



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### **Those present:**

Cllrs: Gary Appleton (GA), David Kent (DK), Johanna Maitland (JM), Judy Snowball (JS),  
Angela Williams (AW)

**Chair:** Cllr David Kent

**Town Manager/Officer:** Harriet Worrell

### **To Elect the Chair of the Committee for the ensuing year**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr David Kent was elected as Chair

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jo Maitland as Treasurer of the Bollington Beer Festival, Treasurer of Friends of the Rec and Chair of NECCP.

### **Public and press present**

No public or press present.

### **CE060/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Cllr Michael Broadbent due to being unwell.

### **CE061/23 To receive and confirm the notes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

**RESOLVED:** The notes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023, CE048/23-CE059/23, were approved as a true record.

Notes were produced from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April as the meeting notice did not meet the statutory period.

**CE062/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

It was noted that a Green Bollington webpage has been created, currently with a focus on Bollington Goes Green week.

It was noted that all Committee Terms of Reference have been updated with an environmental statement.

**CE063/23 To resolve to appoint the Events Working Group and agree its membership, Terms of Reference and date of the next meeting.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Events Working Group is appointed with Council members:

Town Mayor – Cllr Helen Ellwood

Cllr Angela Williams

Cllr Judy Snowball

Cllr John Withers.

**RESOLVED:** That the Events Working Group Terms of Reference are accepted with the addition of a statement that environmental impact is considered when making decisions.

The Town Manager will schedule an Events Working Group meeting for the beginning of August.

**CE064/23 To resolve to agree Councillor responsibilities.**

There was some debate on the role of Councillor responsibilities and if organisations were contacted to ascertain if they felt they would benefit from a Councillor representative. The committee felt Terms of Reference for the role would be beneficial in understanding the purpose and scope of the representation.

Cllr JS felt the role of police liaison was important for the understanding and interpretation of issues. Cllr JM currently chairs the NECCP meetings which effectively fulfils the Councillor representation for that organisation.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Manager contacts local organisations to enquire if they would like a Councillor representative and how the Councillor could provide support. Responses to be submitted to the next Community and Environment Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Judy Snowball acts as Police Liaison.

**CE065/23 To resolve to agree the Green Champion as Cllr David Kent.**

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Kent is elected as the Green Champion to propose and promote actions by Bollington Town Council and residents to reduce carbon emissions in Bollington and measure progress.

**CE066/23 To receive a report on climate actions and carbon emissions in Cheshire East.**

Cllr DK had reviewed the campaign leaflets as delivered to households in the lead up to the local elections for references to environmental issues. Literature was only available from the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties.

Travel – 3 parties referenced traffic, parking, buses, potholes and road surfaces; 2 parties referenced 20 is plenty and EV charging; 1 party had referenced active travel, sustainable travel, cycle lanes, footpaths and trains.

Environment – 3 parties had referenced the environment, green belt and open spaces; 1 party had referenced biodiversity.

Development – 3 parties had referenced development, climate change and carbon neutrality; 3 parties had referenced sustainability, neighbourhood plan and building standards.

Flood risk – 3 parties had referenced flood risk protection, 2 parties culverts, drains and gulleys; 1 party had referenced waterway protection.

Other – 1 party had referenced recycling; 1 party had referenced local shopping.

Cllr DK presented data for Cheshire East Council on carbon emissions between 2005 and 2020 by sector, and what Bollington Town Council could do to support the reduction in emissions by sector.

<b>Role of the Council</b>	<b>Domestic 35%</b>	<b>Transport 31%</b>	<b>Industrial 18%</b>	<b>Commercial 9%</b>	<b>Agriculture 4%</b>	<b>Public sector 3%</b>
<b>Take action</b>		x				x
<b>Influence / incentivise</b>	x	x	x	x		
<b>Inform/educate</b>	x					
<b>Publicise</b>	x		x	x		
<b>Share best practice</b>			x	x		

Cllr DK suggested next steps:

- Learn best practice, e.g. from Congleton Town Council,
- Review the Friends of the Earth ‘50 things a council can do’
- Support committees and working groups in committing to considering the environmental impact when making decisions
- Engage with community groups on environmental issues
- Report back to the Community and Environment Committee
- Agree short and long term goals by October 2023
- Harness Councillor support.

Cllr JM will review the Friends of the Earth ‘50 things a council can do’ and report to July’s Community and Environment Committee meeting.

An item will be added to future Community and Environment Committee meeting agendas on Climate Action.

## **CE067/23 Bollington Emergency Response Plan**

### **a. To recommend the Bollington Emergency Response Team.**

**RESOLVED:** That the following are included in the Bollington Emergency Response Team:

- Cllr David Kent (Bollington Emergency Response Team Chair)
- Town Mayor
- Cllr John Stewart
- Cllr Michael Broadbent
- Cllr Ken Edwards (subject to his agreement)
- Town Clerk
- Town Manager
- Mark Fearn

### **b. To agree to a review in 2024.**

**RESOLVED:** That the Bollington Emergency Response Plan will be reviewed in October 2024.

### **c. To consider the purchase of additional sand and sandbags.**

A decision on whether to purchase additional sand and sandbags was deferred until after October's flooding report (see minute CE068/23)

## **CE068/23 To receive an update from Cllr Snowball on flooding risk and protection in Bollington.**

Following a meeting with Friends of the Dean, Cllr JS suggested a Working Group comprised of Town Councillors and local experts to consider flood mitigation measures that can be deployed by the Council and community as well as the impact of and measures to reduce waterway pollution.

The committee felt it was imperative that expertise was sought from the relevant authorities when considering flood protection measures.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Snowball and Cllr Appleton prepare a set of objectives and terms of reference for the October Community and Environment Committee meeting for a flood risk and protection working group including waterway pollution and emphasising the importance of expert input.

## **CE069/23 To agree a location for a Christmas event.**

**RESOLVED:** That a Christmas event is held at the Bollington Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED:** That the event is a Christmas Fayre.

No decision was made on the lighting of the event as the committee needed more time to consider the options and costs.

**CE070/23 To resolve to agree a preferred supplier for the lighting of the sycamore tree at Bollington Cross.**

Quote A - £1,000 for one month's hire  
Quote B - £4,348 (semi-permanent installation)  
Quote C - £2,616 (semi-permanent installation)

**RESOLVED:** That Quote B at £4,348 is recommended.

**CE071/23 To consider a Bollington Business and Public Rights of Way map.**

Cllr JM suggested applying for a grant towards the cost of producing a map and suggested the Bollington Beer Festival grant fund and the NECCP grant fund.

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Manager seeks quotes for the artwork and, subject to grant criteria, applies for a grant to support the production of the map.

**CE072/23 Local Policing report.**

The local policing report was received and noted as very detailed and informative. The PCSO was thanked.

**CE073/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.**

The report was received and the fire service thanked.

**CE074/23 Health and Wellbeing updates**

- a. **To receive notes from the BDP Care Community meeting on 25/04/23.**  
The notes were received and the Town Manager was asked to attend the next Care Community meeting and report back to the committee.
- b. **To note the update from the Middlewood Partnership.**  
The report was received and the Middlewood Partnership thanked.

**CE075/23 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

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