



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held at the Town Hall on the 4th April 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), Helen Ellwood (HE) Deputy Mayor, David Kent (DK), Jo Maitland (JM), Miriat Naiga (MN), James Nicholas (JN), Judy Snowball (JS), 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 Ken Larby due to a family celebration and it was noted Cllr Sarah Butterworth had resigned.

Public Forum

Nobody present.

The Mayor welcomed everyone to his last meeting as the Town Mayor and wished to thank the Councillors and the administration team for all their support over his electoral year.

38/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 7th March 2023 (Minute Nos 27/23 – 37/23)

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate.

39/23 To receive updates from the minutes.

The Clerk wished to pass on the gratitude from the Civic Hall Users for no increase in the hire rates this year.

40/23 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements.

The following announcements were noted:

Community & Environment	11/04/23	7 pm
Planning & Town Committee	18/04/23	7 pm

41/23 To resolve the appointment of the Youth Consort 2023/24

RESOLVED Cllr Helen Ellwood and the Clerk would be given delegated authority to appoint the Youth Consort for the next electoral year.

42/23 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 13/03/23 (FA 08/23- 16/23)

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

FA 12/23 To resolve to agree the following grant applications for the second applications and to note £8,552.09 has been allocated year to date which leaves a balance of £3,947.91.

There had been eight grant applications submitted in the second tranche of the grant application process.

- Bollington Town FC for pair of portable dug outs - £2,000.00

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £250.00.

- Bollington Writers for equipment and refreshments.

RESOLVED the grant was refused as it was a private individual.

- Bollington Live for printing costs - £1,000.00

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £1,000.00.

- Bollington Cricket Club for new nets - £5,000.00

RESOLVED the grant was refused.

- Bollington Initiative Trust for attention to trees at Tinkers Clough - £3,000.00

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £1,000.00.

- Bollington Horticultural Society for prizes - £100.00.

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £100.00.

- Bollington Health & Leisure for assistance with grass cutting - £1,000.00.

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £1,000.00.

- Bollington Walking Festival for leaflets for walking festival - £591.00

RESOLVED the grant was approved at £591.00.

RESOLVED the grants allocated as recommended by the F & A Committee was accepted.

FA 13/23 To agree the new Grant application form.

RESOLVED the Grants application form was accepted.

FA 14/23 To agree the Grant Awarding Policy.

RESOLVED the Grant Policy was accepted.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 14/03/23 (CE 34/23-47/23)

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

RESOLVED To note the existing planters would be relocated to the following locations.

- 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

RESOLVED to accept the updated Flag Policy

CE040/23 Review of Bollington Emergency Resilience Plan.

Cllr KE requested the plan was revisited to include any vulnerable people so in the event of an emergency they would be identified first.

RESOLVED the Emergency Resilience Plan was adopted.

PERSONNEL, POLICY & GOVERNANCE 15/03/23 (PPG 09/23- 19/23)

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

PPG 12/23 To review policies after adopting the Dignity at Work Policy:

- **Grievance Policy**
- **Disciplinary Policy**

The Clerk advised the following from SLCC - *If a member of staff complains about a Councillor and that complaint is found not to have any substance that is the end of the matter. The Councillor has no right of appeal against it as the grievance and disciplinary procedures do not apply to them, these apply only to employees of the Council.*

If the panel hearing the grievance decides that the grievance was brought in bad faith, or maliciously or vexatiously, one course open to it is to recommend that the employee faces disciplinary action for bringing it. This would be the only "appeal" that the Councillor has. They could ask the staffing committee to review the concerns that the Councillor has about him/her and the committee could suggest a range of actions for dealing with this as appropriate.

RESOLVED the Grievance Policy was accepted.

RESOLVED the Disciplinary Policy was accepted.

PPG 13/23 To adopt revised policies.

- **Civic Functions & Events Policy**
- **Child Protection & Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy**
- **Lone Working Policy**

RESOLVED the three policies listed above were accepted.

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT 21/03/23 (PT 33/23 – 46/23)

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

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr KE together with his working group had drafted a future plan for the new Council to consider when revisiting the NP in the next electoral year. The plan was explained in detail as the way forward to achieve the revisit of the NP following the research completed by the existing group.

RESOLVED the plan for the new Neighbourhood Plan Working group was accepted.

43/23 To accept the Corporate Plan and to note a motion from Cllr K Edwards on the Town Hall aims and objectives within the Corporate Plan

Cllr KE had presented the following motion and Cllr JS was a seconder ; *1. Bollington Town Council rescinds the description of the proposals for the Town Hall from the Corporate Plan as set out on page 10 in the following manner. 2. Current description of planned action Assess the feasibility of improving the Town Hall – creation of an accessible, welcoming community facility for staff and visitors. Replace with: Plan for improvements to the Town Hall – creation of an accessible, welcoming community facility for, visitors, staff and Councillors. 3. Stated Objective: To ensure the Town Hall Working Group through the Facilities Committee deliver a compliant and accessible Town Hall whilst considering all alternative available options. Replace with **The Objective of BTC is to maintain Bollington Town Hall as the central resource for public business in the Town and to***

ensure over time it is fully compliant with accessibility legislation and sustainable in energy use.

The Clerk advised this motion should not be accepted in purdah as the report had not been received from the appointed building surveyor to gain full financial costs. All members felt it was unfair to bind a new Council with only one option on the way forward with the Town Hall and it should be in their gift to make future decisions.

RESOLVED the motion was not accepted at this stage.

The Corporate Plan 2022/24

RESOLVED the Corporate Plan was approved.

44/23 To note the proposals for the Committee Structure and Working Groups in the next electoral year 2023/24

Cllr HE, as the new elected Mayor made the suggestion that the Committee structure was working very well and would like it to remain the same in her electoral year. She felt the Committees should task the Working Groups with aims and objectives but in her opinion and with guidance from the Town Clerk and Town Manager the Business, Economy, and Tourism WG and Bollington 2030 WG could meet their objectives better under the Community & Environment Committee. The Chair of the C & E Committee agreed. Cllr JS strongly thought this was out of process, the report was poor and better research and communication was required. She felt the Standing Orders had been breached by the Clerk.

RESOLVED the Committee Structure would remain, and the two working groups would be abandoned at this stage.

45/23 To receive the minutes from the Youth Council on 6th March 2023

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted.

The Mayor noted that the meeting on 3rd April had been cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Due to bank holidays, there will be no meeting in May so the Clerk asked for an alternative date.

RESOLVED, the next Youth Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 2nd May at 4pm.

46/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

23/1025M

16 ADLINGTON ROAD, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5JT

Small rear extension for kitchen/living room, plus dormer and velux lights for loft conversion.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

47/23 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

RESOLVE to approve the Accounts for Payment dated 04/04/23 £24,237.46 + VAT £1078.63= £25,316.09 Plus - Receipts = £6,335.27

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

The Clerk noted there were three extra payments as follows.

- i) £1,224.00 Book My course First Aid Course
- ii) £80.78 ANSA – gritting
- iii) £83.23 F Davies electrician

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)
Staff Appraisals

RESOLVED the resolutions as recommended from the PPG Committee were accepted.

48/23 To note the next meeting will be the Annual Town Council meeting to be held on 16th May 2023 at the Town Hall @ 7pm.

Please note there will be an Induction for newly Elected Councillors on the 9th May @ 5pm in the Town Hall

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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