

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



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

## Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Bingley Town Council held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at 6.30pm at Cottingley Town Hall, Main Street, Cottingley, Bingley

Councillors present: Beckwith, Carney, Clough, Forrest, Gentleman, Gibbons, Goode, Heseltine, Malik, Shaw, Truelove

Councillors absent: Drucquer, Fenton, Miah, Williams, Winnard

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

Members of the public: Five (including Ward Councillors Dearden and Fricker, and Professor Knowles, Emeritus Professor of Transport Geography at the University of Salford and Visiting Professor of Transport at the University of Huddersfield)

**Meeting commenced at 6.30pm.**

### **2324/129 Chair's remarks**

Noted the following remark from Councillor Gibbons:

- Happy Hallowe'en to all.
- Many thanks to Councillor Winnard for chairing the last Full Council meeting.
- Best wishes to Councillor Williams in his recovery from illness.
- Autumn is now upon us; in view of the recent storm that caused flooding in the parish residents need to be aware of future inclement weather and prepare for future storms.
- Local police have publicised a spate of theft from Volkswagens from the year 2019 onwards, including breaking windows and stealing the main computer/screen on the dashboard, therefore owners need to be aware.
- It has been announced that the train station ticket offices will not be closing following the recent consultation, which is great news.

### **2324/130 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received, and the reasons for absence approved, from Councillors Drucquer, Fenton, Miah, Williams and Winnard.

### **2324/131 Disclosures of interest**

No disclosures of interest.

No written requests for dispensation had been received.

### **2324/132 Minutes of previous meetings**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the Full Town Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 as a true and accurate record.

### **2324/133 Confidential items due to be discussed after item 2324/149**

**Resolved** to agree that no further agenda items to be discussed in confidence following the exclusion of the press and public in agenda item 2324/149, due to their sensitive nature.

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Chair.....

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### **2324/135 Public Participation**

#### **1. New crematorium at Shay Lane:**

A member of the public expressed concern that the recently opened new crematorium at Shay Lane does not have a connecting bus service, therefore wishes for the Town Council and other organisations to highlight this to the bus authorities.

#### **2. Town Council member for Gilstead:**

A member of public asked Councillor Shaw as the newest member for the Gilstead ward whether he intends to be a constructive member of the Town Council as he opposed its inception initially. Councillor Shaw replied that, as a resident of Gilstead, he has always been involved in community work improving Bingley and supporting the town centre and would continue to do so.

### **2324/134 Representation regarding Bradford TramTrain proposal**

Professor Richard Knowles, Emeritus Professor of Transport Geography at the University of Salford and Visiting Professor of Transport at the University of Huddersfield, provided a presentation on the proposal for a Bradford TramTrain. He claimed that TramTrains would transform train access to and through Bradford city centre, by combining Bradford's two separate rail networks and providing cross-platform connections from TramTrains to regional and national train services at Bradford Interchange, which would also improve connections to regional and national train services at Shipley to Leeds and beyond.

Professor Knowles answered several questions from councillors, confirming that he has put this proposal forward to Bradford Council, who have noted it and stated they will discuss it this autumn, and also to West Yorkshire Combined Authority, Action on West Yorkshire Transport and Network Rail, and that he has offered to provide a presentation to all local town councils. He also stated that the work involved in this proposal would not be a major disruption to the pedestrianization works that are currently being undertaken in Bradford city centre, and that the costs would need to be calculated taking into account which utilities etc. would need to be moved.

**Thanks were expressed to Professor Knowles for his attendance at the meeting; he left the meeting at 7.15pm.**

### **2324/136 Representation from Bradford Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillor Dearden confirmed that the draft Bingley Development Framework is currently out for consultation, that he attended a meeting of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority last month, which focused upon improving links and hubs to provide more cost effective and frequent services, and that the Ward Councillors objected to the planning application for Eldwick Grange, as the Town Council did. He also reported that all three Ward Councillors were in attendance to help in the town during the recent storm, and queried why the Town Council's response group was not in attendance also. Councillor Heseltine explained that the Town Council has an Emergency Support Sub Committee rather than a 'response group' and reported that emergency plan training is taking place tomorrow night with the Emergency Planning team at Bradford Council, at which this can be discussed further.

Ward Councillor Fricker reported that she is continuing to facilitate monthly meetings to coordinate local groups and individuals in preparation for the Bradford City of Culture 2025 celebrations. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 11am at the Arts Centre; there was also a recent evening meeting held, which was very well attended. She highlighted that they are currently at the stage where they are putting ideas together and that all are welcome, and she is optimistic that they will have draft plan for the year by the December meeting. She also reported that she is working with local school headteachers separately on arts projects and stated that the response has been fantastic

across the whole of Bingley. She also reported that the Friends of Myrtle Park were unsuccessful in their recent bid for funding, although the Arts Centre were successful in their bid to improve accessibility.

**2324/137 Ongoing items**

- a) Bingley Pool: Councillor Carney reported that the Friends of Bingley Pool are holding their Annual General Meeting this Thursday, at 6.30pm in Cardigan House, which they will be using as a re-launch to appeal for trustees to come forward and encouraging residents to respond to the Bingley Development Framework regarding the lack of a municipal pool.
- b) Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs): no updates.

**2324/138 Finance**

**Resolved** the following:

- a) To approve the schedule of payments for October 2023.
- b) To approve the bank reconciliations for September 2023.
- c) To agree the following regarding projects for the budget for 2024-25:
  - Play in the Park events, bandstand concerts, and Christmas lights already agreed.
  - No provision to be made for the SIDs.

**2324/139 Events, Marketing and Communications Committee (EMACC)**

Noted the minutes and the following update from Councillor Gibbons from the recent EMACC meeting: recommended that all councillors to approach the custodians of noticeboards in their wards to put up copies of monthly mailing newsletter and when meetings are etc. – councillors agreed to do this; and also recommended moving the noticeboard by the Hub so it faces the path instead of away from it - the staffing team are pursuing this request with Bradford Council

**2324/140 Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee**

Noted the following updates in the circulated minutes from the recent F&GP Committee meeting, including the following on Green and Clean: winter plants and bulbs have arrived and will go out to the local groups when they are ready, and a very positive response was received regarding the flowering baskets as they were being taken down; next litter pick will tidy up in preparation for the Remembrance Day event on 12<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at 8am to 10am; it was noted also that every school in Bingley is now involved in the Remembrance Day event, and poppies have been displayed on Main Street and in Crossflatts.

**2324/141 Planning Committee**

Noted the following update from Councillor Clough from the recent Planning Committee meeting: applications were considered and recommendations made.

**2324/142 Five Rise way-marking**

No updates.

**2324/143 Policies**

**Resolved** to approve the following policies:

- a) Information Technology and Cyber Security Policy.
- b) Security Incident Policy.

**2324/144 Christmas trees for 2024**

**Resolved** to agree that all councillors to visit the artificial illuminated tree due to be placed in Keighley this year to assess it with a view to a decision being made regarding the purchase of an artificial tree for Bingley prior to the budget meeting in January 2024.

**2324/145 Town Clerk's Report**

**Resolved** to accept the Town Clerk's Report.

**2324/146 Correspondence**

**Resolved** to receive the following correspondence and agree necessary actions as follows:

- a) Email from the office of Philip Davies, MP, re a residents' concerns re overgrown plants on pavements: noted.
- b) Email from YLCA re Full Council training in January 2024: provisional date of Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 agreed; Town Clerk to contact all councillors via email to determine availability, and subsequently confirm the date with YLCA.
- c) Email from resident re objection to Myrtle Park mountain bike race: noted.
- d) Email from Bradford Council re Bingley Draft Development Framework: agreed that the Town Clerk to approach Councillor Williams to determine whether he has the availability to read the document to determine whether it concurs with the Town Council's draft Neighbourhood Plan prior to responding to this consultation on behalf of the Town Council.
- e) Email from Zero Hour re Climate and Ecology Bill: noted.
- f) Email from Astor Bannerman re confirmation of successful maintenance tests on Changing Places toilet equipment: noted.
- g) Email from the Loo of the Year Awards, confirming grading result of 'Platinum Plus' for the Hub toilets and invitation to awards event on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham: noted, agreed that no representatives from the Town Council to attend the awards ceremony due to the prohibitive cost; Town Clerk to contact the cleaning company to determine whether they wish to cover the cost for their attendance.
- h) Email from resident to Ward Councillor Wheatley re Bradford Council assets' selling, copying in the Town Council: noted, agreed that the Town Clerk to respond on behalf of the Town Council to highlight that the Town Council are currently assessing how the draft Development Framework for Bingley concurs with the draft Neighbourhood Plan, and to inform him that the Town Council have been made aware of Bradford Council's ideas to develop the town centre, however the information received so far is that there is no definitive plan for it and there has been no consultation with the Town Council on any plans for it.
- i) Email from Vicar of All Saints Church re Christmas tree festival: agreed that Councillor Carney and the staffing team to decorate a tree on the theme of 'celebrations', Councillor Goode to provide the Christmas tree and help with transport etc.

**2324/147 Promotional items**

**Resolved** to promote the following items for publication:

- Agenda item 2324/134: Bradford TramTrain proposal presentation.
- Agenda item 2324/137a: Annual General Meeting of the Friend of Bingley Pool.
- Agenda item 138c: Budget setting for 2024-25.
- Agenda item 2324/140: Remembrance Day and the litter pick prior to it.
- Agenda item 2324/140: Providing plants and bulbs again to the community.
- Agenda item 2324/146g: 'Loo of the Year' Platinum Plus assessment for Hub toilets.

**2324/148 Date of next meeting**

The date of the next Full Council meeting agreed as Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm, at Bingley Baptist Church, Clyde Street, Bingley.

**2324/149 Exclusion of press and public**

**Resolved** to exclude the press and public from agenda items 2324/150 under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)), due to their confidential nature.

**2324/150 Myrtle Park bandstand electrification**

**Resolved** to agree the following regarding the electrification of the bandstand in Myrtle Park:

- To approve the Business Case for this project.
- Bingley Town Council to instruct Bradford Council to commission contractors to install a mains electricity supply to the bandstand in Myrtle Park.
- To cover the cost of this project from the remaining amounts in the CIL funding reserve and the Regeneration and Tourism cost centre.

**Meeting closed at 8.28pm.**