



Annual Report 2015/2016

Bradley Stoke Community Festival 03 – 05 June 2016

Friday 03 June

- Picnic in the Park 10.30am – 2.00pm – Jubilee Centre (including Prof Panic's Circus Skills, Bouncy Castle, WI Coffee & Cakes, Community Stalls)

Saturday 04 June

- Main Festival: 11.30am – 6.00pm – Jubilee Centre (including a varied programme of music, dance and demonstrations throughout the day, plus a vast array of stalls, sideshows and activities for all the family)
- Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club Football Tournament – Jubilee Centre

Sunday 05 June

- 10K multi terrain race (organised by the Sole Sisters) starts at 09.30 a.m. – Jubilee Centre
- Combined Church Service starting at 10.30am – Baileys Court Activity Centre
- Skate Park Competition (all day) – Skate Park
- Bradley Stoke Cricket Club's 25th Anniversary event starting at 12 noon – Baileys Court Activity Centre
- Bradley Stoke Bowls Club roll up demonstration/match – Baileys Court Activity Centre



Annual Town Meeting Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 7.00pm

Oak Hall
The Jubilee Centre
Savages Wood Road
Bradley Stoke
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Bradley Stoke Town Council will work to promote and develop interests and diversity of this vibrant community

View from the Chair



This year one of the main discussion points seems to be the work currently being undertaken in the Town regarding the forthcoming Rapid Transport system and the level of inconvenience that this is causing to the traffic flow. This has generated much debate. Unfortunately this is likely to increase considerably when work starts in earnest down Bradley Stoke Way. My own personal view is that it is a pity we could not have foreseen this some 30 years ago and put in the infrastructure when Bradley Stoke was in the process of being built. However as the saying goes 'we are where we are' so let's hope that when eventually this is completed that the system will be well used.

The new junior school attached to Bradley Stoke Community School was completed and I was honoured to open this in September. Having looked around it, I am immensely impressed at the range of facilities, the excellent build, and the superb location. Surely a school every junior in Bradley Stoke would like to attend.

The new Skatepark is virtually complete. I cut the first turf in January with a group of Councillors, local young people, and Council staff and am amazed at the rapid progress in building this. We were very lucky in receiving a grant of £200,000 from South Gloucestershire Council last year towards this construction – if we had applied this year, we may not have been so lucky.

The Town Council have however needed to increase the Precept for the current year. This will be the first time in 6 years we have had to increase the Precept and this will be in line with virtually all other councils both Parish and District.

During the previous 6 years while other Parishes were increasing their charges, we, in the face of inflation and other rising costs, maintained our Precept at a zero percent increase (a decrease in real terms). I will say however that this increase will have a very minimal effect on the actual amount you pay.

On a personal note I believe I have represented the Town very well this year. After opening the Bradley Stoke Community Festival, I gave out prizes for the Bed Race, was interviewed by Bradley Stoke Radio and organised the Mayor's Cricket eleven. At the Carnival I accompanied the Chair of South Gloucestershire Council, Councillor Erica Williams, in the parade, led by the superb City of Bristol Pipes and Drums and gave out prizes to several organisations and in November I attended the popular Fireworks display- a major source of income for the Mayor's Charities. All these events are financed by the Town Council and are entirely free to local residents.

Additionally in September I joined members of Bradley Stoke Conservation Group in their celebratory picnic down by the lake, and in November I laid the wreath for Bradley Stoke Town Council on Remembrance Day at the Willow brook. More recently I have attended the re-opening of the Hollow Tree pub and eatery and the SG Chinese Association's celebratory Chinese new year meal. It is good to see that there is so much going on in Bradley Stoke and the surrounding area.

Finally I must thank the Council staff whose efforts throughout the year make much of this possible.

Councillor Roger Avenin
Mayor of Bradley Stoke.

Mayor's Charity

As it is customary for the Mayor to choose the charities for the year, I picked two out of hundreds of many deserving causes that ask for our support:-



Age UK South Gloucestershire Branch

This charity assists many elderly people with a range of activities. I know my own mother benefitted enormously from their assistance on the issue of finance i.e. what she should be paying full whack for, what she should not be paying for etc. and this made a significant difference. Additionally she had, for a small fee, an emergency press button device that called for help in the event of an accident or similar. This was an enormous relief to other members of the family as she was living alone in her late 90's at the time. This in my view is a well deserving charity.



Bristol and District Branch
Registered charity number 205858

RSPCA Bristol & District Branch

I have long been aware of the excellent work they do for abandoned and mistreated animals and have visited the Dogs & Cats home on several occasions. Some 20 years ago we received a Yorkshire terrier from the home which eventually went to live with my mother. This dog was her constant companion for well over 10 years sadly passing away at the age of about 18. It is so sad to see all these neglected and abandoned animals and I would urge anyone to discover the joys and pleasure in rehoming a rescued animal.

The major fund raising events for these charities are the Community Festival in June and the Firework Display in November. I am pleased to say that this year we have raised a massive £7,275.30 which will be divided 50/50 between the two charities.

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Report 2015/16

It has been my honour to serve as chair of the Leisure Youth and Amenities (LYA) Committee again this year. Provision of youth services in Bradley Stoke continues to be strengthened with grant funding for our own Youth Participation & Development Worker, Graham Baker. Graham, a professional youth worker strategically leads on current and evolving projects, including youth democracy work, skate park implementation, fundraising and the development work for the creation of a local Youth Development Trust.

The new skate park, which will be opening soon is set to become a new landmark for the Youth of Bradley Stoke, I would like to thank everyone involved on the project for their dedication in making this happen. The third annual Bradley Stoke Carnival was held and was a great success, organised by the carnival committee and included, the parade, a variety of stalls, a vintage red bus giving tours around the town and the funfair on the Green.

Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group runs monthly workdays and has a strong core membership of local Bradley Stoke residents.

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre held the first Active Triathlon event in August, one of the first community based traffic free triathlon events in South Gloucestershire.

Friends of Jubilee Green are always on the lookout for enhancements to the Jubilee Green area to provide a stimulating setting for play and to enhance the existing facilities on site. The installation of the wooden goal posts have already been completed and they are now investigating a pond restoration project on site. The group are involved with the Community Festival Pre-School Picnic and last year provided a treasure hunt and other activities with over 120 children taking part. Upcoming events for 2016 include a Mother's Day Craft event and Easter event.

Bradley Stoke in Bloom have been busy around the town and now look after the planters in the town square. After reviewing the provision of physical activity in Bradley Stoke, we are looking to obtain grant funding for installing a range of leisure equipment for public use on the Jubilee Green.

Each year Bradley Stoke community groups keep growing and as a council we can offer support. We do this by offering information and help with the start up or support grants. Over the last 12 months we have made the following grants:

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee Payments 2015/16

| GRANT AID | £ |
|---|----------------|
| Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Team | 500.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Community Singers | 450.00 |
| Young at Heart Club | 500.00 |
| Sole Sisters | 500.00 |
| Friends of Jubilee Green | 303.00 |
| Willowbrook Townswomen's Guild | 500.00 |
| Indian Arts and Culture Group South Gloucestershire | 500.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Twinning Association | 500.00 |
| West of England MS Therapy Centre | 500.00 |
| South Gloucestershire Asian Project | 500.00 |
| Sticky Fingers Group | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | 5253.00 |

| LARGER GRANT AID | £ |
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| Four Towns Playscheme | 5,500.00 |

| YOUTH GRANT AID | £ |
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| Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Team | 475.00 |
| Five Stokes & Patchway Assemblies Team | 500.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club | 500.00 |
| Creation Twirlers | 300.00 |
| 2nd Bradley Stoke Rainbows | 500.00 |
| 2nd Stoke Lodge Brownies | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | 2,775.00 |

| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID | £ |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bradley Stoke Carnival | 4,000.00 |
| Friends of Jubilee Green | 944.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Radio Ltd | 4,000.00 |
| TOTAL | 8,944.00 |

| SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS | £ |
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| Bouncing Babies | 1,700.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Youth Cricket Club | 3,500.00 |
| Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club | 2,300.00 |
| Christ the King Youth Group | 1,600.00 |
| Four Towns Transport | 2,404.24 |
| Patchway, Filton and Stokes Volunteer Centre | 1,158.84 |
| SG Chinese Association | 1,764.37 |
| South West Winterguard Academy - Youth | 1,850.00 |
| Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group | 2,000.00 |
| Victim Support | 848.19 |
| TOTAL | 19,125.64 |

One of the continuing aims of the committee is to include in our discussions representatives of community groups and other organisations. Some we have heard from during the year are: users of the skate park, Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group, Friends of Jubilee Green, South West Winterguard Academy, Bradley Stoke Radio, Bradley Stoke Carnival, Willowbrook Townswomen's Guild, and several of Bradley Stokes sporting clubs. I would like to record my appreciation to all that attended for their time and effort and for the work they do in our community.

Thank you to the members of the committee, council officers and all who have contributed for their support and hard work in the past year.

Councillor Paul Hardwick, Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee.

Attendance for BSTC Councillors

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| | | Full Council | Finance | Leisure, Youth & Amenities | Planning & Environment | C May | C Jun (Extra meeting) | C Jul | C Sept | C Nov | C Jan | C Mar | F June | F Aug | F Oct | F Dec | F Feb | F MAY | P Jun | P Jul | P Aug | P Sept | P Oct | P Nov | P Dec | P Jan | P Feb | P Mar | L Jun | L Aug | L Oct | L Dec | L Feb | |
| Aditya | Tom | C | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ashe ^^ | John | C | | | | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Avenin ^^ | Roger | C | - | - | - | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | | o | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | | ✓ | o | | ✓ | | ✓ | o | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | |
| Cranney ^^ | Keith | C | | | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | o | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | | o | | | | | | |
| Griffiths | Tony | C | | L | | ✓ | | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | o | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | o | | | |
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| Hardwick | Daniel | C | F | L | P | ✓ | ✓ | | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | | | ✓ | ✓ | o | o | | | | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | |
| Hardwick | Elaine | C | - | - | - | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | o | o | o | ✓ | ✓ | o | o | | ✓ | ✓ | o | o | | | | ✓ | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | o | |
| Hardwick ^^ | Paul | C | F | L | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Hopkinson ^^ | Brian | C | F | L | P | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | | | |
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| Owusu-Antwi | Franklin | C | F | | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Randles | Benjamin | C | F | L | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ward | Marion | C | | L | P | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Ward | Andy | C | F | L | P | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | o | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

^^ = South Glos Councillor (sometimes otherwise engaged on SGC business)

o = apology submitted

- = ex-officio (Chair & Vice-chair)

shaded areas = councillors not on those committees

Chair of Council - Roger Avenin

Vice-chair of Council - Elaine Hardwick

Chair of Planning & Environment - Andy Ward

Chair of Finance - Ben Randles

Chair of Leisure, Youth & Amenities - Paul Hardwick

Finance Committee Report 2015/16

It has been a great privilege to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee this year.

The Finance Committee is an important committee that meets 6 times a year to deal with the Council's financial matters; most notably to draft the Council's budget.

The Council's financial position is looking very healthy and just as we do every year, we try to plan the budget with a view to a stable future with a 5 year plan. Planning in this way, has allowed us to consider the impact of reduced funding we receive from South Gloucestershire Council. We have taken some tough budgetary decisions this year by raising the precept by 1.5% (£1.70 P/A for the average band D property), ultimately the budget will balance with a small impact to the community.

The build of the new skate park for Bradley Stoke is underway, a significant project for the Council. I would like to take the opportunity to thank officers' involved and particular attention to our Responsible Finance Officer; who has been managing the project from a financial perspective.

Council funding this year has gone to a variety of good causes and community groups. The Council recognises the importance of these organisations, where possible and appropriate has assisted them financially to provide their services to the community.

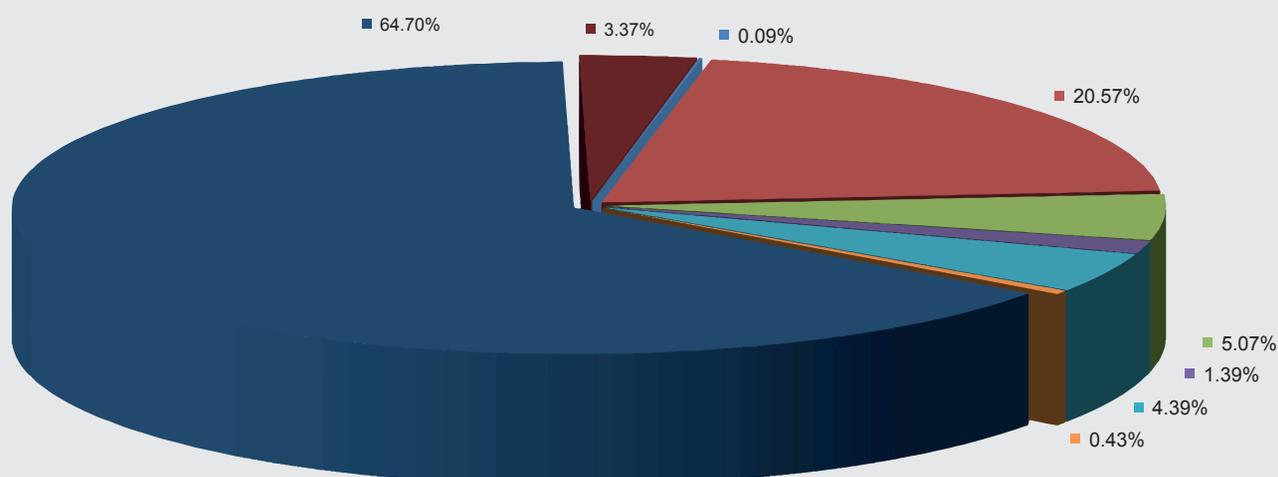
An overview of the Council's financial position can be viewed in the attached charts and graphs and more information about the Council's funding and accounts can be viewed on our website at this address: www.bradleystoke.gov.uk/accounts

I would also like to thank all staff and officers of Bradley Stoke Town Council, as without their commitment to the Council we would not be in the healthy state we are in financially.

Councillor Ben Randles

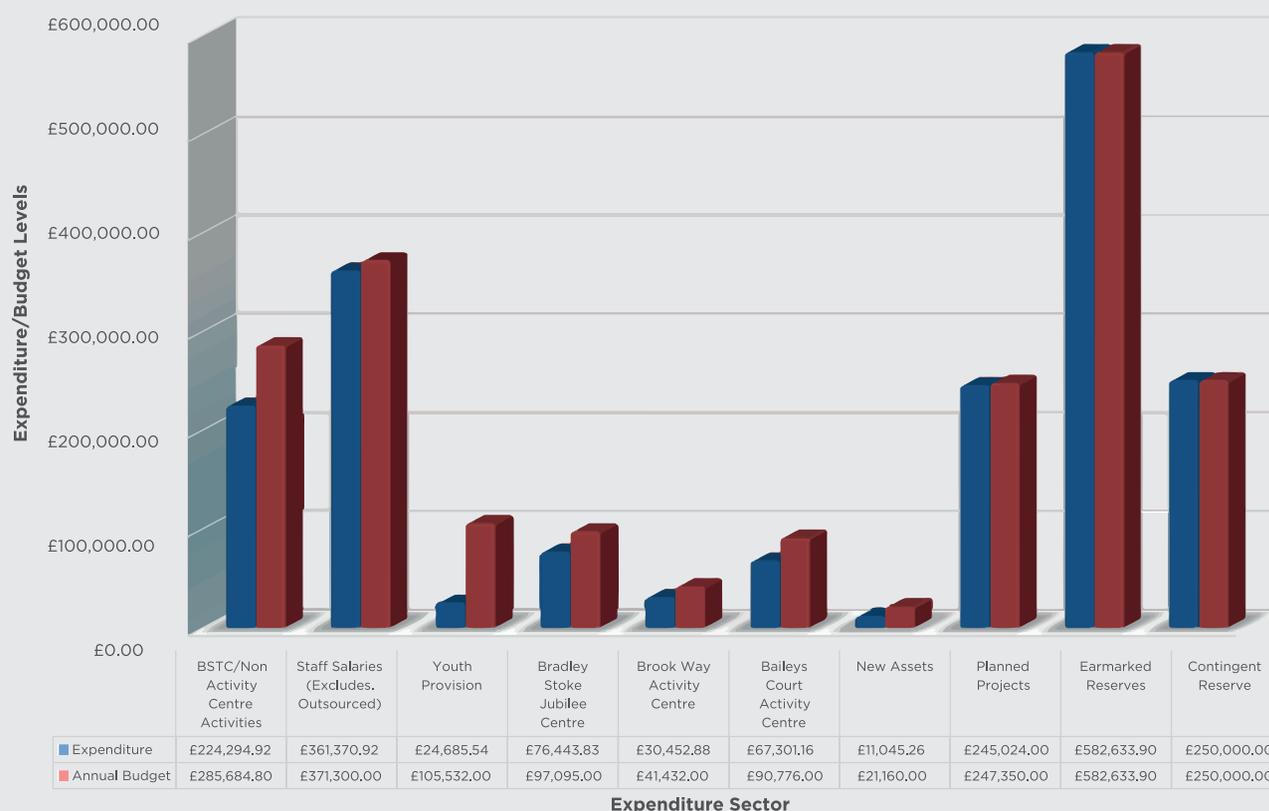
Chair of Finance Committee

2015/16 Income - 29th March 2016



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| ■ BSTC/Non Activity Centre Activities - £1,037.19 | ■ Baileys Court Activity Centre - £52,490.43 |
| ■ Youth & Other External Grant Funding - £245,851.94 | ■ Bank Interest - £5,082.77 |
| ■ Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre + Projector etc. - £60,646.36 | ■ Precept- £773,389.00 |
| ■ Brook Way Activity Centre - £16,600.50 | ■ Local Council Tax Rate Grant- £40,294.00 |

Comparison of Actual 2015/16 Expenditure against Annual Budget - 29th March 2016



The above charts are based upon provisional pre-audit figures which were correct as at 29th March 2016, but exclude final year end invoices, adjustments and accruals. Finalised figures will be available after the audit papers have been produced and these will be placed onto the website by the end of June 2016.

Planning & Environment Committee

Report 2015/16

It's been an honour and a privilege to chair the Planning and Environment Committee for a second year; it's once again proved to have been a busy yet interesting and varied year for the committee, which meets on a monthly basis to consider planning applications affecting the town, as well as environmental issues.

Bradley Stoke has, as I'm sure you will have noticed, been something of a construction site over the last few months. With the ongoing works constructing the MetroBus project, our daily lives have been affected in many ways and, whilst it's not been easy living with the day to day inconvenience caused by the construction works, hopefully the end result of all this work will be an efficient and reliable public transport system and once the new link road is completed as well, a much smoother flow of traffic at peak times through the town.

Trends to extend our homes rather than facing the expense and upheaval of moving have continued and we have seen a significant rise in applications for extensions to residential properties as well as many people taking the opportunity to convert existing space such as their garages to provide further living accommodation.

In addition to the local planning applications, the committee has on occasion in the last twelve months commented on projects in neighbouring parishes that were likely to have an effect on our town and its residents; perhaps the one project that received the most attention locally was the application associated with the new site for the Great Western Air Ambulance and the National Police Air Service just to the north of the town in Almondsbury. Although not statutory consultees as the site was not within Bradley Stoke's boundaries, members of the committee attended and made representation on the town's behalf at the site visits in order to ensure the concerns of our residents were voiced and subsequently met wherever possible.

Once again this year we have seen some fairly major planning applications that will bring employment opportunities to the town and the surrounding areas. New housing developments are beginning to be constructed nearby along with associated new infrastructure which hopefully will benefit our town as a whole. The Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre gymnasium is to be extended and of course the new all singing and dancing (or so I'm told) Skatepark is being constructed as I write and is due to open in late February (weather permitting).

From an Environmental perspective it's really pleasing to see that the committee has seen a significant increase in applications for businesses to install solar panels on their roofs; the advances in solar technology have made it a viable proposition for many companies to reduce their energy consumption and also their carbon footprint by significantly reducing their reliance on less environmentally friendly forms of electricity such as those generated by fossil fuels.

To quantify the work of the planning committee and the role it plays within our Town Council, the committee sits twelve times a year to discuss and comment on planning and environmental issues affecting the town. Its members are tasked with overseeing the development of properties both commercial and residential along with any associated infrastructure works, as well as also overseeing environmental issues affecting the town. The committee also takes an active role in health and safety issues, receiving a quarterly report detailing issues that have arisen of concern within the town, additionally we also comment and make representation where necessary on South Glos Council Street trading consultations for the various traders who operate within our town's boundaries

With the many changes to the way Local Government is both funded and operated and an ongoing trend towards localism and to a certain extent devolution of some unitary authority powers to local Town and Parish councils, the committee has dedicated a large amount of time responding to consultations which will shape the way local government operates in the future. This year we have commented on and completed numerous surveys and consultations including the Policies, Sites & Places Plan, Local Green Space Designation, Review of Anti-Social Behaviour & Community Safety Team, Draft Street Trading Policy & Application Guidelines, Draft Waste Strategy, Joint Spatial Plan, West of England Joint Transport Study to name but a few!

The committee has deliberated and commented on 102 planning applications both large and small, involving simple projects such as a conservatory or a small extension along with much larger works such as the recently opened new primary school as well as consultations from South Glos Council on highway safety measures such as the proposed Zebra crossing on Braydon Avenue, installation of pedestrian crossing Bradley Stoke Way/Patchway Brook roundabout, Aztec West roundabout A38 southbound widening and the proposed 20mph zone in Wheatfield Drive plus some significant major projects such as the aforementioned MetroBus.

None of this could have been achieved without the assistance and input of the Town Council's incredibly professional officers and staff who work tirelessly to ensure the town's best interests are put to the fore in anything the committee may be involved with and I would like to personally thank the team for all the help and support they have afforded me as Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee..

Councillor Andy Ward

Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Youth Work in Bradley Stoke: 2015-16

At the time of writing this annual report, the exciting headline news is that we are nearing completion of the building of the new Skatepark for Bradley Stoke. The timeframe for the build is fairly remarkable as it is only a little over 2 1/2 years since the plot of land was identified and that includes an elongated planning process. Credit must be given to all involved, including, importantly the local young people who have been heavily involved in all stages of the project and during their regular visits to the build site, have stated that they are extremely pleased with how the design has transformed into a reality; they are now eager to ride the park.

In addition, the past year has again generally been a positive one with the continued delivery of a range of other youth work projects and programmes. However, as highlighted in last year's annual plan, times continue to be challenging and South Gloucestershire Council are currently reviewing the future of Positive Activities Subsidy Funding for projects and programmes for work with young people and the allocation and distribution of the funds through the local area forums. Bradley Stoke Town Council though have continued to make some successful funding bids to other grant sources, as well as demonstrating an ongoing commitment through their own core funding of work with young people.

BSTC's continued commitment to youth work has recently been further demonstrated and strengthened by Full Council agreeing to permanently appoint their professionally qualified Youth Development and Participation Worker to continue to strategically lead on the research, development, co-ordination and delivery of a range of youth projects and programmes.

It is therefore continues to be BSTC's intention that all youth projects and programmes should have a strong youth democracy component and enable young people to have a greater say in decision making and in the shaping of youth provision and other local services. As a consequence BSTC aim for young people to feel more valued, have a sense of ownership and become active citizens.

Youth Work projects and programmes 2015-16: During the past year we have delivered a varied programme to young people within the Bradley Stoke area. The projects and programmes have been designed to enable local young people to positively engage in a range of recreational and informal educational opportunities.

In essence the purpose of our youth work programme is to:

- be genuinely participative and for young people to have their voices heard
- provide fun, safe and challenging activities
- enable young people to explore and reflect upon their attitudes,
- provide a chance to develop and learn new skills
- enable them to gain knowledge and information and to make informed choices
- be educative and promote equality of opportunity

Examples of BSTC Youth Work activities:

New Skate Park for Bradley Stoke: Through our local youth work, many local young people initially identified a new skate park as a priority and with the support of the BSTC Youth Development and Participation Worker have continued to be involved at all stages, including planning, design, fundraising, establishing key requirements, meeting with potential contractors, evaluation of tender submissions, detailed discussions to fine tune the final design and recently discussions on what the signage should look like and organising the official opening event for the new park.

During the whole process key decisions have been made by a BSTC skate park working group with local young people, town councillors, the BSTC youth worker and others working closely together in partnership.

Street based session at Jubilee hard courts. This popular session operates from the Jubilee centre hard courts and continues to have good attendance all year round, even in poor weather. Young people actively engage in an informal sporting session and are encouraged to self-organise. However, equally important is the youth work that takes place around the football, including, managing conflict, developing skills, confidence and self-esteem, advice and information work, issue based work, challenging anti-social behaviours, but also other many fun activities, including occasional BBQs (weather permitting). This session also provides important links for young people's engagement with other youth work projects and often leads to small group or one to one support.

Girls & Young Women's night: This project continues to be very popular and operates on a Tuesday evening from the Jubilee Centre. The project provides a young women only space where they can help shape a fun and varied programme, try a wide variety of activities and look at a range of issues and hopefully develop their skills, knowledge and self-confidence. The BSTC youth worker thought it was important to establish a girls space as the majority of young people encountered through local detached youth work, particularly in the winter months, are male. The sessions are run for BSTC by youth and art workers from Make It Mentoring (MIM) and the sessions also help increase young people's engagement with other BSTC youth projects.

Multi Activity and Residential weekends: There was a highly successful and well attended Girls & Young Women's residential camp in the summer holidays (aged 12 to 16). In addition, funding has now been secured to repeat the successful multi activity residential held in 2014/15 as well as plans for other residential weekends as part of our senior member/ young volunteer youth democracy training programmes.

Bradley Stoke Festival & Skate Competition: the 2015 festival was again a very successful piece of Youth Work with local young people actively involved in planning, organising and staffing two long days of activity with the sports of BMX, Skateboards and Scooters brought to the main festival site and a wider audience. In addition, we also introduced Street Art demonstrations and 'have a go' sessions and this was so popular that we have now submitted successful funding bids for follow up Street Art projects.

On the Sunday we held another highly successful and well attended competition at the old Skate Park; the final 'goodbye' competition before the building of the new park. The two days again enabled young people to promote & discuss the development of the new Skate Park to a wider audience and to also break down some intergenerational barriers and challenge some negative stereotypes of young people. Additional funding for the event was gratefully received from the Willow Brook Centre.

Young people's planning meetings: these weekly sessions have continued throughout the year and built on young people's involvement in planning and organising the festival activities and the development of the new skatepark and have created a forum that has greatly informed the shaping of a range of youth projects and developments.

Street based youth work sessions at various locations. This has been an occasional generic street based session taking place at different locations and engaging young people in a range of positive activities, for providing information and supportively signposting young people to other agencies and resources as appropriate. It is planned to continue and increase Street based youth worker sessions with young people at a variety of locations and open spaces, including Bailey's Court, Willow Brook Centre, the Skate Park, Jubilee Centre and other locations.

School based work: assemblies & lunchtime sessions. Occasional whole year assemblies have taken place to promote youth work activities and young people's democratic involvement. Also lunchtime sessions have also taken place in Bradley Stoke Community School to follow up on assemblies and to promote youth work programmes, signpost young people and deliver advice and information work.

Plans and aspirations for the future:

- Continuation and development of the previously mentioned projects, including a strong emphasis on projects where young people having a strong voice
- Complete the build of the new skate park and hold official opening/ launch event
- Continue to explore the development of a local Youth Development Trust or similar model
- Create a local charter for young people
- Explore the development of a youth building

Getting involved. If you are a young person living in Bradley Stoke aged 11 to 19 who would like to find out more or get involved please contact the Youth Development & Participation Worker on 07900 253826 or email graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk

Likewise if you are interested in volunteering with one of the youth projects please use the above contacts.

Graham Baker

Youth Development & Participation Worker

Avon & Somerset Constabulary

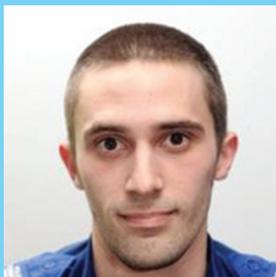
- Bradley Stoke Beat Team Report



PC 3309 - Jamie SHIELS



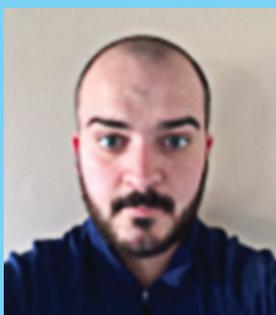
PC 3540 - Claire FLETCHER



PCSO 6904 - Chris BAKER



PCSO 9687 - Alicia HARVEY



PCSO 8984 - Tom ALLEN

This is a great opportunity for us to introduce your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Your Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood Policing Team is now back up to full strength with PC Jamie Shiels, PC Claire Fletcher, PCSO Chris Baker, PCSO Tom Allen and PCSO Alicia Harvey

In an effort to make the Beat Team more accessible to you we have increased the amount of beat surgeries held where you can meet one of the team in person and discuss issues. We now, as well as the regular beat surgeries at Willow Brook Centre hold regular surgeries at Woodlands Park for the residents. Beat Surgeries are also held at the Bradley Stoke Senior school.

Please visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk or join us on Twitter @ASPTheStokes for further information about these Beat Surgeries and what is happening in your area.

We continue to support local community events such as the school fetes and look forward to seeing you at events such as the Bradley Stoke 10k if you can keep up with us!

Bradley Stoke continues to be a safe area to live in with low levels of crime, and anti-social behaviour. For the number crunchers on the beat we are currently down by 20% in ASB and 12.5% down in general crime. That is a fantastic result; this is not just down to the local officers but down to you. Most crimes are solved with information from the public so if you see something suspicious report it. You are our extra eyes and ears out there if you don't report it we may not know about it.

With the information you have provided this year we have been successful in finding numerous Cannabis factories on the beat, capturing the offenders and putting them in front of the courts; but more importantly taking a whopping amount of drugs off the streets of Bradley Stoke.

Keep reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour; the cumulative effect of residents reporting similar incidents in the area has a massive impact on bringing these offenders to justice.

As always I would like to take this opportunity to pass the message on to make sure your property is secure. Please use the website www.immobilise.com to register your property including any serial numbers you may have. On this site you can register anything from electrical items to bikes, jewellery and other valuables. If you are lucky enough to have lots of jewellery keep this locked in a safe which is located out of sight, ensure you have photographed each piece so if it is stolen we have every chance of returning your heirlooms to you.

If you have any doubts about the general security on your home then don't be afraid to contact one of the team and we will willingly attend and give crime prevention advice.

If do have any problems or ongoing issues in your area then please phone 101 and ask to speak to one of the team, but in an emergency dial 999.

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