



Minutes of the Town Council Meeting

2 March 2021 7.00pm
Using Microsoft Teams

Present:

Town Mayor Cllr John Stewart, Deputy Town Mayor Cllr Johanna Maitland.
Cllrs: Amanda Stott, James Nicholas, Roland Edwards, Angela Williams, Jon Weston,
Mark Fearn, Ken Edwards, and Sara Knowles.
David Naylor Town Clerk

Three members of the public were present. There were no requests to speak on any item.

8092. To receive and approve apologies for absence: There were none

8093. To receive any declarations of Interest:

Cllr Nicholas due to his membership of Cheshire East Council's Northern Planning Committee and his need to avoid predetermining his view on planning applications if they were subsequently called into the Northern Planning Committee.

8094. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting 02/02/21 (Minute Nos. 8082-8091).

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as a true record.

8095. To receive updates from the Minutes: There were none

8096. To receive and consider Planning Applications which require comments prior to the next Planning & Development Committee meeting and to resolve to comment, approve or refuse each plan and advise CEC accordingly.

There were none

8097. To receive the Town Mayor's announcements

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| • Town Assembly | 09/03/21 | 7.30pm |
| • Facilities & Infrastructure Committee | 10/03/21 | 10.00am |
| • Planning & Development Committee | 16/03/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Strategic Planning Committee | 23/03/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Personnel Committee | 24/03/21 | 10.00am |
| • Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group | 22/03/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Community Services & Environment Committee | 23/02/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Easter Break (all staff on leave) | 02/04/21 - 06/04/21 | |
| • Council meeting | 06/04/21 | 7.00pm |

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| • Facilities & Infrastructure Committee | 14/04/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Planning & Development Committee | 20/04/21 | 7.00pm |
| • Personnel Committee | 21/04/21 | 11.00am |
| • Community Services & Environment Committee | 27/04/21 | 7.00pm |
| • By-Elections | 06/05/21 | |

8098. To receive the Report from Cheshire East Councillors

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the written report provided by the Cheshire East Councillors and to note its contents.

The Deputy Mayor asked about the Governance Review. Cllr Stott advised that comments were not supplied by the Town Council. Cllr Nicholas was sure that a plan had been prepared which included Ingersley Vale, Long Lane and the houses on the other side of the Silk Road. The date was January 2020. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would look back at what had happened.

There appeared to be some changes proposed for Bollington concerning the houses on the other side of the Silk Road with the loss of 170 voters to match the Neighbourhood Plan settlement boundary. Also changing our ward structure to be 5 members for Central, 4 for East and 3 for West. The reason for the changes in ward representation would be based on population size. There were also proposals for smaller parishes joining together.

Cllr Stott advised that there would be an opportunity for response to the forthcoming consultation regarding these proposals. The delivery date for the changes was 2023.

It was accepted that it was very important for Bollington to respond to this further consultation. It would be a once in 15 years opportunity.

8099. To receive the Reports from Council Committees and Resolve to approve their recommendations:

a. Planning & Development Committee 16/02/21

The minutes of this meeting were received, and it was **RESOLVED** that their contents be noted.

b. Community Services & Environment Committee 23/02/21

The minutes of this meeting were received, and it was **RESOLVED** that their contents be noted.

It was also **RESOLVED** to approve all its recommendations:

Minute 6 - EVC Charging

On option was presented to the Committee for 6 EVC spaces, 4 on the site of the former recycling and 2 at a location on the left side of the entrance to the car park. These 2 spaces would be dual use by combustion and E-vehicle and signed as such. They would provide a degree of future proofing as electric vehicle use expands. Cheshire East Parking had not been supportive of the dual use of two of these spaces but may be convinced by further discussion. Cheshire East Assets were happy about adding an extra plot to the lease plan with a minor change to the lease wording.

The situation was now either six bays in two locations or four bays in one. CK, the Town council's preferred supplier was chosen not only on cost but also because they were able to take on all the risk in terms of maintenance of the equipment, vandalism-rectification with no resultant liability to the Town Council.

After further debate it was proposed and seconded for six charging bays in the two specified locations. **This was voted on but was NOT CARRIED**

It was then proposed and seconded that four charging bays be provided in the single location i.e. the former recycling bays. **This voted on and was CARRIED**

Minute 7. Recommended that the Council accept the quotes for planters and planting and progress the work. Planting should include the existing planter at Aqueduct gate of the Recreation Ground.

c. Finance & Grants Committee 23/02/21

The minutes of this meeting were received, and it was **RESOLVED** that their contents be noted.

It was also **RESOLVED** to approve all its recommendations:

Minute 4. To agree to the release of funding for the following organisation and project from the current Grants budget: Kerridge Cricket Club, repair work to the Kerridge Sports Ground flooding, £1,900 from the existing grants budget.

Minute 5. To agree to the release of funding, from 01/04/21, for the following organisation/project from next financial year's Grants budget: Macclesfield & District Lions Club, Bikefest 2021 event, £700 from 2021/2022 budget.

d. Personnel Committee 24/02/21

The minutes of this meeting were received, and it was **RESOLVED** that their contents be noted.

It was also **RESOLVED** to approve all its recommendations:

Minute 7. To agree that the current Town Warden furlough arrangements remain in place, including continuing the existing delegation to the Clerk in consultation with the Deputy Town Mayor and RFO and to relax them as the lockdown is relaxed.

Minute 9. To agree that the Town Clerk may keep the BTC 4-year-old laptop for his personal use. The laptop should be wiped clean of any software and information currently held on it.

8100. To receive and Resolve to approve the Accounts for Payment date 24/02/21

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounts for Payment in the sum of **£12,334.52**. The accounts had been scrutinised by Cllr Stewart Town Mayor and Cllr Weston Chair of Finance & Grants Committee.

8101. To receive and Resolve to approve the Financial Reports 31/12/20

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Sheet, Budget, and Bank Account update.

8102. To receive and Resolve to approve the draft proposed Committee Structure and detailed information including: the dates, terms of reference and membership. Also, to decide when the Annual General Meeting of the Council and Mayor Making Ceremony should be held in May – 4 or 11 May following the by-election.

It was noted that Transport and Travel would be reporting to the Planning and Town Development Committee because this Committee had a much wider brief than just land use planning.

The Grants Committee did not have a defined budget because it would be allocated a budget each year depending upon the level of grants to be awarded. This would be before the start of each financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** the Future Resilience Group should be called Bollington 2030. It needed a date stamping on its activities.

The point was made that all councillors would be able to attend any meetings, and although they may not be voting members, their right to express their views would be fully respected

The Business Forum and Destination Bollington would become the Economy and Tourism Working Group. Its terms of reference had not yet been written and they would be defined, and voted on at the April meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the approved draft proposed Committee Structure and detailed information subject to incorporating the name change to Bollington 2030 for the mentioned above. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Annual General Meeting would be on 11 May 2021 at 7pm. This was due to the election being held on 6th May. It was hoped that the Government would extend the virtual meetings permission which expired on 7th May, if not a decision would have to be taken whether to have face to face meeting or to have virtual “meeting of councillors” with ratification of all decisions at a later date like Bollington did in the early stages of the lockdown.

8103. To discuss the Town Assembly Agenda

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Town Assembly Agenda.

Cllr Ken Edwards was disappointed that EDI was not an Assembly topic. However, it was pointed out that the group was not yet ready and would have a bigger story to tell in the near future when it could highlight achievements.

The Town Clerk would pull together all the presentations into a composite PowerPoint if members would send their bullet point information to him by the end of the week. He would also add images where appropriate.

Maximising publicity was also discussed, this had been done by social media and on the Town’s five noticeboards. Canalside Radio would also be asked to remind residents.

8104. Date of Next Council Meeting: 6 April 2021 at 7.00pm

Signed

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