



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
held as a virtual meeting on Teams.
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th January 2022**

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

Town Mayor; Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)

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

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Public: Two members of the public – including Cllr J Snowball.

Cllr Judy Snowball had written a report on the effluent still being present in the River Dean. She had also spoken to the resident who had complained about the lack of car parking permits for carers visiting houses in Bollington where parking was restricted.

She has noted as a member of Bollington 2030 that a member had queried the minutes.

A resident of Bollington had started work at 'Springboard Cheshire' and was attending to ask BTC to promote and engage with them on the works they are carrying out across Cheshire East. It was a charitable organisation and funded by the European Social fund, and part of Career Connect. There was a 13-week programme available to people who were struggling to get back into the workplace and an employment advisor who would support and mentor each individual. They also had £375,000 available to support relevant companies. There was support for mental health concerns and the general wellbeing of the clients.

She wished to liaise with BTC and asked for a room to be available to see the community of Bollington.

It was noted Springboard Cheshire were advertising on Facebook websites, noticeboards, and churches. She wished to be added to BTC page.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Cllr Roland Edwards due to holidays

To receive any Declarations of Interest: None declared

CE 01/22 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee meeting held on the 9th of November 2021.

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

CE 02/22 To receive updates from the minutes.

The Clerk noted that the request for the costings for the lettering on Greg's fountain had not been received but she would defer it until the next financial year as there was no budget.

There was also a discussion of the horticultural budget and Cllr KE asked if snowdrops could be considered this year and Cllr SK asked if native bulbs could be planted in the shaded areas e.g., on the recreational ground and around Poolbank car park.

Resolved Cllr JN would consider the requests.

CE 03/22 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 20th December 2021 and to resolve to accept the recommendations.

It was noted the Civic Dinner would be cancelled this year due to restrictions.

As the Events and Mayoral Officer had resigned the next Events Committee would be confirmed in February by the Clerk.

Resolved the minutes were accepted.

CE 04/22 To receive the report from Cllr S Knowles on the parking permits for NHS workers to private residents.

Cllr Sara Knowles looked into the guidance on the Cheshire East Council website regarding Carers' permits. There is an option for residents who need in-home care to apply for a carer's permit - the resident must apply, not the carer. Details of how to apply can be found on the CEC website at <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/car-parks-and-parking/parking-permits/residents-street-permits.aspx>. Other permits are available, such as parking dispensations, but some of them are chargeable. Cllr JN confirmed that the carer permits are free of charge.

The Mayor thought it was very good there was something available, but we needed better clarity to share with the community.

Resolved the item would be deferred until the next meeting.

CE 05/22 To receive the minutes from Bollington 2030 on 24th November and consider the meeting with the Mayor, Cllr JS and the Clerk on 14th December 2021.

Due to a member of the working group disputing the minutes they were not accepted and would be deferred until the next meeting.

It was noted there was a meeting scheduled for 26th January and they could be amended here.

The Mayor briefed the committee on the meeting with Transition Bollington. It was noted that those in the roles of chair and treasurer have announced they are stepping down. The group has not named the replacements yet. The open spaces which they managed at the TH and CH were being given back to the TC with a view for their input. There was an offer from the local organisation 'Tree House' to assist with these spaces and Transition had supported their input as their ideas had been very good and environmentally positive.

Resolved this would be deferred to Full Council to consider.

CE 06/22 To receive the minutes from Business, Economy & Tourism on the 18th November 2021

Cllr SK asked if the car parking charges in Bollington would be revisited and Cllr JN reported this time, they had been dismissed but there was no assurance the consultation would not be revisited in the near future.

Resolved the minutes were accepted by the Committee.

It was noted the next meeting was on the 27th January 2022.

CE 07/22 To receive a written report from Cllr J Snowball of the effluent reported entering the River Dean and the meeting with Mr. D Rutley MP

The report was accepted by the committee and Cllr JS kindly agreed to continue taking the lead on the issue to take the situation to a conclusion.

CE 08/22 To receive an update on the launch Community Resilience Plan.

Cllr S Knowles reported that due to Covid restrictions the launch of the Resilience Plan at the Civic Hall had not gone ahead, and she asked if it could be presented at the Town Assembly in March. The committee discuss the options.

Resolved the Working Group would present it to the public in February as a stand-alone event and Cllr SK would arrange for the document to go on the website with the Clerk.

CE 09/22 To consider the Council becoming involved with Springboard Cheshire

The Committee discussed the comments made in the public form time and generally agreed it was a very positive action group to have active in the Community.

It was agreed the Clerk would make contact to support enabling the group to operate in Bollington and provide a venue.

CE 10/22 To agree the use if the Town Council van and the Wardens for the Well Dressing Event in July.

The well dressing group had requested that they had the support of the Town Wardens together with the van over the Well Dressing weekend.

Resolved the Council would allow the van and the wardens to assist the Well Dressers for the agreed weekend.

CE 11/22 To consider other locations for an EVC chargers in the Town

Members discussed the successful installation of the EVC project on Poolbank car park and the opening event. It was agreed other sites needed to be identified but it was a project for 2023/24 and the usage figures on the existing site did need to be considered.

CE 12/22 To receive a written report on the Fire Service and make recommendations.

Resolved the report was accepted by the committee.

CE 13/22 To receive the report submitted from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder.

Resolved the report was accepted by the committee.

CE 14/22 To receive an update on the leaflet for Bollington as inspired by Poynton Town Council from Cllr RE
Deferred

CE 15/22 To consider a request for a road closure in April to commemorate the Duke of Edinburgh

Cllr MF gave a brief background on the request to commemorate the life of the Duke of Edinburgh. He agreed that maybe April was too soon to organise but he would make contact with the resident and bring it back to the Events Working Group.

CE16/22 It was noted the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall on the 08/02/22 @ 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm