



Notes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th April 2023

Those present:

Cllrs: Johanna Maitland (JM), Angela Williams (AW), David Kent (DK), James Nicholas (JN), Ken Edwards (KE), John Stewart (JCS)

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Town Manager/Officer: Harriet Worrell

Declarations of Interest

None

Public and press present

No public or press present.

CE048/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr Miriat Naiga due to work commitments with Cllr John Stewart substituting.

Cllr Judy Snowball due to being unwell with Cllr Ken Edwards substituting.

CE049/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 14th March 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 14th March 2023, CE034/23-CE047/23, were approved as a true record.

CE050/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

It was noted that Full Council on 04/04/23 agreed to relocate the planters alongside the recreational ground on Palmerston Street to:

- i) One by the steps to the Recreational ground
- ii) Palmerston street exit to Recreational ground
- iii) Pavement to aqueduct by the town noticeboard
- iv) By Greg Fountain
- v) Poolbank car park
- vi) Traffic crossing island opposite Turners Rise

It was also noted that the railings alongside the raised pathway on Wellington Road are deemed strong enough to support planters and that four planters have been purchased.

Cllr KE commented on the success of the Cre8 surplus grocery store. Cllr KE and Cllr JN queried the use of the store from people outside Bollington but were advised by the Town Manager that the stores in Bollington and Macclesfield are open to all.

CE051/23 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group meeting held on 27th March 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Events Working Group meeting held on 27th March 2023 were received.

To note the date of Civic Sunday.

The date agreed at that Events WG was Sunday 24th September.

To note the plans for Green Week.

The Town Manager updated the Committee with plans for a talk at Bollington Cross School and the Civic Hall in Green Week (10-18th June) and that the Arts Centre will provide its main hall free of charge for a school exhibit on 10-11th June. The Town Manager will liaise with the CEC Rangers on the possibility of a ranger led event during the week. There is yet no information on a price for the screening of an Inconvenient Truth. The Town Manager will make enquiries on the price for a cinema licence but reminded the committee the budget for Greek Week is £200.

Cllr David Kent arrived at 7.11pm

To Resolve the budget allocation to celebrate Christmas 2023.

The Events WG recommended a single Christmas tree to be installed at the Town Hall and for the sycamore tree to be lit at Bollington Cross. The Town Manager advised Carols Around the Tree is to come out of the Christmas budget.

Due to not having all the information at this time, a decision will be made at a future meeting.

CE052/23 To receive an update from Cllr Maitland and Cllr Kent on the B2030 Working Group.

Cllr JM introduced this item by stating that the B2030 Working Group has an important aim but in its current form is a challenge to coordinate the right set of people. Cllr JM and Cllr DK made the following recommendations:

1. In order for BTC to ensure the aims of the original WG are delivered and not lost within the committee structure, it is proposed that a line be added to all Town Council committee Terms of References. The line would be along the lines of: **In all discussions, debates and decision-making procedures ensure that the climate and environmental impact is thoroughly considered and recorded.**
2. Further to this a section on the BTC website should be created **“Green Bollington”** perhaps with links, resources, events, and information relating to carbon neutrality and improving the town’s green credentials through education and cooperation.
3. A regular agenda item (as per police, fire, health & wellbeing, and community action should now be added to the Community & Environment Committee meetings **“Climate Action – Green Bollington”** where we can ensure actions are followed through and delivered against. This could have perhaps reports, minutes and

updates from various community groups on relevant topics which would ensure BTC was assisting and enabling where it was able to. Task & Finish/WGs could be created in the future as necessary.

4. A statement should be drawn up, and published on the website in the new Green Bollington section, as an initial action to declare what BTC is currently doing to deliver against its Climate Emergency Pledge.
5. The Friends of the Earth "[50 things a Council Can Do](#)" exercise would provide an excellent focus for future agendas for Community & Environment.
6. Community & Environment Committee will make recommendations to Council for other committees to action to ensure delivery of the Carbon Neutrality Pledge for 2030.

Cllr DK shared a chart with the Committee that depicted carbon emissions in Cheshire East between 2005 and 2020 broken down by sectors: commercial, domestic, industry, public, transport and agriculture. There was fluctuation across the years but an overall reduction by 2020.

Cllr KE welcomed the recommendations and felt they were a good framework for the next Council.

Cllr DK felt that while the Corporate Plan references climate change, the council needs to actively provide information to the community. Cllr DK volunteered to be the council's climate champion/lead if there was to be one.

Cllr KE felt the council should work with local businesses on reducing carbon footprint.

RESOLVED: That the above recommendations are accepted and integrated into the next council administration, with the addition of engagement with local businesses and the community. Bollington Goes Green Week to be used to relaunch the B2030 initiative via the Council website with a "green" page to address climate change and reducing carbon footprint. Cllr David Kent to act as the Council B2030 champion.

CE053/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on flooding risk and protection in Bollington.

An update to be provided at the next available meeting.

CE054/23 To consider a request to fund the planting of the Market Place hanging baskets.

RESOLVED: That subject to their agreement the volunteer planters to provide at cost plants for the hanging baskets to be planted, watered and maintained by the Market Place residents. The Town Wardens to assist with the hanging and removal of the baskets.

CE055/23 To note the response from the Canal & River Trust on a bench by bridge 25 and consider a recommendation to Full Council.

It was noted there are benches on the aqueduct above Palmerston Street.

The Canal and River Trust does not install benches, or provide grants for them because they cause towpath pinch points, encourage antisocial behaviour and cause problems for their vegetation contractors. A bench (if funded by the Council) would cost £662.89 plus VAT. There would also be a charge of £436.00 plus VAT for the cost of installation and for the necessary services searches.

RESOLVED: That the installation of a bench at bridge 25 is not supported due to it being outside the Bollington boundary or at other points along the towpath within the boundary from Hurst Lane as there are no suitable locations.

RESOLVED: For the originator of the request to be contacted and updated on their request for a bench.

CE056/23 Local Policing report.

The local policing report was received and PCSO thanked.

Cllr DK enquired about trends on incidents and if the council has access to this information, and how the Council can interface with the community to share information on crime risks and protection.

The Town Manager will liaise further with the PCSO.

CE057/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The report was received and the fire service thanked.

CE058/23 Health and Wellbeing updates

a. Bollington/Disley/Poynton Care community.

The Town Manager had spoken to the BDP Care community business support manager and has been invited to attend a meeting on 25/04/23 to find out more about the group and how the Council can offer support.

b. To note the Disley Health & Wellbeing Project Team.

The committee noted the good work done by the Disley Health & Wellbeing Project Team. It was felt that the benefit of an equivalent team at Bollington Town Council may not add value when there already exists a number of wellbeing services in Bollington.

The Town Manager to contact the Bridgend Centre to ask if the Council can assist by signposting their services.

c. To note the update from the Middlewood Partnership.

The Committee members were given a copy of the Middlewood social prescribing service leaflet.

CE059/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th June at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.16pm

Signed:.....Dated: