



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

Those present:

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

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. Cllr KE spoke on a number of agenda items which are minuted below.

The Bollington PCSO arrived at 7.23pm

No press present.

Agenda

CE034/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None.

CE035/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 14th February 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 10th February 2023, CE016/23-CE033/23, were approved as a true record.

It was noted that Cllr Miriat Naiga had attended the Community & Environment Committee meeting on 14/02/23 but was not listed under 'those present'. The minutes have been updated to reflect her attendance.

CE036/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Town Clerk met with the volunteer planters to discuss possible locations. The recommendations were as follows:

1. Move 4 of the 6 planters from alongside the recreation ground railings (Palmerston Street) to:
 - a. Ovenhouse shops
 - b. Another location in Bollington Cross
 - c. Turner's Arms
 - d. Near the bus stop by the entrance to Hollin Hall (Jackson Lane)

2. Purchase up to 5 troughs to hang from railings alongside Wellington Road opposite the Medical Centre.

RESOLVED: That four planters are moved from alongside the recreation ground railings to outside Ovenhouse shops, by the Cock and Pheasant, outside the Turner's Arms and near the bus stop by the entrance to Hollin House Hotel.

Cllr JN highlighted a concern raised by ANSA from a previous enquiry on placing planters on the railings that they are not strong enough to support planted troughs. The Town Manager will make further enquiries.

CE037/23 To receive the minutes from the Business, Economy, and Tourism Working Group meeting held on 13th February 2023 and resolve any actions.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Business, Economy, and Tourism Working Group meeting held on 13th February 2023 were received.

Cllr JM to follow up with Love Bollington Business on a link from the Council's business page to the Love Bollington Business directory.

CE038/23 To discuss the future of the Bollington 2030 Working Group and agree actions.

The B2030 Working Group has lost its impetus due to not being able to assemble sufficient community or council membership following organisational changes.

Cllr JS advised the B2030 WG was originally aligned to the B2030 survey, since which Transition Bollington has had a change of personnel. She added that some B2030 objectives are being addressed in Green Week, the Neighbourhood Plan review and by Youth Council.

Cllr JM added the Town Hall Working Group is investigating options to improve the building's energy usage.

Cllr KE felt the Neighbourhood Plan review was focusing on aspects of climate change through its examination of land use and land development and involvement of Transition Bollington, and scope to include policies on installation of EVC chargers and insulation on new buildings.

Cllr DK felt it was important not to lose the support of committed residents and Green Week would help maintain community engagement.

Cllr JM raised that Congleton is actively engaged in addressing climate change. The Town Manager will seek information on Congleton's approach.

RESOLVED: That the B2030 Working Group will be retained until an alternative approach for addressing the objectives is agreed, with a regular item on the Community and Environment Committee agenda.

Cllr DK and Cllr JM to review the Working Group objectives and report back to the April Community and Environment Committee.

CE039/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on local support for Ukrainian refugees.

14th March 2023 marks one year since the housing scheme for Ukrainian refugees was launched and the Bollington Support group was created.

It was agreed to share on the Council's Facebook page the photo taken outside the Town Hall of Bollington based Ukrainian refugees as posted by the support group.

Cllr JS to write a report for the Council's website on the Bollington based Ukrainian refugees.

CE040/23 Review of Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan.

a. To receive and comment on the draft revised Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan (renamed to Bollington Emergency Response Plan).

Cllr DK thanked the previous Councillor who authored the original version of the Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan. He informed the Committee that he and the Town Manager had reviewed the document to align with the risk register, updated contacts, standardised and reformatted headings. He welcomes all comments.

Cllr DK suggested the next steps as:

- Review by Full Council
- Purchase of more sand and sandbags
- Review by local police and fire service
- Agree emergency response team
- Review by Cheshire East Council
- The Council to regularly share information on flood guidance/protection
- The Council to ensure residents are aware of the updated Bollington Emergency Response Plan

Cllr KE felt the emergency response team (once agreed) should meet to review the updated Bollington Emergency Response Plan and enact a mock emergency to test the communication tree.

Cllr MN raised the water run-off from the White Nancy hill and if the sunken wells are maintained.

Cllr DK offered to contact Tullis Russell to seek an update on the maintenance of the wells.

Cllr MN felt that floodblocks are a more sustainable approach to flood defense. Cllr JM advised there is no budget and Cllr DK advised sandbags are cheaper and offer more flexibility.

Cllr JN raised potential issue of how to install sandbags in flooded areas once flooding has occurred.

Comments on Bollington Emergency Response Plan by Committee members to be returned to Cllr DK/the Town Manager by 21st March.

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends the Bollington Emergency Response Plan is adopted by Full Council.

b. To receive and comment on the draft revised Bollington Emergency Response Plan risk register.

Cllr MN felt the flood probability should be altered from 2 to 3.

The Town Manager will review the formatting to ensure text is not lost on printing.

CE041/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on flooding risk and protection in Bollington.

Cllr JS is due to meet with Friends of the River Dean on 20/03/23 and will report back to the next Community and Environment Committee meeting. Cllr JS to keep Cllr MN updated.

CE042/23 To receive an update on the Bollington Community Grocery Store.

The report was noted, with 212 households collecting food in Bollington in the first five weeks. Subject to being in receipt of reports from Cre8, the Community and Environment Committee will be regularly updated on the Grocery store usage.

CE043/23 To agree to update the Flag Policy to replace the Late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's birthday with King Charles III birthday.

RESOLVED: That the Flag Policy is updated to replace the Late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's birthday with King Charles III birthday.

CE044/23 Local Policing report.

The PCSO was thanked for his report and attending in person.

Cllr JS asked for clarification on a burglary at a property on the Waterwheel Mill estate.

The PCSO advised he performs CCTV sweeps and provides reassurance to the property owners but it's the Police Officers who follow up on evidence.

Cllr JS asked about the suspicious activity on 24/02/23. The PCSO advised the group concerned had moved on when the area was patrolled.

Cllr DK asked what proportion of incidents result in action being taken. The PCSO advised the police officers follow up on prosecution as they are assigned the incidents.

Cllr JM asked about assaults. On future reports the PCSO will try to note if the victim was known to the offender (i.e. an altercation between known parties).

CE045/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The report was received and the Fire Officer thanked.

Cllr KE raised his concern on the danger of Bonis Hall Lane as there had been another incident on this road.

CE046/23 Health and Wellbeing updates

a. To note any health and wellbeing updates from the Middlewood Partnership.

The report was received and the Middlewood Partnership thanked.

- b. To note the comment from Cllr Edwards at the C&E meeting on 14/02/23 regarding the Bollington/Disley/Poynton Care Community recommendations put to Full Council on 07/02/23.**

Cllr KE spoke briefly on promoting wellness and that the Council should be involved. The Town Manager will circulate Cllr KE's report from the Bollington Disley and Poynton Care Community Presentation at Poynton Civic Hall on 13/12/22. The Town Manager to contact the Care group to understand what Bollington Town Council can do to support the care community.

CE047/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th April at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed:.....Dated: