



**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Community & Environment Committee
Council Chamber, Bollington Town Hall
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th October 2021**

Those Present:

Members with voting rights:

Town Mayor; Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM)

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), Roland Edwards (RE), James Nicholas (JN) and Sara Knowles (SK).

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Chair: Cllr Johanna Maitland

Public: Two members of the public including Cllr J Snowball.

There was a member of the public present to ask for support when community nurses visited private residents and had issues with yellow no parking lines and the inability to park their vehicles then having to walk long distances with equipment. He felt they had done so much through the pandemic and now it was time they were supported more and if the weather was poor, it added pressure to their role. He felt that BTC could try and sort some sort of passes with their logo for the nurses to allow a short time frame to park and assist their patients.

Cllr J Snowball gave an update on the sewage entering the River Dean, the visit from the Environment Agency and the actions now being undertaken from United Utilities to resolve the issues

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Cllr Mark Fern due to a sailing commitment.

To receive any Declarations of Interest: None declared

CE 59/21 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community Services & Environment Committee meeting held 14th September 2021.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a correct record.

CE 60/21 To receive updates from the minutes.

No updates.

CE 61/21 To discuss actions for car parking support for NHS workers to visit private residents

The members discussed the options available and agreed although BTC had no powers to instruct such passes there needed some research conducted into if there were passes available and under what rulings for nurses in the community. Cllr SK

had been approached by the resident initially before the meeting and explained that maybe nurses could coordinate visits with other houses who had access to parking. Cllr KE asked if the doctor's surgery could be approached for the residents affected but it was agreed this would be a breach of GDPR governance. It was agreed Cllr SK would conduct some research and this item would be placed back on the next agenda.

CE 61/21 To agree budget headings from this committee for 2022/23

War Memorial Gardens

The Clerk and Cllr KE had met with Ms Ruth Morgan from ANSA to discuss the improvement of the War Memorial gardens. She had agreed to grass over some beds and make two larger beds at the side but leave the ones behind the Sensory Garden and to continue the annual bedding planting by the memorial.

P & T Committee had approved £600 from the Section 106 monies.

Resolved £400 would be allocated from the horticulture budget for 2021/22 to assist ANSA with the planting.

The committee debated budget headings for next year.

Resolved the following request would be put forward

£10,000 Horticulture budget to achieve improve planting throughout the town

£2,000 Queen's Jubilee celebration and to note no road closures for this event

£5,000 for automatic closing locks on public toilets

£3,600 for cleaning the public toilets annually.

To retain the same budget figures for Christmas Events and lights as 2021/22 and ring fence monies not spent as no motifs had been added the time and it seems feasible the tree invoice would not be paid until the next financial year, and this was to include a £1,000 road closure budget at Christmas.

The requirement for a community assets budget was discussed to action improvements in the town. Cllr KE wished Greggs Fountain to have work conducted on the damage with had happened over time to the stone and wording.

Resolved before money could be allocated in the budget the Clerk was asked to gain a quote.

He also thought the bench on Grimshaw Lane should be addressed.

CE 62/21 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group held on 2nd September 2021 and to resolve to accept the recommendations.

Cllr KE reported the success of the mayors Boundary Walk and how impressed he was there was a new gate at Mount Farm which improved access. The Queen's Jubilee celebrations were discussed, and it agree the plans suggested were acceptable.

CE 63/21 To receive the minutes from Bollington 2030 on Wednesday 8th September 2021.

Cllr RE reported on the meeting. The questionnaire was being revisited.

CE 64/21 To receive the minutes from Business, Economy & Tourism on 16th September 2021.

Cllr SK reported on the meeting. Cllr KE and Cllr J Stewart were contacting the larger businesses in the town and were in the process of drafting a letter.

CE 65/21 To receive an update on the Community Resilience Plan

Cllr SK reported that the plan was almost completed. She wished to hold another meeting before the next C & E committee meeting and it could then be approved and be placed in the public domain.

Cllr SK, Cllr KE and Cllr J Snowball had met with the Environment Agency on the 24th of September. There was a lack of a flood warning system in the town, and they were trying to gain more information. Langley was higher on the water course from Bollington and Prestbury was below and there were warnings when the River Bollin was high but not the River Dean. This led to less flood alerts and it was only done with human interaction by watching the levels when the weather was poor. The EA has no conclusive drainage information on culverts as many went under private properties and it was the landowner's responsibility to be aware of such maps. This led to no solution on the mapping in the town of the drainage system. Cllr SK had drafted a link to put on Facebook and on the website. It was agreed by the committee and would be updated this week.

CE 66/21 To receive a written report on the Fire Service and make recommendations.

Resolved the report was discussed and accepted by the committee
It was noted by Cllr SK there had been a very bad car fire on the outskirts of Macclesfield and an individual had risked his life saving the person. She wished to nominate him for an award and asked the Clerk to gain more details.

CE 67/21 To accept the report submitted from the PCSO on Police, Crime and Disorder

Resolved the report was discussed and accepted by the committee.

CE 68/21 To discuss the Civic Gardens

The Clerk had met with two contractors, one had declined to quote, and it was not suitable for machines, and it was a more labor-intensive project. The other company had quoted £1,600.00 plus VAT.

Resolved the Clerk would gain one more quote and it would be deferred until the next meeting.

CE 69/21 To approve a budget for the Christmas Light Switch on Event on 28th November

There had been a quote for £3,920.00 plus VAT to light the Recreational Ground for Christmas which included lighting the beech tree and the pavilion for the month of December and technical support on the night.

Cllr RE indicated the Bollington Beer Festival would donate £1,000 and Bollington Festival would donate £1,000.

Resolved the Council would approve the payment subject to the two donations.
It was noted this was within the budget.

CE 70/21 To discuss the proposed sites for bulb planting.

The Mayor and Cllr JN discussed the agreed sites for planting the bulbs in October/ November.

CE 71/21 To discuss the installation of flood lights at the Skate Park following a resident's request

The Committee felt this was an excellent idea and wished to support subject to funding and budget allocation. Cllr RE had done some valuable research and when shared with the committee it was agreed there may be a possibility of installing lights.

Resolved Cllr RE, Cllr JN and the Clerk would obtain quotes by the next meeting.

CE 72/21 To receive an update on the defibrillators in the Town

The Clerk had met with the First Responder and the defibrillators were being checked by himself across the town and they were saving for a new one outside the library.

The mobile one which was used for public events by the Town Council needed new pads and a new battery. These had been ordered and these would be in place by Remembrance Sunday to allow the defibrillator to be utilised if necessary.

CE 73/21 It was noted the next meeting would be held at the Town Hall on the 09/11/21 @ 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm