



Minutes of the Town Council meeting

held at the Town Hall

on the 5th July 2022 @ 7pm

Prayers

Rev Nancy Aldridge had sent her apologies.

Present: Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

Cllrs Ken Edwards (KE), David Kent (DK), Miriat Naiga (MN), James Nicholas (JN),
Judy Snowball (JS), Amanda Stott (AS),

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr JN due to being Chair of the CEC Northern Planning Committee

Apologies

Cllr M Fearn due to work commitments, Cllr A Williams due to holidays, Cllr R Edwards due to moving away from the area, Cllr J Maitland due to illness and Cllr H Elwood due to a prior engagement.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

There were two police members present Sergeant Helen Percival and PCSO Adam Entwistle.

The Chair thanked them for their attendance and their detailed report submitted to Council.

96/22 To receive the minutes of the meeting on 7th June 2022 (minute ref Nos 79/22 – 95/22)

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

97/22 To receive updates from the minutes

There were no updates from the minutes.

98/22 To reconsider the ‘Compassion in Politics’ Resolution 14/22 approved on 23.05.22 due to five Cllrs - AS, KE, JS, HE and DK asking the Proper Officer in writing to revisit.

Cllr KE thought the motion should be revisited as it was a contradiction of words and although there was a need for Compassion in Politics it could not always be adhered to as at times people’s thoughts and passions overcame this feeling. It meant pity

and not as it was intended. He felt the seven Nolan principles were adequate to govern the Council. Cllr AS thought it would be sensible just to amend the line which was very ambiguous in the meaning and interpretation. Cllr JS suggested some amended words which Cllr JN supported. The debate was not concluding the outcome of the adoption of the motion Compassion in Politics, and it was proposed to move it into Personnel. Policy and Governance to be concluded.

The Clerk pointed out a decision should have been reached if the Council wished to adopt the Compassion wording motion or not as it had been on the agenda since April. The Chair reminded Cllrs to read the enclosure pack before meetings.

The Chair read out a statement from Cllr Jo Maitland as she was absent on the reasons behind the motion had been proposed initially.

Resolved to be deferred to the Personnel, Policy, and Governance Committee.

99/22 To receive the Town Mayor’s announcements

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment Committee	12/07/22	7pm
Planning Committee	19/07/22	7pm
Finance & Audit Committee	23/07/22	10am

100/22 To receive report from Cheshire East Councillors

The ‘call in’ of the planning application for St John’s Church has been accepted, once a committee date was scheduled, they will let the Town Council know. The planning working group continues to meet and review the planning department and its workload. The backlog is reducing; however, it is widely acknowledged that there is a national shortage of public sector planners; but the same can be said of social workers, too. There is a recruitment drive in many areas of Cheshire East, along with career days at schools and colleges. The apprenticeship scheme is also being applied where the opportunity arises.

The financial outturn for the year ended 31 March is expected to report a balanced position, which is great achievement given the year of uncertainty that we have had. However, inflation rates and increasing costs are impacting on all fronts, and the outcome of the pay discussions for public sector workers appears to be a long way from being concluded.

The latest information from Cheshire East is that nearly 1,000 people have been welcomed from Ukraine; Macclesfield has welcomed 72. Housing visits and education are both increasing in line with the additional residents in the Borough. Some homes have required remedial work before becoming occupied.

101/22 To accept the minutes and resolutions from the Council Committees:

FACILITIES COMMITTEE 13/06/22 FC 01/22 – 14/22

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

Resolved the Town Hall Task Group would report to the Facilities Committee.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT 14/06/22 CE 73/22 – 88/22

Resolved the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.
The Chair enquired about the Youth Council resolution and the age group which had been approved.

Resolved the Youth Council would involve both primary and secondary school age children.

Resolved Cllr representatives on outside bodies.

- Friends of the Rec – Events WG Cllr JM
- BIT – Community & Environment Committee Cllr KE
- BHL – Facilities Committee Cllr KE
- CHALC – Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee Cllr DK
- CHUG - Facilities Committee Cllr JN
- Kerridge Parade - Events WG Cllr MF
- Well Dressing - Events WG The Mayor
- Northeast Cheshire Community Partnership report - Community & Environment Committee Cllr HE and Cllr JM
- Police Liaison - Community & Environment Committee Cllr JS
- Bollington Branch of the Royal British Legion – Events WG Cllr MF
- Bollington Festival – Community & Environment Committee – Cllr JS
- Transition Bollington - Community & Environment Committee – Cllr JS

RESOLVED: That the Council defers the decision to adopt Greg Fountain is deferred as the Town Manager had met with the CE Conservation Officer and it was on the Cheshire East Heritage Register.

PERSONNEL, POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 22/06/22 PPG 01/22 – PPG 11/22

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

RESOLVED the Council would produce a video which would lead to two meetings (one being virtual) and a survey to assist Council with the budget setting process for 2023/24.

RESOLVED the Terms of Reference for Full Council were adopted.

RESOLVED The **Complaints Policy** was adopted.

RESOLVED The **Training Policy** was adopted

RESOLVED The **Health & Safety Policy** was adopted

RESOLVED The **Disciplinary Policy** was adopted

RESOLVED The **Grievance Policy** was adopted.

PPG 10/22 To agree the renewal of the Ellis Whitham (Work Nest) contract

The contract had been taken out on 13th August 2022 and it was a contract there is a clause that we can opt out of the contract on or before the 13th July 2022. If the opt out clause is not exercised the agreement will remain fixed term until 13th August 2024.

RESOLVED the Council would recommend breaking out of the clause on 13th July 2022

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 28/06/22

RESOLVED the approval would be deferred to the next P & T Committee on 19th July

Section 106 Monies

The Ward Cllrs reported that there was some feedback from their meeting with Cheshire East Officers.

It was agreed they would attend the next Planning & Town Development Committee meeting and write a report for the agenda pack.

102/22 To review the aims and objectives of the Working Groups in 2022/23

The Chair and the Clerk reported that with the exception of the Neighbourhood Plan WG, Town Hall Task Group and the Events Working Group the Working Groups were not meeting or undertaking any actions. The Chair noted the Committee Chairs needed to look at the Corporate Plan and evaluate progress as the Working Groups were referred to significantly.

RESOLVED the Committee Chairs would review the Working Group processes and if they were required and report back to Full Council.

102/22 To consider planning applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development meeting:

22/2563M

The Coach House, 1 Flash Lane, Bollington, SK10 5AQ

Application for ground floor and first floor extensions and alterations, including the demolition of existing outbuildings (resubmission of application reference 21/2977M)

RESOLVED subject to the increase in size OBJECTION.

103/22 To receive a report from the Town Hall Task Group from meeting on 27th June 2022

Cllr JCS reported on the last meeting and explained the group needed to complete a report on the actual costs to make the Town Hall compliant and reach standard. This required some specialist quotes.

The Task Group asked for £1,000 to carry out the works.

RESOLVED £1,000 was approved to carry out surveys and this would be taken from the Ear Marked Reserves for the Town Hall of £20,000.

104/22 To note the balance of accounts Co-op Current £3,179.23 Co-op Deposit £20,052.46, Natwest Current £133,696.11 Santander Deposit £70,000.00 = £336,927.80

To approve the Accounts for Payment dated 05/07/22 at £20,030.72 including £1,111.06. The information to be inspected by the Town Mayor Cllr J Stewart and the Chair of Finance & Audit Committee Cllr Amanda Stott.

To note receipts totaled £3,808.81 dated 5th July.

RESOLVED to approve payments as circulated.

PART B

Under Standing Orders 3d - Exclusion of the Public.

Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential natures of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.

It was **Resolved** to move to Part B

PERSONNEL, POLICY & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 22/06/22

Part B

Appendix 1

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true record with the exception of item 2 which would be deferred until Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee meeting on 27th September 2022.

105/22 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 6th September 2022 at the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....