

MINUTES OF BRADFORD TRIDENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 22nd September 2025, 6:00pm
At the West Bowling Centre

Present:

Councillor Sadaqat Ali Khan	-	Melbourne & Chair
Councillor Javed Khan	-	Holme Top
Councillor Mohammed Boota	-	Parkside
Councillor Shahzada Meer	-	Ripley
Councillor Imran Younas	-	Marshfields
Councillor Peter Tate	-	Ripley
Councillor Satnam Singh	-	Woodroyd

In attendance:

Mohammed Rafiq	-	Clerk
Councillor Taj Salaam	-	Ward Councillor

Public Session:

There were no members of the Public present

1. To receive Chair's Welcome

Councillor Sadaqat Ali Khan chaired the meeting and welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Niaz Hussian Ali	-	Parkside
Councillor Habib Afsar	-	Woodroyd

The clerk explained that all the above Cllrs have sent in their apologies.

Resolved – All the apologies were received and accepted by the Council.

3. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interest from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.

Councillor Javed Khan and the Clerk declared an Interest in item 12

4. To approve the minutes of the 4th August 2025 as a true and accurate record

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Mohammed Boota and Seconded by Councillor Shahzada Meer.

Resolved – The minutes were approved as a true record.

5. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

None

6. To Receive Feedback from Ward Councillors

- Councillor Taj Salaam the ward Councillor provided feedback on various issues affecting residents of the Community Council Wards. The issues were:
 - Current ongoing issues.
 - BMDC increased borrowing debt by 193 million, 13,500 per head, if council didn't borrow money would have to initiate special measures. Central government has not come forward with promises. Cuts to be implemented, worrying time for frontline services.
 - Voluntary and Youth Services have played a major role in Bradford and face cuts under current council regime.
 - Massive rise of fireworks being set off at stupid times, Fireworks and Performance cars causing problems. ASB, fireworks, drugs go hand in hand.
 - Patriotism portrayal as a mask for racism. Causing Animosity between communities
 - Fly Tipping on rise.
 - Soft drugs problem, weeds, balloons dangerous chemicals, lasting affects cause PTSD
- Councillor Salaam ended his reports saying we need to be dealing with the issues head on.

7. To receive Finance report from RFO

The Finance officer presented a report and advised the Council that the Bank Balance at the end of August was £23,024.61 with a net Balance of £21,558.61. The Clerk stressed that unless an agreement was reached with Bradford Trident the council will have limited funds to operate on by March 2027.

Resolved – The report was received by the Council and it was agreed that the clerk will arrange a meeting between The Cair of Bradford Trident Ltd and The chair of the community Council along with the CEO of Bradford Trident Ltd and the clerk being present.

8. To receive External Auditors report

The Finance officer presented the External Auditors report. The report drew the following matter to the attention of the Council.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR: • Section 2, Box 8 for both years does not agree to the bank reconciliation. They should read £29,623 (prior year column) and £24,449 (current year column).

Information received from the smaller authority indicates £225 of cancelled cheques have been included as income in Section 2, Box 3. These items should have been netted off from the relevant expenditure rather than shown as income. Box 3 for the current year should therefore read £15,273, with a corresponding total reduction of £225 in Boxes 4, 5 and/or 6, depending on the nature of the original payments

In the completion of the Annual Internal Audit Report, and their detailed report, the internal auditor has drawn attention to weaknesses in relation to Internal Control Objective G. The smaller authority must ensure that action is taken to address these areas of weakness in a timely manner.

Resolved – The Council received the report as this was for information.

9. To Discuss Correspondence received

- Office Elite Limited

The clerk explained we had received a letter from our Internal Auditors who would like us to sign up with a 3 year contract at an agreed price £175 per year with an increase of 3% per year plus 50p per mile travel if required.

Resolved: After Discussion it was resolved that we appoint Office Elite Limited as our auditors.

- Keighley Area Coordinators Office

The clerk informed the Council that we had received a letter from the Keighley Area Coordinators Office asking that further to discussion at the Bradford Councils Liaison Group meeting would the council like to nominate anyone onto the negotiating team for the review of the Planning Protocol.

Resolved: It was resolved that unfortunately due to work commitments of the councillors they were unable to take part on the negotiating team.

10. To consider planning applications received

- 29 Dickens Street Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 8AR
- 34 Silverdale Road Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 8DR
- 87 Baxandall Street Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 7BN
- 13 And 15 Reginald Street Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 9NA
- 10 Melbourne Place Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 0JA
- 6 Newberry Close Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 7LU
- 19 Ophelia Close Bradford West Yorkshire BD5 7LG

Resolved – there were no objections to the above applications and they were approved subject to the neighbours' approval.

11. To consider the following payments for approval

Resolved – The Council approved payment of the following accounts paid under the Clerk's delegated authority since the last meeting.

- Parkside Together - £250.00
- West Bowling Islamic Society - £200.00
- MAPA Bradford - £500.00
- Payment for meeting costs and Postage - £72.13

12. To Discuss and Assess Small Grants Scheme Applications

The clerk advised the Council had received 2 applications from the following organisations:

- **Sports Sisterhood**
This application was requesting Funds to run Activities for New Communities.

Resolved: The Council declined the application for the following reasons:

- There was no indication as to where the activities were taking place
- There was no indication as to how the project would be funded as the funds requested did not cover the total cost.
- The documents requested in the application form were not provided.

- **West Bowling Community Advice and Training Centre**
This project was requesting funds to hold a Multi Cultural Social event for ladies to raise awareness of the services available to them.

Councillor Javed Khan and the Clerk declared an Interest in this item.

Resolved: The Council approved the application for £500.00 subject to conditions.

Meeting Closed 8:00pm