

Bingley Town Council mailing no. 31

Dear resident

As we reach the end of this initial three-year term of the Town Council, we would like to thank all volunteers, those who've served on committees and those from other authorities – Bradford Council, the police and fire services – and voluntary sector organisations with whom the Town Council has built relationships and worked for the benefit of Bingley.

There is a reminder about the election below, including how to ensure you're registered to vote which you must do by 12th April. And there's still *just* time to submit your nomination forms to become a Bingley Town Councillor by the deadline of 4pm on 3rd April! Please do take the opportunity to vote for your local candidates to ensure that the new council has a full complement of councillors with a mandate from their community.

We give details below of a consultation from Bradford Council about provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities. And we have the first of our new season of markets this Saturday, 6th April, and continue with our well-supported community litter picks on Saturday 27th.

Picture below: Spring planting in the market square by Bingley Bloomers, Five Rise Frocks WI



Town Council election, Thursday 2nd May

A formal notice of election was received from Bradford Council on 26th March and has been placed on our website and Facebook page.

1. Forms of nomination for Parish Elections may be obtained from Clerks to Parish Councils or Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY from the Returning Officer who will, at the request of an elector for any electoral area prepare a nomination paper for signature.
2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY on any day from the date of this notice but no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 3rd April 2019.
3. If any election is contested, the poll will take place on Thursday, 2nd May 2019.
4. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY by midnight on Friday, 12th April 2019. Applications can be made online at **[gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)**.
5. Applications, amendments or cancellations of postal votes and amendments or cancellations of proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY by 5pm on Monday, 15th April 2019.
6. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY by 5pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019.
7. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at Electoral Services, 3rd Floor, City Hall, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HY by 5pm on Thursday, 2nd May 2019. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Wednesday, 24th April 2019.

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Returning Officer

All queries about the elections are to be directed to Electoral Services at Bradford Council. The newly-elected councillors will meet for the first time for the Annual Meeting of the Council on 14th May.



Markets in 2019

Our new flyers and posters are now out promoting the 2019 season of Bingley monthly markets, the first of which takes place this Saturday, 6th April. The markets will provide a range of high-class stalls selling a variety of produce, including some exciting new food stalls, as well as entertainment.

The market will take place on the first Saturday of the month, i.e. 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

Office/toilets conversion project

At the full Council meeting on 26th March, Councillors agreed the terms of the Community Asset Transfer of the toilet block from Bradford Council to the Town Council. The agreement is in the form of a 99-year lease on a peppercorn rent and a 3-month termination clause. Once the document has been signed by both parties, the Town Council will assume responsibility for the site.

No comments were received from members of the public as a result of the recent consultation on some proposed minor amendments to the conversion of the toilet block (revised windows and provision of a movable partition). As a result, the planning application has now been submitted to Bradford Council by project managers Bowman Riley. The outcome of the application is expected in 8-12 weeks' time.



Fire station – services and recruitment

In response to issues raised by residents, the Council wrote recently to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service asking for information about the service provided by Bingley Fire Station. There had been concerns about reports that Bingley fire crews were being used to respond to emergencies in other areas, potentially to the detriment of the town.

Information provided by District Commander Bush noted that there were currently three Retained Duty System (RDS) fire stations in the Wharfe Valley, at Otley, Ilkley and Silsden, which operate with ‘on-call’ firefighters. He confirmed that the service does utilise Bingley’s fire engine occasionally to assist with Wharfe Valley fire cover along with other fire engines mainly from Bradford and Leeds. However, this is not done without ensuring that the areas where the fire engines are coming from themselves have adequate fire cover.

The service is currently working hard on recruitment and has asked the council to promote its recruitment campaign. “Being a Retained firefighter is an exciting opportunity for both men and women to learn many new skills and help serve the community where they live and work. For further details on the role and how to apply, please visit our website at www.westyorksfire.gov.uk/roles/on-call-firefighter.”

SEND Sufficiency Consultation

Bradford Council is currently undertaking a consultation on a proposed

development of specialist places for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) across the District

The Local Authority has a statutory duty to keep under review the provision it makes for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) whilst also ensuring there are sufficient specialist places available to meet the needs of the growing SEND population. Bradford has experienced a significant increase in demand for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision in the last 10 years. It is projected that the demand for SEND provision in Bradford will continue to grow and it has been identified that additional specialist places across all sectors in the Bradford District are required

Bradford Council is seeking the views of all stakeholders and interested parties on the development of an additional 354 specialist places to be delivered within the Bradford District. All parties are asked to take a few minutes to answer a short questionnaire by following this link;

<https://surveys.bradford.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=155257901249>

A paper copy of the questionnaire or any of the documents can be obtained by ringing 01274 438260 or emailing SENDPlacesConsultation@bradford.gov.uk

Public consultation meetings are being held on the dates below:

- Tuesday 9th April: 17:30 – 19:00 Margaret McMillan Tower, Bradford BD1 1NN
- Tuesday 9th April: 10:00 – 11:30 Keighley Library Annexe, Spencer Street, Keighley BD21 2BN

The deadline for responses is Thursday 11th April. Further information is on Bradford Council's website:

<https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=187>

Picture below: Helpers at the litter pick by 3 Rise Locks on 23rd March



Dates for your diary:

Community Litter Pick – Saturday 27th April, Bingley town centre location, details tba

The next meetings of the Town Council are at 6.30pm on:

Tuesday 30th April 2019, Bingley Scout Hut, Sycamore Avenue, Bingley

Tuesday 14th May (Annual Meeting of the Council), Cardigan House, Ferncliffe Road
Bingley

You can see all our meeting dates in the calendar of the Events section of our website, and a full listing is available as a separate document, updated weekly, in the Documents section of the site.

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With best wishes,

Bingley Town Council

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Bingley, BD16 1AL**

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