



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held at the Town Hall At 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

Town Mayor; Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), Roland Edwards (RE), James Nicholas (JN)

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Public:

Two members of the public attended as observers.

To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Cllr M Fearn due to work commitments.

To receive any Declarations of Interest:

None declared

CE 43/22 To receive and confirm the minutes (CE29/22 – 42/22) of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on the 22nd March 2022.

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

It was noted these had been approved at Full Council on 5th April 2022.

CE 44/22 To receive updates from the minutes.

The health advice leaflet had been published in the Bridgend newsletter, the Clerk had organised them to be placed in the doctors, library, and schools.

CE 45/22 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 21st March 2022

The Clerk noted that the Fire Service in Bollington would attend the lighting of the brazier at the Queens Jubilee.

The Town Manager had approached several other Councils to attend the First Aid course and there had only been one acceptance.

RESOLVED the first aid course would be instructed as proposed at Full Council.

The Town Manager had found some bunting and it was agreed it would be placed outside the Town Hall only.

RESOLVED the deadline for applicants to apply for the Town Awards would be extended and promoted better.

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

CE 46/22 To note the appointment of the Youth Consort

The incoming Mayor had interviewed the only applicant and proposed he was appointed.

RESOLVED the Youth Consort appointment was agreed.

The committee were concerned if the position was still of a position of interest in the community. It was agreed that the position would be advertised to the best of the Council's ability and make a decision next year.

CE 47/22 To approve and resolve to renew Town Warden traffic management qualification.

RESOLVED the Town Council would renew the traffic management qualification at a cost of £600 plus VAT and an additional registration fee of £35 each candidate and it would be taken from the Christmas budget.

The Clerk was asked to approach the Royal British Legion for a financial contribution.

CE 48/22 To note the meeting with Bollington 2030 Working Group on 30th March 2022

There had been no minutes circulated but Cllr RE reported there were plans for the Town Council to put a news item on the website to help the public with energy savings advice.

Cllr JM was going to organise public online sessions with another member of the WG to educate members of the public on energy saving techniques.

CE 49/22 To receive an update from the Clerk on hanging baskets

The Clerk had ordered the hanging baskets and they had now been delivered at a cost of £1,644.91. She had organised the installation at a cost £300 and planting at £32.50 each.

RESOLVED this cost was accepted.

There was still concern about the hanging baskets at Market Place and a proposal was asked by Cllr KE to revisit the decision. The committee would not agree to planting the baskets outside resident's homes.

RESOLVED if monies were forth coming from ITV filming in the area in March the monies could be transferred to the Town Council and the Clerk would arrange the removal, planting, and reinstating if the residents would maintain them.

CE 50/22 To agree the next stages of improving the Civic Hall Gardens

The Clerk had met with the recommended gardener from Cllr KE, there were already weeds growing back following the clearance in February. The gardener recommended the topsoil was scraped back and the weed seeds removed. This was labour intensive work but necessary as the soil had not been worked for decades. The beds at the front needed planting with low maintenance shrubs but not at the rear and sides at this stage.

The Committee agreed with the proposals and asked that the Covid budget was reviewed.

CE 51/22 To discuss the lack of actions at the War Memorial Gardens

In 2021 the Clerk and Cllr KE had met with Ms R Burgess ANSA to discuss the improvement of the War Memorial Gardens and she had agreed to improve the gardens by filling in beds and replanting if the TC agreed to contribute £400 towards the costs from Section 106 monies.

The Clerk had pursued this agreement as nothing had happened over the winter, but the rulings had changed, and ANSA had requested an extra £1,000. The committee felt this was very disappointing and not acceptable.

RESOLVED the Clerk and Cllr KE would arrange a site visit again with Ms Ruth Morgan.

CE 52/22 To receive a report from the from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder and to receive a report from Cllr K Edwards following attending police commissioners meeting on 06-04-2022 in Alsager.

It was noted how detailed and informative the report was and the Clerk was asked to thank the PCSO.

RESOLVED the report was accepted.

It was noted the meeting in Alsager had been cancelled.

CE 53/22 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service and note a scheduled visit on 30th May at 6.30pm.

There had been no report submitted but Cllr JN noted the following: a new vehicle had been delivered to the station, the Chief Officer had retired, and the station had contributed goods to Ukraine which had been of great value.

The Clerk had arranged a visit to the station on the 30th May at 6.30pm.

CE 54/22 To receive the Town Assembly draft minutes 23rd March 2022.

The minutes were noted, and the Committee discussed all recommendations and actions to be undertaken.

RESOLVED the minutes would be placed on the website.

CE 55/22 To discuss the possibility of Bollington Town Council recruiting a Youth Council in the new electoral year

The Clerk had retrieved information from Holmes Chapel Parish Council about their Youth Council. It was successful in gaining information, but it was hard work to manage, needed adult supervision and then safeguarding training. The process needed setting up with liaison with the local schools, youth bodies in the town with a presence of engaging from Cllrs.

The Chair was a member of the British Youth Council which would assist the process.

RESOLVED the Mayor and the Clerk would draft a plan to begin the process.

CE 56/22 To note the date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 10th May 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

