

Bracknell Town Council
Strategy and Finance Meeting
5th November 2019

- Present:** Cllrs Jennie Green and **Chris Turrell**
- Apologies:** Cllrs Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Isabel Mattick, Sanjeev Prasad, Malcolm Tullett
- Substitutes:** Cllrs Roger Meakes, David Roberts, Mary Temperton
- In Attendance:** Jackie Burgess – TC, Rachel Gordge – CA

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 9.05pm

1224 Declarations of Interest

Mary Temperton – Twinning Grant on Item 12 - Grants

1225 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd September 2019 were scrutinised and the minutes were agreed and accepted as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

1226 Matters arising out of the minutes

1151 Great Hollands – Tree Officers are liaising with the RFM and Town Clerk in order to provide layouts and plans for the additional parking which will be brought to Strategy and Finance in January. Lighting has been added to the GH car park and pathway.

2507 Birch Hill Toilets – The Town Clerk has requested copy invoices of the utility bills for the toilets as they are currently paid as an amalgamation of three sites. This will allow for a clear cost of each site. Cllr Meakes noticed that the toilets were closed during the week therefore the Town Clerk will check if there is a reason they were not open. A decision for rates for Public Toilets is still pending.

1154 Electronic Banking – Lloyds Bank have approved the request for BTC to move to electronic banking. The Internal Auditor will be assessing the information and then the details will be brought to Strategy and Finance in January for approval.

1227 Health and Safety

An update was given on the progress of the Health and Safety Working Group. Policies are still being assessed. The cross country competition was discussed as there were safety concerns about the surface water on the cricket pitch at Great Hollands. Meetings between the event organisers and the RFM will continue to assess the ground running up to the event.

1228 Budget Monitoring Group

The Chair of the Budget Monitoring Group gave an update from the meeting held on 8th October 2019. The group have postponed their idea of paperless meetings due to the members not having the adequate electrical equipment.

1229 CIL Working Group

No formal CIL requests have been received as yet. The Town Clerk advised the Committee that two requests will be brought to the next Strategy and Finance meeting in January regarding water fountains and recycling.

1230 Community Events Working Group

An update on the recent Community Working Group meeting was given. Merchant Navy Day will be an annual event. The venue of the VE Day celebration may be moved to Garth Hill College which allows for the event to take place regardless of the weather in a central location close to town. Further actions have been delegated to the Working Group.

1231 Carbon Footprint Working Group

The Carbon Footprint Reduction Policy was reviewed by the Committee. It was recommended that this policy be taken to Full Council on 3rd December 2019 for ratification. The electric vehicle charging points in BTC parks were discussed. Cllrs requested that everyone has the opportunity to meet onsite when they are discussed.

After Meeting Note

The Town Clerk rechecked the figures for the baseline and the word million should not have been included. The baseline now reads:

Baseline

In 2017, Bracknell Town Council has a carbon footprint of 176 tonnes (metric) CO2. This is composed of energy (60%), vehicles (31.7%), tools (3.3%) and water (5%). We used a total of 8505 cubic metres of water. We paid £77,056 in electricity (£15,009), gas (£14,859), water (£26,129) and fuel (£21,059) bills in 2017/18.

1232 Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan

An update was given on the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan has been reconfigured and sent to the external examiner. The timing of the consultation could be affected by the upcoming elections. A further update will be presented at the next meeting.

1233 Annual Grants

The Annual Grant applications were assessed and the following will be recommended to Full Council:

Applicant	Requested	Granted
4 th Bracknell Sea Scout Group	£1000	£950
Autism Berkshire	£1000	£1000
Bracknell Executive Job Club Ltd TA Careers Springboard Bracknell	£1200	£1200
Bracknell Forest Natural History	£200	£200
Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre	£1200	£1200
Berkshire Vision	£1000	£750
Bracknell & District Parkinson's Branch	£500	£500
The Bracknell Forest Society	£200	£200
Bracknell Forest Voluntary Car Service	£3000	£3000

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Bracknell Sensory Toy Library	£500	More details requested
Bracknell Twinning Association	£300	£300
CAB	£7300	£6500
Cruse	£1000	£1000
Home Start	£3600	£3600
Keep Mobile Country Tours	£1985	£500
KIDS Bracknell Holiday Club and After School Club	£500	0
South East Berks Gang Show	£200	£200
Strongest Voices – Ghurka Veterans of Bracknell & Sandhurst	£2640	0
St Pauls Contact Centre	£1000	£1000
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	£1000	£1000
The Look In Café	£2000	£2000
WJSC	£1800	£1500
Youthline	£5000	£5000

1234 TV Grants

The five varied options for the future of the BTC TV Grant scheme were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Chris Turrell to keep the TV Grants as it is for 65 to 74 year olds and people with a permanent disability whilst we await any changes to the proposal for June 2020. This was seconded by Cllr Roger Meakes. AGREED

1235 Jealotts Hill Landshare

An update was given on the partners of the Jealotts Hill Landshare. SILVA Homes have decided to continue their funding of the project until 2021 to allow the landshare to become an entity in its own right. This will enable the landshare to apply for grants for funding enabling them to continue their work.

1236 War Memorial

Contractors have been arranged by BFC to clean the memorial before the Remembrance Parade.

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1237 Proposed Changes to Sub Tenant Lease at Brooke House

Kite Griffin is asking for some changes to be made to their lease at Brooke House. The lease was discussed and the Town Clerk was requested to bring additional information to Full Council to allow a decision to on the changes to be made.

Signed..... Date.....