

BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on
Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Councillors present: Fenton, Gentleman, Gibbons, Goode, Heseltine, Miah (Chair)
Member Councillors absent: Carney, Truelove
In attendance: Eve Haskins (Town Clerk)
Members of the public: Two

Start time: 6.30pm
End time: 7.20pm

2425/33 Apologies for absence

No apologies received.

2425/34 Disclosures of interest

Apologies received and the reasons for absence approved from Councillors Carney and Truelove.
No written requests for dispensation had been received.

2425/35 Minutes

Resolved to confirm the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 10th July 2024 as a correct record.

2425/36 Confidential items to be discussed under item 2425/45

Resolved to agree that agenda items 2425/40 and 2425/41 to be discussed in confidence after item 2425/45, following exclusion of the press and public, due to their sensitive nature.

2425/37 Public Participation

None.

2425/38 Grants

Representatives of Bingley Walkers are Welcome outlined that they are requesting funding to supply and install two signs to encourage people to walk in the Bingley area, and answered questions from councillors to confirm that they had not yet sought permission from Bradford Council's Highways Department to install these signs on their street furniture.

Resolved to approve a grant of £400 to Bingley Walkers are Welcome, subject to obtaining relevant permissions from Bradford Council's Highways Department.

2425/39 Bank reconciliation, statement, balances, budget monitor

- a) **Resolved** to approve the bank reconciliations for July 2024.
- b) **Resolved** to approve the bank statements for July 2024.

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c) **Noted** the balances to date as follows: Unity Bank: £60,567.25, Public Sector Deposit Fund: £263,334.

d) **Noted** the year end budget monitor for 2024-25.

2425/42 CIL funding

Resolved to agree the following:

- To confirm that the following CIL reserves have been allocated to the bandstand project: 2018-2019: £2,948; 2019-2020: £2,731; 2020-2021: £4,219; 2021-2022: £1,833; 2022-2023: £953.
- Town Clerk to contact Bradford Council to request the outstanding invoice for the bandstand project work.

2425/43 Risk Management

No new risks to the Council identified.

2425/44 Date of next meeting

Noted the date for the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley.

2425/45 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved to exclude the press and public from agenda items 2425/40, 2425/41, 2425/46 and 2425/47 under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)), due to their confidential nature.

2425/40 Allotments

Resolved to agree the following regarding the allotments:

- Allotments Forum, 25th July 2024: good response and well attended, local PCSO also attended to address concerns regarding shed damage and proffered advice; discussed placing CCTV signage in the allotment sites; allotment councillors and staffing team to hold a meeting to discuss all issues further, including crime prevention and plot numbering signs.
- No plot vacancies.
- Shed on plot 5, Beck Lane: approved the quote for the dismantling of the shed and agreed that the Town Council to cover the cost of the two skips for removal of debris.

2425/41 Green and Clean

Noted the update on Green and Clean from Councillor Goode as follows:

- Litter picks: next one to be organised for either the second or fourth Saturday in September; Councillor Heseltine suggested the location of Sycamore Avenue/Park Avenue.
- Forum, 10th August 2024: excellent presentation provided on composting.
- Watering contract: agreed that Councillor Goode to liaise with Carlton Nurseries and Brian Dobson at Bradford Council to confirm the specification for the planters (number, location etc.) prior to searching for further quotes for the watering; to also request a quote from Bradford Council for the plants; and to liaise with Northcliffe Environmental Enterprises Team (NEET) regarding collection of the plants in future.
- Land at Woodvale Crescent: agreed that Councillor Goode to continue to liaise with the resident regarding the ongoing maintenance of this land.

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2425/46 The Hub

Resolved to receive the following updates on the issues associated with the Hub and to agree the following actions:

- a) Joinery work: still awaiting a quote.
- b) Astor Bannerman contract for the bi-annual servicing of Changing Places toilet approved.
- c) Dome: Town Clerk to contact a local industrial carpet cleaning service to obtain advice on the carpet in the foyer.

2425/47 Internal auditor

Resolved to agree Account-Ant as the internal auditor for 2024-25.

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