



Newsletter

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Thanks to my fellow councillors for voting me in as Chair for another year.

As mentioned below, we have a councillor vacancy that will be determined by election. I'd like us to be more representative of the community so would welcome candidates from underrepresented groups. If anyone wants an informal chat about the role, please get in touch.

Kind regards

Philippa (Chair of Bingley Town Council)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2024-25

At the Annual Meeting of the Council of Bingley Town Council held on 28th May 2024, Councillor Philippa Gibbons was re-elected as Chair for the municipal year – congratulations to Philippa for the faith the other members have placed in her hard work and commitment to the Town Council for another year. Councillor Bill Gentleman was also elected as Vice Chair for the year – congratulations to him also.

Bingley Pool Update

Also at the recent Town Council meeting, the co-chair of the Friends of Bingley Pool, Jeremy Thackray, provided an update on Bingley pool, including that the Friends have held meetings with the Bradford Council Ward Councillors for Bingley, the local MP etc. and that their focus will be determining the specification and model for the pool.

This project was discussed by Bradford Council's Executive at a recent meeting, the agenda for which outlined the business to be discussed, including that Bradford Council will need to provide match funding; and the Friends continue to hold meetings to discuss this also.

Mr Thackray confirmed that the pool is still being considered as a bundle with Bingley Town Hall; and that plans for the Squire Lane pool are still ongoing. He outlined that the three options are for a 4 lane pool, or 6 lane pool, or a complete rebuild, and reported that the Friends would like Bingley Pool taken

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off Bradford Council's list of assets for sale, as well as taken out of the joint Town Hall project, and for it to be refurbished into a 6 lane competition pool.

It was also reported by Bradford Council Ward Councillor for Bingley Rural and Bingley Town Councillor Geoff Winnard that Bradford Council wish to close the gym based at the pool immediately, as it is losing money and usage is low; he also confirmed that further detailed investigations need to be done on whole building as part of a feasibility study, and that Bradford Council are favouring a 4 lane pool.

We will keep residents informed on this issue as and when we receive any further updates.

Council Vacancy

It was confirmed at the Full Council meeting that there is currently one vacancy on the Town Council, for the Crow Nest Ward, following the recent resignation of Michael Forrest.

Bradford Council have confirmed this week that the required 10 electors of the parish have requested an election to fill this vacancy – more information to follow as soon as we hear more on this issue.

Committee/Working Group Appointments/Terms of Reference and Committee Membership

As the last meeting of the Full Council was the Annual Meeting of the Council, all committee and working groups were confirmed, their terms of reference agreed, and the committee membership agreed.

The Town Council has four committees, the Events, Marketing and Communications Committee (EMACC), the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Planning Committee, the Staffing Committee, and one working group, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG).

The new membership of all committees and working groups is as follows:

EMACC: Councillors Carney, Gibbons, Goode, with lay members Chris O'Neill and Jane Stone.

Finance and General Purposes Committee: Councillors Carney, Fenton, Gentleman, Gibbons, Goode, Heseltine, Miah and Truelove.

NPWG: Councillors Fenton, Gibbons, Heseltine, Williams, with lay members John Dekker, Andrew Quarrie, Jan Smith, Tony Urwin and Lynne Williams.

Planning Committee: Councillors Clough, Drucquer, Fenton, Gentleman, Gibbons, Heseltine, Shaw, Truelove.

Staffing Committee: Clough, Gentleman, Gibbons, Malik and Winnard.

All Chair and Vice Chairs of the committees/working group will be elected at the first meeting of each.

Schedule of Meetings

It was agreed at the recent meeting to adhere to the current schedule for Town Council meetings, namely: the last Tuesday of every month for the Full Council (except in November, December and January, for precept preparation and agreement); the second Tuesday in the month for Planning Committee meetings; the second Wednesday in the month for Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings; other committees and working groups to be agreed when necessary.

Committee and working group meetings are to be held at the Hub and Full Council meetings to be held in various locations across the parish; all meetings to commence at 6.30pm.

D-Day Commemoration Event, 6th June 2024



In conjunction with Bingley Remembrance Group, the Town Council arranged the D-Day event on 6th June in Market Square to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day anniversary.

This included local cadets, sea scouts and a military marching band; the event commenced at 8.30pm, with the Lord Lieutenant reading the official proclamation and lighting the beacon at 9.15pm.

It was a very well attended event with over 400 people in attendance.



Potential TROs in the Ward

At the recent Full Council meeting, Bingley Town Council noted a proposed Shipley Area Wide Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 2023-24 – a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a legal order, which allows Bradford Council to regulate the speed, movement and parking of vehicles and regulate pedestrian movement, which are enforceable by law.

You can find details of proposed TROs from Bradford Council on their website

here: <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/highways/traffic-regulation-order/>

Council Meetings

- Events, Marketing and Communications Committee (EMACC) meeting – Wednesday 19th June 2024 – The Hub @ 6.30pm
- Full Council meeting – Tuesday 25th June 2024 – Bingley Baptist Church @ 6:30pm
- Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday 9th July 2024 – The Hub @ 6:30pm
- Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting – Wednesday 10th July 2024 – The Hub @ 6:30pm