



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th February 2023

Those present:

Cllrs: Johanna Maitland (JM), Angela Williams (AW), Judy Snowball (JS), David Kent (DK), Miriat Naiga (MN)

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Town Manager/Officer: Harriet Worrell

Declarations of Interest

None

Public and press present

Cllr Ken Edwards attended as a member of the public. He enquired on how the committee plans to progress the recommendations from minute CE005/23 regarding the Bollington/Disley/Poynton Care Community recommendations put to Full Council on 07/02/23. The Town Manager will liaise with the Town Clerk.

No press present.

Agenda

CE016/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr James Nicholas due to a personal commitment.

CE017/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th January 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th January 2023, CE001/23-CE015/23, were approved as a true record.

CE018/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

- a. The committee accepted Cllr Kent's reason for apologies on 10th January 2023 as a personal commitment.

CE019/23 To receive the minutes from the Events WG meeting held on 6th February 2023 and resolve any actions:

- a. To agree the update to the Events Working Group Terms of Reference.
RESOLVED: That the update is agreed.
- b. To agree to the format of the Boundary Walk.
RESOLVED: That the Boundary Walk format for April 2023 is agreed.
- c. To agree to the format for a Bollington Goes Green week and a budget of up to £200.
RESOLVED: That Bollington Goes Green week and a budget of up to £200 from the Community and Environment budget is agreed.
- d. To consider an Easter Hunt involving local businesses.
RESOLVED: That an Easter Hunt involving local businesses is approved.
- e. To agree to a Coronation event at the recreational ground.
RESOLVED: That a Coronation event at the recreational ground is agreed.

The format of the 2023 Mayor Making reception was discussed with the suggestion that the reception takes place on 24/05/23, a week after the Annual Council Meeting scheduled for 16/05/23 when the month's business will be discussed.

RESOLVED: That the reception is held immediately after the Annual Council Meeting and a Full Council meeting with all other business for the month is held the week after.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Events WG meeting held on 6th February 2023 were received.

CE020/23 To receive the minutes from the Business, Economy, and Tourism Working Group meeting held on 9th January 2023 and resolve any actions:

- a. To agree the update to the Business, Economy, and Tourism Working Group Terms of Reference
RESOLVED: That the update is agreed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Business, Economy, and Tourism WG meeting held on 9th January 2023 were received.

Cllr JS mentioned the Easter Hunt involving businesses was raised at the Business, Economy, and Tourism WG meeting on 13/02/23 with support available to the Town Manager if required.

CE021/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on local support for Ukrainian refugees.

Cllr JS attended the Ukrainian traditional Christmas event in Macclesfield on 14/01/23. It was well attended with food, singing and games. There are 10 families staying in Bollington and Kerridge with continuing support from Refugees Welcome. Families may need to apply for the Ukrainian Extension scheme to stay longer in the UK. Cllr JS suggested Bollington Town Council prepares a news feature to mark the first anniversary of the Ukrainian war and the arrival of the refugees. Cllr JS to contact potential participants for inclusion in a news article.

CE022/23 Review of Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan.

a. To receive a verbal update from Cllr David Kent on progress

The Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan has been reviewed, updated and reformatted with a name change to Bollington Emergency Response Plan. The emergency contacts (document appendices) are being reviewed and updated. The risk register will be reviewed next. When all updates are complete, the document will be circulated to the committee for review and comment.

Cllr DK felt that Bollington was at greatest risk from flooding. Currently the Town Hall has approximately 30 sandbags and two containers of sand/grit for use by residents. He felt this supply should be increased.

Cllr DK was thanked for his work.

b. To agree the Emergency Response Team for the Bollington Emergency Response Plan.

RESOLVED: That the original team members are approved, subject to their agreement, with the exception of retired Councillors unless they wish to remain on the team, and the addition of the Town Clerk and/or Town Manager.

CE023/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on flooding risk and protection in Bollington.

Cllr JS had spoken with the Friends of River Dean to understand the flood risk and their thoughts on diverting water:

- Hampson Drive would benefit from access to flood protection as it was badly affected following the flooding from Ingersley Road.
- Properties on Market Place have pumps.
- Albert Road flooded badly a few years ago.
- Trees are better absorbers of water than grassed areas.
- Leaky dams can be a useful tool to minimise flooding.

Cllr JS suggested a Working Group with Friends of the River Dean is formed to model flooding in Bollington including risk, likelihood and mitigation, and a proposal for the planting of more trees on farmland for water absorption.

Cllr MN highlighted flooding at Cow Lane and Lord Street as runoff from the White Nancy hill.

RESOLVED: That Cllr JS, with Cllr MN, forms a working group with Friends of the River Dean.

CE024/23 To note the Health and Wellness webpage on the Bollington Town Council website.

The webpage was noted.

CE025/23 To consider and agree how to inform electors to secure their photo ID for the May elections.

The Town Manager advised the committee that a feature on needing photo ID had been included in the Council newsletter as it is shortly being delivered to all Bollington households.

The Council to continue to share the message on Facebook.

Cllr JM asked that Councillors share the information as widely as possible.

CE026/23 To agree actions the Council can implement to promote hedgehog conservation.

Cllr JS to contact Hugh Warwick (a conservationist) for advice on how the Council can promote hedgehog conservation.

Information to be included in Green Week.

CE027/23 To provide an update on the council and community's response to the cost-of-living crisis.

a. To receive an update on the Warm Space provision

It was noted that the Warm Space provision concludes at the end of February as per Full Council resolution on 07/02/23. It was noted that a grant enabled the January/February provision. The Bollington Tesco store was thanked for its support in supplying tea/coffee/milk and biscuits.

RESOLVED: That in autumn of this year, the committee considers the need for a Warm Space for winter 2023/24

b. Community Grocery Store

The Grocery Store has provided food for between 30 and 50 households on its visits to Bollington. The Town Manager and Cre8 Project Coordinator will hold a review toward the end of February.

CE028/23 To agree locations for additional hanging baskets/planters.

Suggestions for planters included Bollington Cross and near the Tuners Arms.

RESOLVED: That the volunteer planters are invited to suggest locations and select appropriate planting containers within the available budget.

CE029/23 To consider a council led menopause awareness drive.

Cllr JS seeks to raise awareness in the community on the menopause, including a menopause café in Bollington, and applying for a health and wellness grant to support local initiatives.

RESOLVED: That Cllr JS investigates the feasibility of a menopause café, liaises with the Middlewood Partnership to find out what support is offered and collates information on other support services and reports back to the committee in four months' time.

CE030/23 Bollington Police, Crime and Disorder.

a. To note the refreshed Police and Crime Plan.

The updated Police and Crime Plan was noted.

b. To receive the local policing report.

The report was received and the PCSO thanked.

CE031/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The report was received and the fire officer thanked.

The Town Manager will contact the fire station to indicate the Council's support in sharing public safety messages for Bonis Hall Lane.

CE032/23 To note any health and wellbeing updates from the Middlewood Partnership.

The newsletter was received and the Middlewood Partnership thanked.

CE033/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 14th March at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed:.....Dated: