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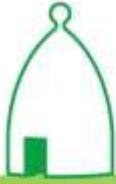
**Community &
Environment**

Enclosures

11th January 2022

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
Council Chamber, Bollington Town Hall
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th November 2021**

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

Town Mayor; Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), Roland Edwards (RE), Mark Fern (MF), James Nicholas (JN) and Sara Knowles (SK).

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Public: One member of the public - Cllr J Snowball.

Cllr Judy reported she was interested in the issue with the effluent still being discharged into the River Dean.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Nil.

To receive any Declarations of Interest: None declared

CE 74/21 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee meeting held 13th October 2021.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

CE 75 /21 To receive updates from the minutes.

The Clerk updated the Committee that the Finance & Grants Committee had debated the budget and the request from this committee needed to be more detailed with quotes.

Resolved Cllr JN would prepare quotes for the horticultural budget, Cllr KE would explain the need for a community budget and the Chair would prepare a report for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

CE 76/21 To receive a report from Cllr SK for the car parking support for NHS workers to visit private residents.

Cllr SK reported there seems to be nothing available across the UK for a relevant priority car parking permit for NHS workers. The Chair felt that there was something available within the unitary authority of Devon.

It was agreed Cllr JN would make enquires within CE.

CE 77/21 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 2nd September 2021 and to resolve to accept the recommendations.

The committee discussed the minutes and the arrangements for the Christmas Light Switch on the 28th November.

Resolved it was agreed extra bins would be ordered from ANSA for the event.

Resolved the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

It was noted the Town Assembly had been booked for 8th March 2022.

CE 78/21 To note there had been no meeting held by Bollington 2030.

Noted

CE 79/21 To note the next meeting for Business, Economy & Tourism was scheduled for 18th November 2021.

Noted

CE 80/21 To receive an update on the Community Resilience Plan following a meeting on 8th November.

Cllr S Knowles had circulated the minutes from the previous evening and gave a verbal report on the plan. It was close to completion and available to be placed on the website. CE had confirmed it was one of the best plans they had seen across the borough.

Resolved the Working Group would present it to the public in January at an event held in the Civic Hall to measure how well it was received.

It was agreed the plan would be presented in a better format by Cllr SK and circulated to full Council. The Chair thanked her for all her efforts.

River Dean

The Clerk gave an update that UU had attended site on the 21st October and it seemed there was still effluent travelling through the system into the river. UU had traced it back to the water treatment works at Hough Howl cottages in Rainow and it seemed the wastewater was discharging into a water course and not the appropriate culvert. She asked if it had been escalated but it hadn't, but the case closed and referred back to the Environment Agency.

CE 81/21 To receive an update on the EVC project at Pool bank Car Park.

Cllr M Fern gave an update on the progress, the electricity had been connected and the grand opening would be on 7th December. The Mayor asked if it could be a grand opening by the Town Council after all the efforts had gone into the project.

The costs were reviewed by the Committee.

CE 82/21 To receive a written report on the Fire Service and make recommendations.

Resolved the report was discussed and accepted by the committee.

The Clerk had circulated the draft Annual Action Plan 2022/23 produced by the Cheshire Fire Authority. It was acknowledged the report was very good and explained in detail the proposed actions and budget headings by the fire service.

CE 83/21 To accept the report submitted from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder.

The Mayor noted there were no concerning issues in the report and it would be circulated to members that had not received it.

CE 84/21 To receive a report from Cllr RE on the leaflet from the by Poynton Town Council.

The leaflet gave a contact list for many issues which could be hidden in the community to assist residents who could not find help or any support e.g., mental health issues, dementia support, activities for the elderly, free services for young families and debt and legal advice.

The Committee agreed it was a very useful report.

Resolved Cllr RE would produce a leaflet for Bollington Town Council and bring it back to the next committee for approval.

CE 85/21 To receive the quotes to improve the Civic Gardens.

The Clerk had organised three quotes.

- i) Quote A – failed to quote as too labour intensive and little access for machines
- ii) Quote B - £1,600 to clear the site
- iii) Quote C - £960 to clear the site and £2,890 to turf the site.

Resolved Quote C would be accepted to clear the site at £960 from the Horticultural budget.

The Committee agreed it was not appropriate to utilize the Covid 19 monies to undertake the actions.

CE 86/21 To receive a report on the bulb planting from Cllr JN.

Cllr JN had attended site last week with the bulb company and 9,000 bulbs were planted. The areas which had been planted were as follows;

- i) Hall Hill off Henshall Drive
- ii) Clarke Lane
- iii) Bollington Road up to Princess Drive
- iv) Crossfield's
- v) the bank on the right when entering Bollington

CE 87/21 To receive an update on the improvements at Greg Fountain

The Clerk had met with a local stone masonry, and he had quoted £200 to improve the stone works. She was awaiting a further quote to improve the lettering.

CE 88/21 To receive a report from Cllr RE for the installation of flood lights at the Skate Park.

Cllr RE had met with one Solar light company and was due to meet with two others to receive costings to install solar flood lights at the skate park.

The company had reported it was possible to use solar lights and the trees would allow the panels to operate if cut back. The cost was circa £15,000.

The Committee were supportive of the proposal but needed to see three quotes and it maybe too late to enter in the budget for 2022/23.

CE 89/21 To note the Park Strategy Review from Ruth Morgan at ANSA

The consultation was noted was noted by the Committee and the Chair encouraged members to give feedback.

CE90/21 It was noted the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall on the 14/12/21 @ 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm



Minutes of the Events Working Group

20 December 2021 at 10am

Remote via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Present: Cllr. Johanna Maitland (Town Mayor), Cllr. John Stewart (Deputy Mayor), Cllr. Angela Williams, **Cllr. Judy Snowball (PART)**

Non-Voting Members Present: Cllr. Mark Fearn **(PART)**

Officers Present: Events & Mayoral Officer, Emma Bambrook

Chair: Cllr. Johanna Maitland

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 01/11/21 were approved as an accurate record.**
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:** Any matters arising appear as items on the agenda.
- 5. Remembrance Sunday Review:** The Deputy Mayor was thanked for stepping in to represent the Mayor, who was unable to attend having contracted Covid-19. It was felt that the event went well with the only issue being that the wreath laying was somewhat chaotic. The Events Officer confirmed that this aspect is usually the responsibility of the Parade Marshal; it was recommended that arrangements for this should be confirmed with the Parade Marshal in advance next year to avoid a similar situation.

The Armistice Day commemorations were discussed, and it was agreed that, although the involvement of the Town Council in planning this event is limited to confirmation that the Mayor and Clerk will attend the Memorial Gardens, in future it would be important to have the any additional arrangements confirmed by the RBL representative for this Working Group.

- 6. Christmas Lights Switch On Review:** It was agreed that the event had been a success and that feedback from the public had been overwhelmingly positive. It was suggested that if a similar event is organised next year, then the actual

switching on of the lights should take place earlier in the evening. There was some damage to the ground due to vehicles becoming stuck and, despite the cricket pitch being roped off, people continued to walk on it so it may be worth consulting with the grounds man about this for next time. Despite this the grounds man had been pleased with the event.

The Mayor thanked the Events Officer on behalf of the group for the work she had done in organising this event. The Events Officer acknowledged that she had received excellent support from the Town Clerk and, as always, it had been a team effort. In addition, those involved in delivering the event had approached the new format with open minds and positivity and this had helped to ensure success.

Cllr. Snowball joined the meeting at 10.10am

- 7. To provide an update on arrangements for Carols Around the Tree (24/12/21):** Since the publication of the agenda the risk assessment for this event had been reviewed, in light of the increased threat of the transmission of the new variant of Covid-19, with the result that it had been decided to cancel arrangements. The work to cancel the event has been completed and feedback from those involved in delivering the event and the public had been disappointment while fully understanding the reasons. Cllr. Knowles had suggested that Canalside Radio could be asked to broadcast the Christmas Eve show from last year, the Events Officer agreed to look into this possibility.

Cllr. Fearn joined the meeting at 10.20am

- 8. To provide an update on arrangements for the School Visits:** It was agreed that, given the current situation concerning increased transmission of Covid-19 it would be unwise to seek to arrange school visits for February and it was unlikely that schools would want the visits to take place.
- 9. To provide an update on plans for the Mayor's Civic Dinner:** Following a discussion it was agreed that uncertainty over future Covid restrictions created a financial risk to the council in terms of funding the event and possibly through lost deposits. It was also acknowledged that the new Town Manager will not be in post in time to organise this event.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to council that the Civic Dinner does not take place this year.

- 10. To provide an update on plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** The beacon has now been repaired.

- 11. Items for next agenda:** The Queen's Awards. the mayor would like the group to consider becoming involved in The Queen's Awards.

- 12. Date of next meeting:** Monday 7th February 2022 at 10am via Teams or in the Council Chamber as appropriate. Cllr. Williams gave her apologies for this meeting.



**Minutes of the
Bollington 2030 Sub-Committee Meeting
Via Microsoft Teams (downloaded App)
At 7.00pm on Wednesday 24 November 2021.**

Present:

Cllr Roland Edwards (Chair), Cllr Nicholas, Cllr Snowball, Helen Wright, John Peak, Gillian Lindsey, Matt Harris, Estelle Worthington, and Kate Ormiston-Smith.

Chair: Cllr Roland Edwards

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Helen Ellwood. Colin Dore has stepped down from the committee.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** There were none.
- 3. To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meetings held in September.** Minutes accepted.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:** There were none.
- 5. COP 26 Report.** Gillian Lindsay reported that the local event had been successful. There had been 917 views of the webpage which was considered to be a good level of interest. The cycle event held along the Middlewood Way had been well attended and, as a result, Dr. Bike has been invited to run a bicycle event as part of the Sustainability Corner at the forthcoming Christmas Light Switch-On.

John Peak noted that a suitable notice board by the library would help publicise future events and undertook to make such a board. Estelle Worthington suggested that each person on the committee should make a statement committing to one of the targets of COP 26. These commitments should be placed on Facebook.

Estelle gave her view on the main COP 26 event in Glasgow. Her key point was that whilst there was progress on de-forestation many of the main commitments fell well short of the actions that would be required to reduce global warming.

Helen Wright noted that the B2030 webpage did not have a community section, particularly a green directory for local businesses. The chair responded that this would be addressed once a new administrative secretary had been employed. Helen also asked if a B2030 stall would be in place at the Christmas Light Switch-On. The chair responded that as he was taking a major role in running the event, and that he was only one-deep this would not happen.

- 6. Questionnaires.** The chair reported that 100 B2030 main questionnaires had been completed to date. Matt Harris described the mini-questionnaire he had devised

which addressed the main topic areas used in the sweetie jar voting at the August Bank Holiday event. It was felt that this could also be hosted on the BTC B2030 webpage, but the chair noted that this could not happen until a new assistant had been recruited.

7. **Activities 2022/23.** The Chair opened this item by observing that, as a group, we needed to develop activities for the coming year. The first proposal was to start a tree planting programme. The chair pointed out that he and Alex Douglas – Kane had undertaken a survey of potential sites in Bollington. He asked where the location map had gone. Helen agreed to ask Alex if the map was available.

The discussion continued and it was felt that a Bollington Tree Planting Group should be formed, with the strapline of “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee!” The chair agreed to draft up an outline proposal on the idea.

Gillian suggested that BTC could host a series of ZOOM based seminars by leaders in the field.

John Peak also suggested that as Transition now possessed a TI camera they could launch a major programme of surveying homes in Bollington to show where energy was being wasted. The chair said that he had already asked Transition to assess the heat loss from the Town Hall and hoped that they could also assess the Civic Hall.

The chair asked that these suggestions be further worked up.

8. **Any Other Business.** There was none.
9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 15th December 1900 using MSTEAMS.

Minutes of the Business, Economy & Tourism Working Group

Via Microsoft Teams
18th November 2021 at 7.00-8.30pm

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

BTC: Cllr Sara Knowles (Chair, SK); Cllr Ken Edwards (KE); Cllr Jon Weston (JW); Cllr Amanda Stott (AS).

Other members: Ivor Williams (IW) of Destination Bollington; Ted (Edwin) Clunn (TC).

Apologies:

Deputy Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JS); Town Mayor, Cllr Jo Maitland.

Agenda:

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence.
2. To receive any declarations of Interest.
3. To elect a Secretary to prepare the agenda and minutes
4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 16th September 2021.
5. Matters arising from the minutes/report on actions.
6. Update on the brand for Bollington.
7. Discussion on the focus of future meetings.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date of Next Meeting: 27th January 2022 7.00-8.00pm - location tbc.

Minutes

1.To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jon Stewart and Johanna Maitland.

2.To receive any declarations of Interest

None were received.

3. To elect a Secretary to prepare the agenda and minutes

Cllr Sara Knowles agreed to take the minutes and prepare the agenda for the next meeting.

4. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting 16th September 2021

The minutes were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

ACTION from 16th September meeting: It was agreed that Cllr Jon Weston would liaise with the Town Clerk to obtain a list of voluntary organisations based in Bollington so that we could contact them via email.

Cllr JW had been unable to obtain a complete list as it is no longer available digitally due to an interpretation of the GDPR rules that had led to its deletion from the Town Council's database.

ACTION: JW agreed to go into the Town Hall before the next Working Group meeting to see if details could be found elsewhere from archived documents.

ACTION from 16th September meeting: KE and JS to approach companies to discuss their potential support for the Business, Economy & Tourism plan, to include: Tullis Russell, Slater Harrison, RS Smart, Adelphi Group, Stein IAS and others to be identified.

Cllr KE reported that while a visit had taken place to Tullis Russell they would need more time to visit other businesses to discuss the above.

ACTION: KE agreed to report back on developments at the January 2022 meeting.

ACTION from 16th September meeting: JW to attend future Destination Bollington meetings to represent this Working Group.

JW reported that he had not attended the last meeting as he had been away on holiday but will attend future meetings.

ACTION: JW to report back to the working group on future Destination Bollington meetings he attends.

ACTION from 16th September meeting: The impact of proposed car park charges by Cheshire East on residents, leisure visitors and businesses to be discussed at the Council's next Planning meeting.

A post on the Bollington Town Council Facebook page 22nd September stated that there would not be charging for parking on the Pool Bank Car Park following a meeting with Cheshire East Council attended by Cllr James Nicholas and Helen Elwood on 22nd September. It was reported in that post that free parking would continue as the committee had voted against the proposed charges. Cllr AS understood that there had not yet been a decision but that the matter was still subject to consultation. This needs to be clarified.

ACTION: AS to provide an update on the decision-making status with regard to charging for car parking at Pool Bank at the January 2022 meeting.

7. Update on the brand for Bollington

A meeting will take place between Andrew Greenwood, SK, JW and JS on 29th November 2021 with a view to discussing whether the work can be revisited and built upon.

ACTION: JW and SK to report back on developments with the proposed brand project at the January meeting.

ACTION: JS & KE to discuss the possibility of sponsorship for a Brand for Bollington when speaking to larger businesses.

8. Discussion on the focus of future meetings

EV Charging Points and Local Business events

JW suggested that local businesses could use the recently installed EV charging points on the Pool Bank Car Park as a benefit to potential customers for marketing purposes, particularly by local businesses such as restaurants, shops etc. JW also asked whether it might be a good time to re-visit the idea of having a local business conference to enable businesses to promote themselves, SK suggested that it would be good to

consult the Love Bollington Business network and invite Vikki Wray to the next Working Group meeting to discuss this and get an update on the broader business support needs of local businesses, challenges faced etc. It will also provide an opportunity to update to Vikki on the Business, Economy & Tourism plan and the activities of the Working Group and discuss how she/the LBB Group can input into it going forwards.

ACTION: JW to contact Vikki Wray from Love Bollington Business and invite her to the January 2022 meeting.

Best of Bollington Plaques

KE and TC explained that an initiative is underway to install visitor information plaques at heritage sites around the local area. These are already in place at the mill in Ingersley Vale, Clarence Mill, Adelphi Mill, the Waterhouse site and the Aqueduct. JW asked whether the sites could be more widely promoted digitally e.g. via a website. It was suggested that the plaques should also include QR codes to enable digital enhancement of the available information. The plaques have been co-funded by the Civic Society, Bollington Town Council and Brinkley Investments. The Walkers Are Welcome initiative is also supporting the promotion of the sites and linking them together as a walking route and visitor attraction.

ACTION: KE to update the group on developments with the initiative at the January meeting and any support required by this group/the Town Council to support the promotion of the sites and walking route.

9. AOB

The proposed Ingersley Vale development

KE initiated a discussion regarding the proposed development at the derelict mill site in Ingersley Vale. With regard to tourism, earlier plans had included 12 parking spaces for walkers alongside the residential site and residents' parking, though it is unlikely these visitor/tourist spaces would be included in revised plans due to the required allocation for residents' parking. KE's concern was that earlier plans for a residential development have been legally challenged recently and it has been suggested that the site could be taken off the housing allocation list for Bollington which could potentially impact the Green Belt.

TC informed us that that the Environment Agency had recently marked the area as being on a flood plain and it was not clear whether/when this would be amended.

SK raised concerns about whether toxins from former printing, dying and bleaching activities during the mill's industrial heritage (and including asbestos from the building itself) had been cleared from the site. This is yet to be evidenced.

TC was asked by JW whether he had an interest to declare in the proposed development. TC said that he did not anymore.

It was agreed that further discussion about the proposed development and the related points above should be referred to the Planning Committee as the issues raised were outside the remit of this Working Group.

ACTION: SK to refer further discussion of the Ingersley Vale proposed development site to is to the Town Council's Planning Committee.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th January 2022 7.00pm-8.00pm - location tbc.

Report from Fire Service

We had a busy December with a total of 32 alerts. These included some unusual local incidents including the release of a lady who had become trapped in the child seat safety mechanism of her car! On the evening of 8th, we had extensive local flooding in the Flash Lane area of Bollington that required two fire appliances (Bollington and Macclesfield) to remove flood water from the area. We pumped flooding rainwater for a total of five hours and happily were able to protect Flash Lane Farm from damage. We were also required to pump out properties in Prestbury on the same evening.

We were first in attendance at the major fire at Red Oaks Farm in Bollington at 07.15 on the 18th. This involved a large barn filled with winter fodder, adjacent farm sheds and some agricultural vehicles and a car. Prompt action enabled us to protect the farmhouse and other neighbouring homes. Fortunately there were no injuries and we were able to move a nearby herd of cattle away from danger. The fire service response during the morning involved seven fire engines, an aerial platform and the high-volume pump from Powey Lane Fire Station to supply water from the canal. We had fantastic support and understanding from Bollington residents, who put up with multiple road closures and other disruption. They also supplied us with endless cups of tea, biscuits and even a home made cake. The fire was eventually declared extinguished at 11.45 on the 20th.

We were called upon for our county-wide large animal rescue service a number of times during the month including a horse rescue from mud in Chester and we finished the year with the rescue of a former Grand National racehorse, now enjoying retirement in Adlington, who had fallen and became trapped in his stall on New Year's Eve.

We were alerted a total of 294 times during 2021.