



Bracknell Town Council

Full Council Meeting 8th December 2020

Attendance

Councillors Present	Paul Bidwell, Alvin Finch, Stuart Foston, Michael Gbadebo, Lizzy Gibson, Mike Gibson, Jennie Green, Diana Henfrey, Peter Heydon, Anna Kempster, Ian Kirke, Isabel Mattick, Ash Merry, Kathryn Neil, Thomas Parker, Sanjeev Prasad, David Roberts, Michael Skinner, Mary Temperton, Michael Titheridge, Malcolm Tullett, Danielle Turner, Chris Turrell
Councillors Apologies	Gill Birch
Councillors Absent	Marc Brunel-Walker, Paul Byron
In Attendance	Jackie Burgess (TC), Allan Moffat (RFM), Rachel Gordge (SAO), members of the public, member of the press

Bruce McKenzie-Boyle gave a presentation on South Hill Park Arts Centre. The impact of Covid-19 on the centre was relayed and the workarounds that have been put into place were discussed including online content. The centre is fundraising and seeking grants from Parish Councils in order to help the centre run. Some questions were asked and answered by Craig Titley and Jessica Jhundoo-Evans. The safety precautions put into place for the re-opening of the centre was commended by Councillors.

The meeting opened on Zoom at 7.33pm and closed at 9.07pm

FC1241	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest
FC1242	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting on 22nd September 2020 were proposed by Councillor Michael Titheridge and seconded by Councillor Chris Turrell. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.
FC1243	To Consider any Business Arising out of the Minutes
	FC1169 Jealotts Hill Land Share – It was NOTED that there are currently no further updates FC1125 Boundary Review – The Boundary Commission report was received on the day of the meeting. A meeting of the Boundary Review Working Group will be organised to assess the report
FC1244	Mayor's Announcements
	The Town Mayor Councillor Michael Titheridge gave an update on his recent activities. The Mayor has taken part in the BTC Remembrance video, attended a Twinning meeting and has attended a multi-faith event. The Mayor reminded Councillors to put forward nominations for awards being given out by BFC and the High Sheriff's Office. Councillors praised the Mayor for getting out to events during such a hard year and to all those involved in the Remembrance event



	Committee Reports
FC1245	Planning Committee
	Councillor Alvin Finch introduced the reports of the meetings held on 22 nd September, 13 th October and 5 th November 2020. This was seconded by Councillor Michael Titheridge. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted.
FC1246	Staffing Committee
	Councillor Chris Turrell introduced the reports of the meeting held on 10 th November 2020. This was seconded by Councillor Ian Kirke. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted
FC1247	Environmental Services Committee
	Councillor Malcolm Tullett introduced the reports of the meeting held on 27 th October 2020. This was seconded by Councillor Mary Temperton. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted. ES1187 - No details of the cygnet autopsies have been received and this will be chased
FC1248	Strategy and Finance Committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation for a £10,000 budget from CIL funds for an island expansion at North Lake was APPROVED • The Annual CIL Return was NOTED • BTC received a clean External Audit for 2019/2020 (AGAR) and this was NOTED Thanks to the Town Clerk, Jackie Burgess and Serina Casella • Councillor Chris Turrell introduced the report of the meeting held on 10th November 2020. This was seconded by Councillor Paul Bidwell. It was RESOLVED that the recommendations contained therein are received and adopted
FC1249	Bracknell Town Neighbourhood Plan (BTNP)
	The leader of the Council gave an update on the BTNP. The plan is being passed to BFC for their work to be done before the May referendum in 2021
FC1250	Community Events Working Group
	It was recommended by the Community Events Working Group that BTC take ownership of the Remembrance event from 2021 with a £2000 reserve budget. A vote took place, and the recommendation was APPROVED
FC1251	Mill Park Improvements Working Group
	The amended Terms of Reference for the Mill Park Improvements Working Group were recommended and APPROVED
FC1252	Councillor Resignation
	The resignation of Roger Meakes for Great Hollands South and the calling of a by-election on 6 th May 2021 was NOTED
FC1253	Grant Applications
	The Grant applications recommended by the Grants Working Group and Strategy and Finance Committee were proposed en bloc by Councillor Chris Turrell. This was seconded



	by Councillor Isabel Mattick APPROVED
FC1254	TV Licence Grant
	<p>Due to the uncertainty of the changes to the BBC TV licence earlier in 2020, Bracknell Town Council sought legal advice and the Strategy and Finance Committee have recommended changes to the BTC TV Licence Grant Scheme to abide by the Equality Act 2010. It was proposed that from 1st January 2021 the criteria for receiving a TV Grant of £30 will change to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be of state pension age (proof of age will be required) • Be in receipt of pension credit (proof of entitlement will be required, recipients receive a letter every year) • Have lived in Bracknell for at least one year (utility bill/bank statement will be required) • AND NOT in receipt of a free TV licence or a blind (severely sight impaired) 50% concession • To allow for a fair cross over to the new scheme if you received the grant in 2019/20 but are no longer eligible, the grant will be paid for 2021 • BTC will honour any applications made from 1st August 2020 to 31st December 2020 and was refused due to their age • The scheme will continue for anyone receiving Full Disability Allowance but when they reach State Pension age, they will need to be in receipt of Pension Credit to remain eligible • As from January 2022 the new criteria will apply to all • A 6-month review will take place in order to assess real-time numbers of applicants • A leaflet will be given to applicants who are no longer eligible stating the requirements for claiming Pension Credit and the process for applying • Due to the Disability Allowance being changed by the Government in the near future, this will be monitored by the Town Clerk with the help of Councillor Lizzy Gibson <p>The above proposal was recommended by Councillor Chris Turrell and seconded by Councillor Jennie Green APPROVED</p> <p>It was requested that the checking account for the TV Grants is to be closed to save the Council £15 per month in fees as he payments are now made online. Any residents without online banking can be sent cheques in the post from the main account if required APPROVED</p>
FC1255	Engineer Project
	<p>Councillor Sanjeev Prasad presented his Engineer Project for November 2021 to Council. The project is to inspire and engage with future engineers as there is a huge demand in the UK but currently a low supply of engineers. The opportunity is to hold a one day event to allow businesses to offer apprenticeships and information to students considering a future in engineering. Councillors were in support of the project and Councillor Prasad will provide an update to Council in February as it develops following the key stakeholder meeting NOTED</p>
FC1256	Received Income Transactions
	<p>The received income transactions for the period 1st September to 30th November 2020 inclusive were NOTED</p>



FC1257	Paid Expenditure Transactions
	It was proposed by Councillor Chris Turrell that the Mayor be authorised to sign the paid expenditure transactions for the period 1 st September 2020 to 30 th November 2020 inclusive. This was seconded by Councillor Sanjeev Prasad APPROVED
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FC1258	South Hill Park Arts Trust
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Malcolm Tullett gave an update from the SHP Quarterly Meeting which was also attended by the Town Clerk. The Trust have received loans and grants to cover lost income due to the pandemic. All staff are back from furlough and no redundancies have been made. Councillor Tullett advised that he is stepping down from being the BTC Representative at the SHP Quarterly Meetings. It was proposed by Councillor Sanjeev Prasad that Councillor Dai Roberts take over the position. This was seconded by Councillor Mike Gibson. Councillor Paul Bidwell proposed himself as the new representative and this was seconded by Councillor Mary Temperton. A vote took place and 72% voted for Councillor Dai Roberts to become the new representative for the SHP Quarterly Meetings APPROVED• An emergency Grant Application from South Hill Park was submitted for £500. The grant application was proposed by Councillor Isabel Mattick and seconded by Councillor Michael Gbadebo. A vote took place and 67% of Councillors voted for the grant to be given APPROVED

The next meeting is 16th February 2021 at 7.30pm

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