

**Bollington Town
Council**

**Community &
Environment
Meeting**

Enclosures

12th April 2022

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
held as a virtual meeting on Microsoft Teams
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March 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 including Cllr J Snowball.

One member of the public attended as an observer and did make comments at the end how much he had enjoyed the meeting.

Cllr JS wished the committee to reconsider planting the hanging baskets on Market Place as it was a central hub to Bollington where there were many businesses and restaurants including 'Love Bollington Markets'. The hanging baskets were in place and the residents had approached her for support. She was also aware that there may be some monies available from ITV whilst the recent filming takes place at Market Place to support the cost.

She also wished it to be noted that the Cllr surgeries should continue as they were a fantastic opportunity to engage with the public. Cllr JS noted that the leaflet from Cllr RE was particularly good, but she would like National numbers adding such as Child line and Child line abuse plus LGBTQIA adding.

To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Cllr M Fearn due to an operation and to note the resignation of Cllr S Knowles

To receive any Declarations of Interest:

None declared

**CE 29/22 To receive and confirm the minutes CE17/22 - 29/22 of the
Community & Environment Committee meeting held on the 8th February 2022.**

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

CE 30/22 To receive updates from the minutes.

It was noted Mr D Rutley MP had made contact with the resident in reference to NHS parking permits. Cllr JN had made further enquires with CE and they felt it could be taken no further.

CE 31/22 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 21st March 2022

It was noted these were still in draft format and would be deferred to the next meeting.

CE 32/22 To approve a three-day first aid carried out due to changes with legislation from Cheshire East Council when holding events.

There had been three quotes circulated to hold a three-day first aid course.

A. Bookmycourse £1,020 plus VAT up to 12 members

B. First Aid Response First Aid - £1,200 plus VAT up to 12 members

C. St John Ambulance £2,510 plus VAT up to 8 members

Resolved the committee recommended to book Bookmycourse and to allocated it from the Christmas Event budget.

It was noted they asked for clarity on the length of time the qualification was held for before renewal.

CE 33/22 To note and resolve to renew Town Warden traffic management qualifications

It was noted that the Town Warden qualification had expired. The Town Manager had been unable to gain costings and the new approved qualifications required from Cheshire East Highways but would present this to Full Council in April.

CE 34/22 To note the feedback from Bollington 2030 to hold a virtual meeting with a speaker.

It was noted there was a meeting next week on Wednesday 27th March. Cllr JM offered to contact the member of Bollington 2030 and assist in holding the meeting. The survey results were in the enclosure pack.

CE 35/22 To note the actions from Business, Economy & Tourism Working Group

The WG had made several recommendations to the Committee to take actions. Cllr RE wished it to be noted that the Tow Path group had carried out some excellent work and they had found that the works had been completed and the group had come to an end. The Committee recommended the WG continued in the new electoral year.

CE 36/22 To receive an update from Cllr J Nicholas on hanging baskets

The Clerk and Cllr JN had driven around the town and made recommendations for hanging basket positions. There was a map of where had been confirmed and where were suitable with signs, properties and businesses.

The hanging baskets had been ordered and a company instructed to plant them.

The extra ones at Market Place were discussed and Cllr JN felt it was inappropriate outside residents' houses as it set a precedent.

Resolved the Committee agreed if monies were forth coming from ITV the Town Council would assist in the planting with the company instructed.

Cllr J Snowball noted the residents would water them.

CE 37/22 To note the clearance of the Civic Hall gardens and the next stages

The Committee agreed the works had made a vast improvement at the civic hall, but it needed to be maintained and planted further.

Resolved the Clerk was asked to make enquiries and feedback at the next Committee meeting.

CE 38/22 To receive a report from the from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder

There was no report as the PCSO had been promoted and left post.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.

CE 39/22 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service

The Clerk would circulate, and she noted they had offered a visit for the Town Cllrs.

The Chair asked the Clerk to organise.

CE 40/22 To accept the circulated leaflet devised from Cllr RE

The Chair thanked Cllr RE for his efforts as it was such an informative leaflet for so many vulnerable people. Cllr RE wished it to go to every household but it was agreed there was no budget available. It could go out in the next newsletter, but this would be at least four months.

Resolved the leaflet would go out in the most effective method possible with no cost e.g., social media, the website, doctors' surgeries, and the library.

The Clerk would gain a price to print the leaflet.

CE 41/22 The discuss the Council Surgeries and the effectiveness

The Committee in the main felt they were of great benefit, but various locations could be found as opposed to the Town Hall.

Cllr JM thought Councillors should have the option to opt out if they wished.

Resolved the Surgeries would continue but Cllrs could opt out if they wished.

CE 42/22 To note the next meeting was to be held at the Town Hall on 12th April 2022.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm



Minutes of the Events Working Group

Monday 21st March 2022 at 10am
Remote via Microsoft Teams

Councillors present: Cllr. Johanna Maitland (Town Mayor), Cllr. Angela Williams, Cllr. Judy Snowball (joined at 10:11am)

Officers present: Harriet Worrell (Town Manager)

Chair: Cllr. Johanna Maitland

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Cllr, John Stewart, Cllr Roland Edwards (non-voting)
- 2. Declarations of interest**
None
- 3. Approval of the minutes from the Events Working Group on 14/02/22**
The approval is to be deferred to the next meeting as at this point in the meeting only Cllr. Maitland and Cllr. Williams were present, with Cllr. Williams not in attendance at the meeting on 14/02/22.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes which do not appear as items on the agenda**
None raised.
- 5. To receive the Bollington 2022 events calendar**
It was noted that the Bollington Walking Festival dates are 10-18 September, so the date scheduled for the Mayor's Boundary walk will be moved from Sunday 18th September to Sunday 11th September.
Cllr. Maitland will inform the walking group.
- 6. To confirm plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to allow comments from Friends of the Recreation Ground**
No friends of the Rec were present but the Town Manager updated the WG with an outline of a family friendly event on Sunday 5th June 11am-5pm, including a dog show run by Bollington Vets, balloon modelling, music, food and family picnic.
Cllr. Maitland sought that the Council promotes the event and any Jubilee related events and information.

7. To seek a decision on lighting up the Town Hall for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend

Due to the late hour of sunset in June, the Events WG recommended the Town Hall is not lit up for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

8. To consider bunting for the Queen's Jubilee weekend and location for hanging

Cllr. Maitland requested, in the interest of being environmentally friendly, that bunting is made from fabric, not single use and sourced from the UK. Bunting cannot be hung over roads as it may get tangled in high vehicles. The Events WG suggested bunting for the Town Hall, Civic Hall and Rec with volunteers to assist with hanging and removal.

The Town Manager will seek quotes for bunting made from ethical material in the UK.

9. To discuss plans for the Queen's Jubilee beacon

It was agreed that White Nancy was the preferred location for a beacon with a viewing point from Market Place with the Town Mayor and invited guests.

The Town Manager will seek a bugler and choir to support the event.

The event requires a number of volunteers – the Town Manager has some volunteers in place with safety advice to be provided by the Fire Station.

10. To consider a Jubilee flag for the Town Hall

The Events WG recommended a Jubilee flag for the Town Hall – a budget flag can be sourced for £9.95 (excl delivery).

11. To agree a theme for the Scarecrow competition

The Events WG recommended a Royal theme that includes events of significance within The Queen's reign.

The competition is to be promoted with the jubilee events(s).

12. First aid

CEC Outdoor Events requires a 3 day first aid qualification. Cllr. Maitland advised there are a number of individuals and groups in Bollington with a first aid qualification.

The Town Manager and Town Clerk will seek more information on first aid resources in Bollington.

13. Mayor's Youth consort

The Town Manager will follow up the applications with Cllr Stewart.

14. To discuss plans for Bollington Town Council awards – Cllr Stewart

Cllr Stewart wasn't able to attend the meeting but it was noted that although the awards had been promoted there were, as yet, no nominations. The closing date was set at 1st April.

The Events WG recommended the end date is extended and the scheme re-promoted.

15. August Bank Holiday plans – Cllr Edwards

No update as Cllr Edwards wasn't able to attend the meeting.

16. World Parkinson's day – 11th April, light up public landmark with blue

The Events WG sympathised with the request but acknowledged that the cost and logistics excludes the Council from being able to support it.

17. To consider the purchase of 1-2 gazebos, branded with the BTC logo (quotes to be obtained)

The Events WG agreed to the benefit of the Council owning 1-2 branded gazebos.

Cllr. Maitland to provide indicative cost.

18. To agree WG membership for 2022/23

The following members were suggested:

Town Mayor (2022-23)

Deputy Mayor (2022-23)

Cllr. Maitland

Cllr. Williams

Cllr. Snowball

Non-voting: Chair of Bollington, RBL & Friends of Rec (to be invited according to agenda items).

19. Items for next agenda

None raised.

20. Date of next meeting – 09/05/22 10am

The Events WG requested the next meeting is brought forward and has been scheduled to Tuesday 26th April at 10am.

Traffic Management qualification costs for road closures at Town Council and outside events

Quotation from UTS Training

TMCE Course - £600.00 + VAT (max 12 x candidates)

Registration - £35.00pp + VAT

The qualification is valid for 5 years



Minutes of the Town Assembly held at the Civic Hall 22nd March 2022

**Present: Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM),
Cllrs;** Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), Roland Edwards (RE) , James Nicholas (JN), Judy Snowball (JS), John Stewart (JCS), Amanda Stott, (AS), Angela Williams (AW)
Town Clerk; Julie Mason.

Public Forum

There were forty-six members of the public present.

Apologies

Cllr M Fearn due to having an operation.

There no minutes received from last year 2021.

Welcome from the Mayor plus housekeeping

Presentations from Cllrs with slides

Mayor's Report from 2021/22- Cllr J Maitland

Community Grants 2021/22 – Cllr H Ellwood

Neighbourhood Plan Review – Cllr K Edwards

Reducing Carbon Footprint – Cllr R Edwards

The Role of a Town Cllr – Cllr J Snowball

Bollington in Bloom – Cllr J Nicholas

Allotments – Cllr K Edwards

The Corporate Plan – Cllr J Stewart

Budget v Precept – Cllr A Stott

Questions and Answers from the Public

- To thank the Town Cllrs for all their hard work and the two Cllrs who have resigned. He wished to ask what efforts the TC were doing to provide youth facilities in the town e.g., a youth café.
- A resident wished the Town Council and the members to noted how much hard works had gone into the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was a democratic process and should be applied to all planning applications by the Council.
- A resident had been in the town for 10 years and thought the traffic and the parking had gradually got worse. He felt the Tesco development was generally not wanted but the town and caused a lot of disruption. He wished the town to vote on their feet and not shop there. He felt there was a rumour that the Town Council were considering selling the Town Hall which dismayed him greatly. It was not a wise action to take. He was supported by another resident that felt there needed to be a communication statement sent out form the to explain their intentions and it should be left to the electorate to vote for such an action.

Cllr JCS explained that it was not a decision, but it was a review of the assets which was being carried out.

- A resident who was a previous Mayor felt the communication was not as good as the Town Council felt and she had sent a letter to the Mayor and Clerk and never received a reply. It was not within the gift of the TC to say they had supplier a skate park as it was not their actions it was previous elected Cllrs.
- One member wished to ask about more detail on the solar farm and the space it would take up and the location.

Cllr RE replied that it needed to be flat south facing or sloping southwest and it would need to be 10 acres to accommodate 3,000 panels.

- One resident with to thank another for all his hard work in the community. He felt the TC knew nothing about Health & Safety and they had never taken him up on the offer of support of his knowledge when the Tesco development was taking place. He asked who approved the Corporate Plan? Who agreed the extra gritting services in the town? He did not feel the communication was very good. Lastly, he wished to know why the salary bill was £20,000 in January 2022 as opposed to an average of £6/7,000?
- There was an enquiry about solar or wind energy power as an alternative. Had the Town Council thought about locations?
- There was an enquiry from a member of the bowling club as she had asked so many times for a shelter to mark scoring cards on wet rainy days. She had asked for years for support, and it was impossible to mark cards whilst holding an umbrella. Twenty bowlers attend every fortnight. She felt the S106 monies should have been considered for the bowlers as well as everyone else.

Cllr RE reported most of the Section 106 monies had been turned down.

- A resident asked about the sewage leaking in the river and what actions are being taken and if signage could be installed or a social media post.

Cllr JS replied on the progress today that it was with the Environment Agency and the raw sewage leak had been resolved but there were still leaks from the treatment works. Mr D Rutley was involved and there were making progress.

- There was a concern from a member of the Harrop Road allotments about the consideration of the TC to take on a piece of land behind and the impact on parking.
- A resident wished to ask the TC has much benefit had been gained by spending over £5,000 on the planting of daffodils.

The Mayor felt the feedback had been very good especially on social media.

The Mayor closed the meeting at 9.00pm and asked everybody to stay for refreshments.

Signed

Date: