



Minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting

held at the Town Hall

on the 16th May 2023 @ 7pm

It was noted this was the first meeting of the Council after the elections on 4th May 2023 and all Cllrs had signed their Acceptance of Office

To Elect the Mayor for the ensuing year 2023/24

Proposer; Cllr J Stewart

Seconder; Cllr J Maitland

RESOLVED Cllr H Ellwood was elected the Town Mayor for the ensuing year 2023/24.

The Acceptance of Office was read out and signed by Cllr HE and the Town Clerk. The Town Mayor was invested with the Chain of Office.

Presentation of Collarette and Bar

The Town Mayor presents the Past Town Mayor's Medallion to the Retiring Town Mayor.

Cllr JCS vote of thanks.

Cllr JCS gave a vote of thanks to his Cllrs for all their support over the past electoral year and the Town Hall team for all their hard work.

The Town Mayor appoints her Chaplain who will be Revd. Nancy Goodrich.

Present: Town Mayor Cllr Helen Ellwood (HE)

Cllrs: Cllr M Broadbent (MB), Cllr K Edwards (KE), Cllr D Kent (DK), Cllr J Maitland (JM), Cllr N Macartney (NM), Cllr R Hardwick (RH), Cllr J Snowball (JS), Cllr J Stewart (JCS), Cllr A Williams (AW), Cllr J Withers (JW).

Cheshire East Ward Representative; Cllr John Place

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Prayers

Prayers were received By Rev Nancy Goodrich

Declarations of Interest

Cllr RH as his wife rented Brookbank House

Apologies

It was noted there was a vacancy in West Ward.

No apologies.

Public Forum

One past Mayor welcomed Cllr HE as the new Town Mayor and the photographer.

49/23 To receive a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor.

Cllr HE and Cllr KE gave a vote of appreciation to Cllr JCS.

50/23 To receive a statement from the Town Mayor

The Town Mayor welcomed the new Council and expressed her gratitude to members for voting her in as the new Town Mayor. She promised to endeavour to deliver her year to the best of her ability.

51/23 To Elect the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year 2023/24.

RESOLVED the appointment of the Deputy Town Mayor would be deferred until September 2023.

52/23 To note the appointment of the Mayor's Youth Consort for the ensuing year 2023/24.

It was noted the Youth Consort for 2023/24 would be Miss Sophie Evans.

53/23 To receive and resolve to confirm the Minutes of the Meeting on 7th March 2023 (Minute Nos 38/23 – 48/23)

The Town Mayor asked for an amendment.

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

RESOLVED *the Committee Structure would remain, and the Working Groups would be tasked with aims and objectives from the Committees subject to FC approval.*

Cllr KE requested an amendment to 43/23 but it was not supported.

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as true and accurate subject to the amendment to 44/23.

54/23 To receive updates from the minutes.

No updates.

55/23 To receive the new proposed Committee structure for 2023/24

RESOLVED the Committee structure was approved as in the enclosure pack.

56/23 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Committees

Cllr DK pointed out some keying errors and grammatical mistakes.

Cllr JM asked for the removal of point 20 in reference to the businesses be reinstated.

RESOLVED subject to the above amendments the Terms of Reference were agreed.

57/23 To receive the Town Mayor's announcements.

The following announcements were noted:

Planning & Town Development Committee	23/05/23	7 pm
Mayor Making Reception	24/05/23	7pm
Youth Council Meeting	05/06/23	7pm

58/23 To receive a report from the Cheshire East Ward Cllrs – K Edwards and John Place

Cllr KE reported that the new administration team was likely to be the Labour party and the Independent's. He asked that there was a regular monthly meeting with the Town Clerk and the Town Mayor to discuss issues and concerns they could support within Bollington.

The report was accepted.

59/23 To adopt the General Power of Competence for 2023/24

The Clerk had written a report to explain the benefits of adopting the GPC.

RESOLVED the General Power of Competence was adopted.

60/23 To accept the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Code of Conduct

Cllr DK pointed out some grammatical errors.

RESOLVED the Standing Orders were adopted.

RESOLVED the Financial Regulations were adopted.

RESOLVED the Code of Conduct was adopted.

61/23 To note the memberships of the following bodies.

- i) CHALC
- ii) SLCC

RESOLVED the memberships were accepted.

62/23 To approve the Mayoral Allowance of £1,000

RESOLVED the Mayoral allowance would be the sum of £1,000 to the Town Mayor for the Civic year 2023/24

63/23 To receive the minutes from the Council Committees and RESOLVE to accept their recommendations and decisions:

FACILITIES 03/04/23 (FC 17/23- 25/23)

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

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 11/04/23

Please note this was not correctly convened meeting and these are only notes.

The notes were accepted.

- **To make a decision on the allocation of the budget to Christmas in 2023**

The Christmas budget had been reduced to £8,000 this year and some areas had to have their budget revised compared to last year.

RESOLVED the Town Council would only have one Christmas tree this year. It would be outside the Town Hall.

There would be no Christmas tree at Bollington Cross, at Market Place or outside the Bulls Head.

RESOLVED the sycamore tree would be illuminated at Bollington Cross.

RESOLVED the Council would organise 'Carols around the Tree' outside the Town Hall.

It was agreed the decision of the light switch on event would be deferred at this stage.

- **To consider a request to fund the planting of the Market Place hanging baskets.**

RESOLVED the hanging baskets would be planted at a cost of the Town Council this year.

PLANNING & TOWN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 18/04/23 (PT 47/23- 53/23)

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

64/23 To note the period of Public Rights to Inspect the Accounts and to note it will be between Monday 5th June and Friday 14th July 2023

RESOLVED the Public Rights to Inspect the Accounts was accepted.

65/23 To receive and Resolve to approve the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23

RESOLVED the Internal Audit report was accepted by Full Council and they acknowledged any recommendations would be undertaken by the Finance and Audit committee.

Cllr JM and Cllr KE thanked the Clerk and the Finance Assistant for a clean audit.

66/23 To receive and Resolve to approve Section 1 The Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23.

The Town Mayor read each question out to the members and the council considered their reply and voted on each question.

RESOLVED Section 1 of the Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 was accepted.

The past Chair – Cllr JCS signed the audit.

67/23 To receive and Resolve to approve Section 2 The Accounting Statements 2022/23 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 together with the supporting documents.

RESOLVED Section 2 of the accounting statements was accepted.

68/23 To receive the minutes from the Youth Council on 2nd May 2023

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

69/23 To consider Planning Applications which require comments before the next Planning and Development Meeting

23/1442M

32 GRIMSHAW LANE, BOLLINGTON, SK10 5NB

Demolition of an existing single-storey outrigger and the erection of a new single-storey rear extension within the footprint of previously approved proposals 10/1784M.

RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

70/23 To note the signatures on the bank accounts and make necessary amendments.

RESOLVED Mr M Fearn, Mr J Weston and Ms A Stott would be removed and Cllr J Maitland would be an addition to the Natwest and the Santander.

71/23 To note the balance of Accounts Co-op Current - £5,946.24 Co-op Savings - £20,075.00 Natwest - £184,505.67 Santander - £70,000.00 = £195,448.39

RESOLVED the approval of the Accounts for Payment dated 16/05/25 £34,895.82 + VAT £1,1144.65 = £36,040.47 and note Receipts = £130,633.62
The information was inspected by the Town Mayor and Cllr J Stewart due no Chair of Finance & Audit Committee

72/23 To note the next meeting will be held on 6th June 2023 at the Town Hall @ 7pm and Mayor Making on 24th May at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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