



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 7th March 2023 @ 7pm

Prayers

Prayers were received By Rev Nancy Goodrich
Rev Nancy Goodrich left at 7.05pm.

Present: Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart (JCS)

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), David Kent (DK), Ken Larby (KL), (*left early*) Jo Maitland (JM), Miriat Naiga (MN), James Nicholas (JN), Amanda Stott (AS), Angela Williams (AW).

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Declarations of Interest

Cllr JN due to being Chair of the CEC Northern Planning Committee and Cllr K Edwards – allotment quotes.

Apologies

Cllr Sarah Butterworth no apologies submitted, Cllr Helen Ellwood due to annual holidays and Cllr Judy Snowball due to a prior engagement.

Public Forum

Three members of the public were present, one wished to observe the meeting and two spoke on sporting '20 is Plenty' initiative and the benefits it would give Bollington of adopted.

27/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 7th February 2023 (Minute Nos 16/23 – 26/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate.

28/23 To receive updates from the minutes.

Civility & Respect Pledge

The Town Council had adopted the pledge and were the 1,002nd Council in the country to adopt the pledge.

Town Assembly on 01.03.23

The Mayor thought the event was a success, although the representation from the electoral role was not as high as the previous year which was disappointing. There had been a significant football match and a few events in the town celebrating St David's Day. He felt Jackie Weaver had been an excellent speaker.

There was a very good idea from the audience that BTC supported an electric bus through the town and with the recent news in relation to Arriva stopping local buses it was one which should be explored.

It was agreed that the idea should be explored through Transport & Travel Working group and invite the individual concerned.

Cllr JM wished it to be noted the Town Assembly was debated at the Events Working Group next time.

29/23 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements.

The following announcements were noted:

Finance & Audit Committee	13/03/23	10 am
Community & Environment	14/03/23	7 pm
Personnel, Policy & Governance Committee	15/03/23	10 am
Planning & Town Committee	21/03/23	7 pm

30/23 To receive a briefing from the Clerk of the Elections being held on 4th May 2023

The Clerk had attended a briefing session at Macclesfield Town Hall to explain the process of completing the election nomination forms. The new photo ID was explained as it was a new initiative and something which the CE Election Team had spent a considerable amount of money advertising from 9th January 2023. The Notice of Election will be on 16th March. The deadline for nomination packs being delivered to Westfields is 4th April at 4pm. It is by appointment 9.30am – 5pm. The Northern count will take place in Macclesfield Leisure Centre from 10am on Sunday 7th May.

The Clerk had nomination packs to be collected by Cllrs who wished to stand again .

31/23 To receive a report from the Cheshire East Ward Councillors

Cheshire East's budget Council meeting took place on 22 February. The budget was passed by members, giving the council a further four years of balanced outcome. There has been growth across all areas of the Council, however savings have had to be made to reflect the inflationary impact of national and global events, and the uncertainty these events bring. Council tax is to be raised by 4.99%, 2% of which is a levy for Adults Social care. The support for those having difficulty in paying their council tax has been enhanced in recent years and information can be found on the Council's website. There has also recently been a fund available for the Council to passport a minimum of £25 to those most vulnerable residents. Initial calculations are indicating that CEC may be able to contribute up to £40 per council tax bill, given the numbers of homes that currently have a nil council tax bill.

Northern Planning is to be held on 22 March - the agenda will be published five working days beforehand.

The Chair asked about the removal of a key bus service through Bollington due to the collapse of Arriva bus company. The bus company were finding it very hard to balance their accounts as the usage had dropped dramatically since Covid. The decision was commercial. They had apparently served notice on their staff to cease work on 23rd April. It seems D & G were picking up some of their services but not all of them. Cllr AS informed Council that

the service was subsidised by Cheshire East already, the 392 and 391 up to £330,000 per annum but these buses are not operated by Arriva. The Clerk was asked to write to Cheshire East Council and ask for their policy on Community Transport if a key bus service was removed.

32/23 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 14/02/23 (CE16/23- CE 33/23)

RESOLVED to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record

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

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 and this would be taken from the Horticultural budget

RESOLVED: an Easter Hunt involving local businesses is approved.

RESOLVED: That a Coronation Event at the recreational ground was agreed on the 8th May 2023.

MAYOR MAKING

RESOLVED: the C & E RESOLUTION was not accepted by Full Council and the Annual Town Council Meeting would be held on 16/05/23 and the Mayor Making celebration would be held on 24th May 2023.

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 21/02/23 (PT 17/23 – PT 32/23)

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

PT 20/23 To accept the proposal from the Planning Committee on the 20's Plenty campaign which originated from the Transport & Travel Working Group on 27th January 2023

Motion proposed - Bollington Town Council supports the 20's Plenty for Cheshire East campaign and calls on Cheshire East Unitary Authority to implement 20mph in Bollington; then write to Cheshire East Unitary Authority to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout Cheshire East where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

RESOLVED the motion was accepted.

Cllr Ken Larby left at 8.15 pm.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE 27/02/23 (FC 06/23- 16/23)

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

FC 12/23 To discuss the Civic Hall charges and to note last increase was June 2022.

Cllr AS noted the fact that we had calculated the increase in utility costs with the precept calculation.

RESOLVED the rates would not be increased at this stage and it would become part of the budget process in October 2023 and may have to be revisited.

See Enclosures

FC 14/23 To accept the quote to recommendation from the Facilities Committee to accept as follows:

The THWG is recommending appointing a building surveyor to gain quotes to make the Town Hall accessible to visitors and energy efficient after gaining quotes as follows.

Quote A - £4,770.00 plus VAT

Quote B - £ 2,500.00 plus VAT

Quote C - £ £4,500 plus VAT

RESOLVED Quote A would be instructed to get quotes for the improvements at the Town Hall.

To agree the contractor to implement the ground works access at the new allotment site.

Quote A - £6,964.00 inc VAT

Quote B - £16,790.00 inc VAT

Quote C - £17,696.40 inc VAT

RESOLVED Quote A was accepted.

33/23 To receive the minutes from the Youth Council on 6th February 2023

RESOLVED to accept the minutes.

The Town Mayor gave a brief update how well the YC was progressing.

34/33 To approve the amended Finance Risk Assessment after comments from the Finance & Audit Committee

The F & A Committee had scrutinised the Risk Assessment and the Chair of Finance had checked before submission.

RESOLVED the Risk Assessment was accepted.

35/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

- [22/3976M](#)

SYNERGIST EXPRESS LIMITED, CLARENCE MILL, CLARENCE ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JZ

New external air handling unit including fixing of pipework to building.

RESOLVED OBJECTION

- [22/3977M](#)

SYNERGIST EXPRESS LIMITED, CLARENCE MILL, CLARENCE ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JZ

Listed building consent for new external air handling unit including fixing of pipework to building.

RESOLVED OBJECTION

- [23/0631M](#)

NORBRECK, HURST LANE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5LN

2 storey side extension with associated external works including access improvements.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

36/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £6,816.91 Co-op Savings - £20,075.40 Natwest - £98,413.63 Santander - £70,000.00 = £195,448.39

RESOLVED to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 07/02/23 £21,511.06 + £1,787.19 VAT = £23,298.25 Plus - Receipts = £4,290.32

The information had been inspected by the Town Mayor Cllr J Stewart and the Chair of Finance & Audit Committee Cllr Amanda Stott

RESOLVED an extra payment was added to Bowcock & Pursaill of £1,800 for the BHL land transfer.

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 nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons.

The public's exclusion from part or all 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 AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 17/02/23 (PPG 08/23)

Plus, Appendix 1

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

37/23 To note the next Full Council meeting to be held on 4th April 2023 at the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:..... Date:.....