its area which potentially deliver upgrades to recreational facilities in Bingley, however Bingley Town Council call upon Bradford Council to urgently survey the recreational grounds in Bingley known as Myrtle Park, Crossflatts Rec., Gilstead Rec., Cottingley Rec., and Eldwick Rec. to inspect the play equipment situated there and place urgent orders with appropriate suppliers to replace damaged equipment and bring the recreational grounds into a safe state for our children to play on this summer: agreed that Councillor Owen to liaise with the Town Clerk to write a letter to Bradford Council accordingly. Councillor Heseltine also provided an update on Bradford Council's orders for local parks, which will be delivered after the summer.

**2122/57 Signatories for bank account**

**Resolved** to agree Councillor Clough as additional signatories for the Council's bank account (in addition to Councillors Goode, Truelove and Winnard).

**2122/58 Appointment of Representatives to Working Groups**

**Resolved** the following:

- Councillor Truelove be appointed to the Changing Places Working Group (in addition to Councillors Owen and Malik).
- Councillor Reynard be appointed to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (in addition to Councillors Gibbons, Owen, Truelove and Williams).
- Councillors Barton and Owen be appointed to the Climate Emergency Working Group (in addition to Councillors Drucquer): deferred until a full complement of Councillors are in place following the next elections.

**2122/59 HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

**Resolved** that the arrangements for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations considered, and it was agreed to ask the Ward Councillors to suggest that Bradford Council should take responsibility for lighting the beacons wherever they choose.

**2122/60 Play in the Park**

Update received from Councillor Drucquer on the Play in the Park dates: starting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July in Gilstead, and asked for Town Council volunteers, although may reschedule due to wet weather, from 11am to 3pm: Councillor Drucquer to redistribute the dates again to all Councillors.

**2122/61 Community Partnership**

The Chair reported an update on Community Partnership: Bingley 'Back in Business' on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021, same day as opening of the Hub, a Play in the Park in Myrtle Park, etc. which will all help with re-engaging the community with Bingley town centre.

**2122/62 Christmas tree**

**Resolved** that the arrangements for the Christmas tree considered and it was agreed to order the tree from Carlton Nurseries, 25 feet for Bingley and 15 feet for Gilstead, Councillors Goode and Truelove to liaise with the Town Clerk regarding this order; also received the update that permission has been received from Highways at Bradford Council to use grass verge at Gilstead to install a pipe to put the trunk of the tree in, and confirmed that all statutory undertakings have been followed.

**2122/63 To consider recommendations from the Facilities Management Committee**

**Resolved** that the following were agreed:

- a) Quote for key holder contract from Yorkshire Security Systems.
- b) Quote for radar key access to toilets from Healthmatic.

**2122/64 Purchase of TV licence**

**Resolved** to agree the purchase of the TV licence to facilitate the OWL provision.

**2122/65 Consultation on the LNER route to/from London**

**Resolved** that the correspondence from Keighley Town Council regarding the LNER route to and from London considered, and it was agreed that the Town Clerk to write a letter to LNER, adapted from the Keighley letter, to send also to Keighley Town Council to inform them that Bingley Town Council supports them in this view.

**2122/66 Promotional items for publication**

**Resolved** that the following item to be promoted for publication:

- Special Motion in item 2122/50 passed.
- Investigating SIDs.
- Optimistic regarding signs for Five Rise.
- Move forward to look for new consultant to guide the NPWG.
- Motion 2 regarding local parks in item 2122/56b passed.
- Dates of Play in the Park.
- Radar keys in toilets.
- LNER letter.

**2122/77 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting agreed as Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at 6.30pm to be held at St Wilfrid's Community Hall, Gilstead (apologies duly received from Councillors Barton and Reynard).

**The meeting closed at 8.52pm.**