

**Bollington Town  
Council**

**Community and  
Environment**

**Meeting**

**Enclosures**

**11<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and resolve any actions.**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Business, Economy, and Tourism Working Group meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed:.....Dated: .....



## Minutes of the Events Working Group

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am**  
**Council Chamber**

**Voting Members:** Town Mayor – Cllr. John Stewart, Cllr. Angela Williams, Cllr. Judy Snowball (arrived 10.01), Cllr. Johanna Maitland

**Non-voting members:** Deputy Mayor – Cllr. Helen Ellwood, Chris Bennett - Friends of the Rec

**Officers/Staff:** Town Manager – Harriet Worrell, Town Clerk – Julie Mason

**Chair:** Cllr. John Stewart

### Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence**  
Mark Fearn of the Bollington Branch of the Royal British Legion
- 2. Declarations of interest**  
None
- 3. Approval of the minutes of the previous Events Working Group on 06/02/23.**  
The minutes were approved.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes which do not appear as items on the agenda.**  
None.
- 5. To receive event feedback and any considerations.**  
Mayor's Fundraising dinner - The Town Mayor gave a verbal update on his fundraising dinner held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March which was well attended and raised over £6000 towards the replacement cricket nets.

Civic Sunday - The feedback was noted with the event deemed a success. Should the same parade route be used again, the exit from the Leisure Centre car park would benefit from barriers to hold the traffic until it is safe to leave.



**6. To receive an update on the following events and any considerations.**

**a. Easter Hunt – Easter holidays**

Eleven businesses have agreed to take part with Tesco donating some prizes. Cllr Ellwood donated an Easter rabbit. The trail is prepared and trail letters ready to distribute for display.

**b. Coronation on the Rec – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Dog show and Hoopers agility confirmed. Lions to provide BBQ, Granelli's ice cream confirmed. Face painter booked (to charge customers) and treasure hunt will be used from the cancelled Jubilee event.

Friends of the Rec has provisionally agreed to donate £200 towards the event.

**c. Bollington Goes Green Week – 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June**

The Arts Centre can provide the main hall free of charge for an exhibition by local schools on 10-11<sup>th</sup> June. The theme agreed by the WG is 'Bollington Goes Green'.

It was noted that the library and Bridgend would like to get involved. Chris Bennett mentioned Open Gardens and potential 'opening' of the allotments and if this could be scheduled for Green Week, subject to the number of gardens and agreement to access the allotments.

The Head of Bollington Cross School has agreed the school hall can be used free of charge for a green talk.

It was agreed the Civic Hall can be used for a talk and/or the showing of the film 'An Inconvenient Truth'. The Town Manager to enquire about the film and follow up on potential speakers for 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June.

The Town Manager to liaise with the CEC Rangers and other local organisations that may be able to arrange events for that week.

The Town Manager to enquire if White Nancy can be illuminated green for that week.

Youth Council to be invited to be involved subject to parental consent.

**d. Bollington Festival - 2026**

Fundraising: Race night 12<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm at Hollin House Hotel, Open Gardens June 2023, Megan Dixon Hood at the Civic Hall 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. A fundraising ball/dinner provisionally planned for April/May 2024.

The Town Mayor sought that the Boundary Walk was publicised on Facebook.

**7. To note any Community event updates**

The Well Dressing event application and road closure application for the opening ceremony (1<sup>st</sup> July) have been submitted and the event application for a tea shop at High Street submitted.

The event application for the Kerridge Memorial parade (9<sup>th</sup> July) has been submitted.

**8. To consider a date for Civic Sunday.**

The date agreed was Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023, with the Town Manager and Mayor-Elect to discuss a parade route and venue(s).

**9. Christmas 2023**

- a) To consider the quotes for a Christmas Tree at the Town Hall and recommend a quote to the Community & Environment Committee.**

Due to a limited budget, it was agreed that a single Christmas tree would be located at the Town Hall this year.

Chris Bennett to contact ANSA about planting a tree at the Bollington recreational ground that when matured could be dressed with lights.

- b) To consider the quotes for the lighting of the sycamore tree at Bollington Cross and recommend a quote to the Community & Environment Committee.**

Two quotes were received for lighting the sycamore tree – one with lights at a weekly hire cost over 5 weeks and the other a light installation that would remain in situ for 4-5 years. The Town Clerk and Town Manager to compare in a breakdown of annual cost.

- c) To agree to the quote for the lights switch on.**

Friends of the Rec has provisionally agreed to donate £500 towards the event.

The Town Clerk and Town Manager to consider alternative locations for a Christmas event and light switch on options.

The dated noted for an event was Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December as there is no clash with Treacle Market.

**10. To consider items for the next agenda.**

None

**11. To agree the date of the next meeting.**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

Meeting closed at 10.40am

## **Market Place hanging baskets**

### **Background**

In the spring of 2022, Bollington Town Council arranged for the planting and delivery of the 3 pairs of lamppost flower baskets at Market Place, for the residents to re-hang and care for (watering etc) throughout the summer months.

The residents funded the planting but BTC recovered the VAT.

The flower baskets are owned by the Market Place residents.

### **Update**

A resident of High Street has requested Bollington Town Council undertake the planting and funding of the 3 pairs of lamppost flower baskets at Market Place. The residents feel these baskets are part of the town and should be considered the same.

## **Update on a bench on the Canal near bridge 25**

### **Background**

The below report was submitted to the Community & Environment Committee in October 2022.

The below request was submitted by a Footpath Officer

Several people have commented to me that there are no benches along the stretch of canal from Bridge 25 at Holehouse Lane to Hurst Lane to stop for a rest. Today a <redacted> lady who was struggling was sat on the grass but struggled to get back up. She mentioned that there used to be benches pre lockdown.

Consideration: For a bench to be purchased and a written request for funding from the Clerk and Committee Chair from the Help Bollington Fund.

### **Update**

Following the October meeting, the Town Manager contacted the Canal & River Trust who initially replied with reservations due to benches causing towpath pinch points, encourage antisocial behaviour and problems for their vegetation contractors. The Town Manager was advised the Canal & River Trust does not install benches.

The Town Manager sought clarification on whether the Canal & River Trust would support the installation of a bench if funded by the Council.

After a period of no further updates to the query, the Canal & River Trust replied:

Let me apologise again for the time this matter has been outstanding. Your request for a bench on the towpath is a lovely idea but is not something the Trust can commit to as we have no funds for new benches at present. However, if you want to fund the bench yourselves, as you have suggested, the type of bench would be similar to the one in the attached photo.

The costs for the bench and the necessary fixings are currently £662.89 plus VAT (£795.47 including VAT). There would also be a charge of £436.00 plus VAT for the cost of installation and for the necessary services searches.

Any installation would need to be done during the summer and may take a while to prepare and for the searches for services.

This is not a priority for the Trust and it should be noted that the Trust would not be liable for any damage or maintenance costs. If the bench became unsafe, or deemed unfit, we would have to remove it.

I hope this helps to clarify the Trust's position and if you wish to proceed, please let me know and we can sort out the next steps.



**Consideration:** whether the committee recommends the installation of a bench to be funded by the Help Bollington Fund, subject to agreement from the Clerk and Committee Chair from the Help Bollington Fund.

## **Bollington Crime Report March 2023**

01/03 – Fraud, Spinners Way.

03/03 – Vehicle failure to stop for Police and no Insurance. Sugar Lane, Adlington.

04/03 – Suspicious activity (person spotted on grounds of property. No damage, has not entered property and nothing taken).

06/03 – Sexual offence (Male walking around car park with his penis out).

07/03 – Theft from motor vehicle, Grimshaw Lane.

07/03 – Road Traffic Collision (RTC). Damage only, Rock Bank Rise.

08/03 – Suspicious activity, Waterwheel Way.

08/03 – Highway disruption, Vine Street.

09/03 – Fraud (Computer hacking).

09/03 – Highway disruption (tree blocking road), Clarence Mill.

10/03 – RTC damage only (car and car), Lord Street.

12/03 – Fraud (Computer Hacking).

13/03 – RTC injury, Flash Lane.

13/03 – Shouting and arguing, Pool Bank Car Park.

13/03 – Theft, Kingsway.

14/03 – Suspicious activity, Clarence Mill.

14/03 – Suspected attempted burglary (hand through letterbox), Princess Street.

15/03 – Suspected attempted burglary (hand through letterbox), Princess Street.

16/03 – Suspicious activity, Adlington Rd Business Park.

17/03 – ASB, Ovenhouse Lane.

19/03 – Criminal damage, Palmerston Street.

21/03 – RTC damage only, Wellington Rd.

22/03 – RTC damage only, Palmerston Street.

24/03 – Suspicious activity (car driving up and down road), Greenfield Rd.

26/03 – Violence/ assault (Victim punched in the face), Palmerston Street.

28/03 – RTC damage only, High street.

30/03 – Highway disruption (livestock on road), Flash Lane.

## **Report from Bollington Fire Service**

March was a busier than usual month for us with our crew being alerted 43 times. The heavy snow at the start of the month saw us deployed several time to assist NW and East Midlands ambulance crews gain access to casualties at outlying properties; our new 4x4 rapid response rescue unit's capabilities were used to good effect. During this period we also supported Buxton Mountain Rescue Team to gain access to a female casualty with a fractured leg high up near Wildboarclough.

We attended six road traffic collisions during the month. One of these was the tragic incident in Disley that claimed the lives of two teenage girls.

We also attended the usual mixture of fires, false alarms and minor incidents.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of March we held a training day for members of the British Horse Society(NW). We held this at our Winsford training centre. We provided road safety advice for transporting horses, farm fire safety information and advice on what to do in the event of an animal in distress or entrapment. We finished the day with a demonstration of our equine rescue capabilities.

## **Disley Health & Wellbeing Project Team**

### **Background**

The Town Manager was asked to make enquiries with Disley Parish Council on its Health & Wellbeing Group.

### **Update**

The Disley Parish Clerk responded with:

The Parish Council has a Health & Wellbeing Project Team. This consists of councillors, NHS representatives, Cheshire East Cheshire Local Area Coordinator, Middlewood Social Prescriber and a rep from the End of Life Partnership. Other members can be invited as necessary.

The project team's remit is:

**To improve the village Health & Well-being through new initiatives such as social isolation reduction and to encourage community volunteering.**

There was an offer to speak to the project lead – a meeting can be arranged.

### **Notes from Disley Parish Council Health and Wellbeing Project Group Teams meeting Thursday 19th January 2023**

1. Present: <redacted>  
Apologies: <redacted>
  2. No matters arising from previous meeting 10th November 2022 not included in agenda.
  3. Time to Talk is now running alongside Disley Friends Social Group. Two people came to the January session which was supported by <redacted> and <redacted>. Future sessions will be announced at Cuppa an' a Chat, asking people to mention the group to friends/family/neighbours who may be interested. Schoolhouse Surgery will also signpost people to these sessions via the social prescriber and a poster will be displayed at the surgery along with a supply of flyers. SA will email <redacted> to confirm sessions will now run from 2 - 3.30pm whilst the library is open. RH will place an A board in the foyer or outside advertising the sessions.
- Action: SA to notify Lisa Jocelyn of change of time for Time to Talk
- Action: RH to place A board in foyer to advertise future sessions



4. SA reported that currently only 4 users are having books delivered via the Home Library Service. <redacted> is trying to promote the service. Library will be asked to prepare a poster in time for the publication of the next e-bulletin.

Action: RH to request poster from library for next e-bulletin

5. DH reported that Just Drop In is only currently available at Macclesfield. He will find out about Youth Matters at New Mills and another facility for teenagers in Manchester. <redacted> will find out if Just Drop In may be willing to provide counselling by telephone for Disley residents. Disley Parish Council small meeting room can be made available for face-to-face appointments in Disley.

Action: DH to find out about Youth Matters and facility in Manchester

Action: LI to contact Just Drop In about sessions in Disley

6. RH reported that 3 Monday afternoon sessions had no takers so future sessions may be cancelled. Fortnightly Soup and a Roll on Wednesdays is proving to be very popular with around 28 people attending each time, not just people who have stayed on after Cuppa an' a Chat. There have been a few takers of hot drinks offered at the library and the library coffee mornings were well attended. The first Sunday afternoon film show went very well with 22 attending. The timing and choice of film (Downton Abbey - A New Era) helped greatly. After the next two sessions, running of future sessions could transfer to the Volunteer network. RH will try to find out how attendance has been for Warm Places at St Marys and Baptist churches. <redacted> suggested it would be a good idea to ask attendees how they found out about the sessions they attended.

Action: RH to find out about Warm Places attendance at churches

Action: SA to ask how people found out about sessions attended

7. SA reported Disley Friends Group was attended by 16 people including 6 from Orcadia. Disley Community Choir was very well received. Two volunteers who live in Disley and help with the New Mills group have provided a considerable amount of support for our new group. Another volunteer helps with transport if required. Disley Parish Council is providing free room hire for the first 3 sessions from the Connected Communities arrangement.

8. SA reported Cheshire East Stay Well Squad Health and Wellbeing Bus event last year was very successful. The next session will be on Friday 10th February from 9.30 - 1pm which is on the same date as the next Disley Friends Social Group meeting. This session will be in the library as the bus is too cold in February. It is not known at this time if the project will continue as it was threatened to end in December but has been extended to the end of March.

Action: RH to email the flyer to AM for uploading to the Middlewood website

9. RH reported It's OK not be OK cards, produced by Poynton Town Council, have been issued to all Poynton High School pupils. They contain information, QR codes and useful contact numbers for teenagers. A supply of these cards will be given to the PCSO, Basement Youth Club, Scouts and Guides.

10. RH said the 2 'Know your Numbers' volunteers who have been trained to do blood pressure and ECG readings are very keen to do these again. Opportunities for this, such as at the Disley Show, Pride event, the King's Coronation etc. will be raised at next week's Village Events meeting.

11. SA reported that up until the new contract which commenced 1st January, the Carers Hub did not cover Disley. Blythe House and East Cheshire hospices provide counselling for adults and Leah said that bereavement counselling specifically for children is starting soon in Macclesfield which may be extended further afield.

12. RH reported that monthly Monday appointment-only NHS baby clinics will re-start in February. These are usually attended by 2 - 3 mothers who would struggle to get to Poynton.

Action: RH will advise <redacted> of dates of baby clinics for the year.

Action: RH will email Community Bus information to Leah and Schoolhouse Surgery.

13. <redacted> said that the Middlewood Partnership blog will shortly be providing information about PATCHS.

14. <redacted> said she has heard that there may be a food bank offering at St Marys Church. SA will find out about this and let Leah know. SA mentioned that the New Mills Food Pantry and Trussell Trust food bank in Hazel Grove are both available to Disley residents.

Action: SA to provide update to <redacted> on food bank at St Marys Church in Disley

15. Next meeting via Teams Thursday 9th March 10 - 11 a.m.