



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
held at the Town Hall
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022**

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:

Two police officers attended the meeting to give an update on the activities in the town.

To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Nil

To receive any Declarations of Interest:

None declared

**CE 17/22 To receive and confirm the minutes CE01/22 - CE16/22 of the
Community & Environment Committee meeting held on the 11th January 2022.**

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

CE 18/22 To receive updates from the minutes.

No updates from the minutes.

**CE 19/22 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 7th
February 2022 and to resolve to accept the recommendations.**

The WG recommended to apply to plant a sapling tree as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee on 11th March 2022. The sites were discussed in detail and the places the Committee preferred were as follows.

- The Recreational Ground
- The Memorial Gardens
- Bollington Cross
- Coronation Gardens

The details of the celebration for the Queens Jubilee were debated as this has been discussed by the WG; Friends of the Rec would help BTC organise an itinerary for the weekend's celebrations to include a skate boarding competition at the skate park on the Friday, a cricket match, a fell race and a picnic in the park on the Sunday. There was discussion of lighting the Town Hall or the Viaduct, but it was debated this may not be worthwhile due to the time of the sunset in June. There was a request from a resident to commemorate the Duke of Edinburgh's passing to have a road closure and a march through the town. Residents were already coming forward to ask for street road closures. The Clerk was to enquire about the Church Service on the Friday. It was agreed the scarecrow event should be scheduled over the Jubilee weekend too.

The WG would complete more work to present to the committee by March.

Resolved the TC would not complete road closures on behalf of the resident's street parties but would sign post them how to complete them and provide assistance through FB and website.

The proposed list of events would be as follows for 2022; Best Garden Competition – *cancelled*. Boundary Walk – 25th September *subject to the confirmation of the Walking festival*, Platinum Jubilee – 4th -7th June, 2/3rd July – Well Dressers, 9th/10th July - Kerridge Memorial, 18th September - Civic Sunday, 13th November – Remembrance Sunday and 27th November Christmas light switch on, Carols around the tree – 24th December.

Resolved subject to the two amendments this was agreed by the Committee.

CE 20/22 To receive the report from Cllr S Knowles on the parking permits for NHS workers to private residents.

Cllr Sara Knowles had spoken to the resident concerned and it was he was not satisfied with the reply, he thought the solution was to have a generic permit to the house and not an individual permit for each carer (including all their personal details) applied for by the resident receiving the care. It was currently an on-street residents permit which was £60 for the first permit and £75 for the second which was governed by Cheshire East.

The Committee debated the subject, and it was agreed it would be more beneficial if one permit was given to the house receiving the care.

Resolved The Clerk would write to Mr D Rutley MP and ask for support with the concern about the current residents on street parking permits.

Resolved the Ward Cllr J Nicholas would make enquires into Cheshire East if the process could be improved.

CE 21/22 To receive the minutes from Bollington 2030 on 24th November 2021 and note the next meeting is on 16th February 2022.

The minutes from the Bollington 2030 WG on the 24th November were accepted subject to the amendments. It was noted the next date of meeting was 16th February.

CE 22/22 To note the Air Quality Action Plan 2020/25 from Cheshire East Council

The report was noted by the committee and Cllr RE reported there was no reference to Bollington as a substantial risk area.

CE 23/22 To receive the minutes from Business, Economy & Tourism on the on 27th January 2021 and to approve the Business, Economy & Tourism Plan.

After a long discussion it was agreed that with the support of Cllr SK the WG had delivered the task of producing a Business, Economy & Tourism Plan. The committee suggested some amendments to the plan especially to include the support the TC have given the business over Covid.

Resolved the plan was approved subject to suggested amendments and agreement of full Council.

The Committee then debated the actions moving forward with the approved plan. It was agreed Cllr JM, Cllr SK and Cllr MF would meet before the next meeting and agree a plan with time scales of the identified approved activities and bring them back to the committee to start work on.

CE 24/22 To agree the plans for Bollington in Bloom for 2022/23.

Cllr JN and the Clerk had carried out some research on possibilities to implement in the town and their associated costs. There were options to purchase more planters, to purchase vertical planters or to purchase hanging baskets. Cllr JN had a price of £120 for each hanging basket to be fitted to lamp posts.

Resolved the Committee would purchase 10 hanging baskets for Market Place.

Resolved the Committee would allocate £3,600 to the Clerk and Cllr JN to arrange the purchase, the planting, and the fitting of the hanging baskets from the allocated £10,000 in the budget.

The Committee agreed the project needed to be completed properly and to see if it was a success to the town and hence to see if the budget should be maintained in 2023/24.

The Clerk reported that the cost of planting the new planters on Palmerston Street by ANSA last year was £1,200 which she felt was excessive.

Resolved an alternative supplier to plant the planters would be instructed in 2022 at a maximum cost of £1,000.

CE 26/22 To note the clearance of the Civic Hall Gardens

The Committee noted the gardens were being cleared on 17th February and the Mayor and the Clerk would make recommendations for actions at the next committee meeting.

CE 25/22 To receive a written report on the Fire Service and make recommendations.

Resolved the report was accepted by the committee.

The Clerk noted she had asked for support with taking the brazier to the White Nancy at the Jubilee celebration.

CE26/22 To receive the report submitted from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder.

Resolved the report was accepted by the committee.

CE 27/22 To receive an update on the leaflet for Bollington as inspired by Poynton Town Council from Cllr RE

Deferred

CE28/22 It was noted the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall on the 22/03/22 @ 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm