



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Those present:

Cllrs: Judy Snowball (JS), Johanna Maitland (JM), David Kent (DK), Cllr James Nicholas (JN), Angela Williams (AW)

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Town Manager: Harriet Worrell

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Judy Snowball declared a non-pecuniary interest on the flood blocks item as the area in which she lives is at risk of flooding.

Public and press present

A member of the public was in attendance to observe only.

Cllr Ken Edwards attended to speak on a number of items – the Chair agreed he could comment at the relevant point on the agenda.

CE144/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Miriat Naiga due to work commitments.

CE145/22 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th October 2022.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th October 2022, CE121/22-CE143/22, were approved as a true record.

CE146/22 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Ken Edwards asked if there was regular contact from Refuges Welcome and if the group had attended a committee meeting.

Cllr JM responded that the group was invited to the September meeting which was subsequently cancelled due to the National Period of Mourning. Cllr JM has recently

contacted the group but has not as yet had a response. Cllr JS advised she is meeting with Refugees Welcome at the weekend.

Cllr Ken Edwards asked that the Council provided support to Refugees Welcome if it was required.

An item for Refugees Welcome will be added to the December agenda.

Litter pick – it was noted that a date for the next community litter pick was scheduled for Sunday 29th January 2023 (subject to the weather) and the Town Manager would contact the Bollington Primary Schools to invite participation.

CEC Health and Wellness bus – it was noted that a visit from the CEC Health and Wellbeing Bus is provisionally scheduled for Friday 2nd December at the Community Centre.

Canal towpath bench – it was noted that the Canal and River Trust does not have the funds for benches and that benches can cause pinch points on the towpath and cause problems for the vegetation contractors. The Town Manager will contact the Canal and River Trust to enquire if it would grant permission for a bench if the Council was to fund it.

Grimshaw Lane bench – **RESOLVED:** That the third party is given until 06/01/23 to evidence ownership of the original bench and that subject to ownership not being proven, the Council to order and affix a plaque to the replacement bench.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire consultation – Cllr JS is preparing a response to the draft revised Police and Crime Plan which is due to be formally reviewed on 25/11/22.

Cllr JS will attend the PCC meeting on 17/11/22.

CE147/22 To receive the minutes from the Events WG meeting held on 5th October and resolve any actions and consider matters arising:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Events WG meeting held on 5th October 2022 were received.

It was noted that a meeting with the relevant parties to discuss how to protect the bookings of the businesses and organisations that regularly use the Civic Hall and the feasibility of accommodating the festival will not be held following a resolution at Full Council on 18/10/22 not to support the removal of the Civic Hall Users at the expense of the Bollington Festival.

Civic Award badges – **RESOLVED:** That the Committee recommends the purchase of badges to present to Civic Award/Mayor's Commendation recipients.

Santa's fundraising – The Town Manager to contact Guides to suggest a collection at the Grotto for a local cause and to consider fundraising opportunities during the planning of next year's Christmas event.

Bollington Festival's use of the Civic Hall for fundraising – it was noted that the Town Clerk had responded to the Festival on availability of the Civic Hall for the periods requested. **RESOLVED:** That the committee supports the safeguarding of existing Civic Hall bookings.

CE148/22 To receive the minutes from the B2030 Working Group and resolve any actions.

The minutes were received.

Cllr JM to set a date for the next meeting.

Cllr Ken Edwards queried the removal of 'community resilience' from the Terms of Reference (TOR). Cllr JM advised the TOR is still under review and will refer the query back to the WG.

CE149/22 To receive the minutes from the on the Business, Economy, and Tourism WG and resolve any actions.

The minutes were received.

Cllr JM is designing a form to survey businesses on what support they would like from the Council.

Cllr JS is speaking with businesses with a view to inviting representatives of a 'cluster' of businesses by sector or location relevant to agenda items at the WG meeting.

CE150/22 To provide an update on the council and community's response to the cost-of-living crisis.

Warm Spaces – It was noted that at Full Council on 01/11/22, it was agreed to extend the Warm Space into December 2022. The Community Centre staff were thanked for their support and the local Tesco and Co-op stores for donating refreshments. The Warm Space on 08/11/22 was very well attended with positive feedback from attendees. Cllr Ken Edwards commented that he is delighted with its success and supports its continuation into January and February 2023.

Community Grocery Store – **RESOLVED:** That the Town Manager contacts the relevant parties to assist in finding a venue.

Help and advice – the committee noted the Council was publishing weekly tips and that the library is providing a warm space and the Life Church has a coffee morning on Monday mornings.

CE151/22 To receive an update on the shop local advent calendar.

It was noted that over 20 responses have been received for the shop local advent calendar.

The Business, Economy and Tourism WG will look at other shop local initiatives in 2023.

CE152/22 To note the proposed tree planting by Mersey Forest at the Nab and to resolve to agree any comments on the scheme.

Cllr Ken Edwards queried whether the planting, once matured, would impede the Pott Shrigley view of the Nab.

The committee was supportive in principle of tree planting and had no specific comments on this proposal. It was agreed to recirculate the email on the proposal should individual Councillors wish to comment.

CE153/22 To note the report on Healthwatch Cheshire and to suggest community groups who will benefit from its support.

The following groups were suggested: Bridgend Centre, Senior Citizen Committee, Luncheon Clubs as Community Centre and Shrigley Court. The Town Manager will contact Healthwatch Cheshire.

CE154/22 To discuss the potential purchase of flood blocks to a value of £1000.

There was some debate on the practicality of the flood blocks in terms of distribution and usage such that flood water was not diverted to cause issues elsewhere.

Cllr Ken Edwards asked if it was possible for a demonstration of their use.

It was noted that the Emergency Resilience Plan may need updating if flood blocks were purchased to include their deployment and best practice for use. Cllr JM will review the Emergency Resilience Plan on current content.

The Town Manager was asked by the Committee to seek a demonstration of use to Committee members.

CE155/22 To receive an update on the Memorial Gardens and memorial planting.

The update was noted and that monies donated by the local Tesco store has been used to purchase bulbs for the Sensory Garden for later winter and early spring colour. The Town Manager was asked by the Committee to seek more information on a memorial board.

CE156/22 To receive an update on poppies at the Memorial Gardens.

The Committee sought that poppy motifs were requested in 2023.

CE157/22 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on potential repairs to the Greg Fountain.

It was noted that stonemasons renovating a nearby property have added lime mortar to cracks between the stones to prevent water damage and that the owner of the property may be prepared to fund further renovations.

Cllr Ken Edwards sought that the Cheshire East Council Conservation Officer is consulted on any potential repairs and is met on site. The Town Manager advised that the Conservation Officer was made aware of proposed renovations to the lead lettering and had approved of like for like repairs.

The Town Manager will contact the third party regarding funding and will continue to liaise with the Conservation Officer.

CE158/22 To receive a report on Police, Crime and Disorder.

The report was received and the police thanked.

CE159/22 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The report was received and the fire service thanked.

CE160/22 To note any health and wellbeing updates from the Middlewood Partnership.

The report was received and Middlewood Partnership thanked.

The information session on 13th December 3-4pm at Poynton Civic Centre was noted and that all Councillors and the public should be made aware.

RESOLVED: That the Council shares Middlewood Partnership communications that are relevant to its patients and/or as requested by the Partnership on its services.

CE161/22 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th December at 7pm in the Town Hall.

The date was noted.

Meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signed:.....Dated: