



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Those present:

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

Chair: Cllr David Kent

Town Manager/Officer: Harriet Worrell

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Angela Williams as a trustee of the Oliver Trust.

Public and press present

No public or press present.

CE076/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None

CE077/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 13th June 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 13th June 2023, CE060/23-CE075/23, were approved as a true record.

CE078/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

The Town Manager has applied to NECCP for a grant to help fund a Bollington local business and footpath map.

CE079/23 Climate Action

i. To receive an update from Cllr D. Kent

Cllr DK introduced the following items, with the aim of developing a one year, three year and seven year plan for climate action. The strategic plan would be combined with '50 things a council can do' and the draft Climate Action Plan.

ii. To review and comment on '50 things a council can do'.

Cllr JM was thanked for preparing the document, which is based on Friends of the Earth Climate Action Plan for Councils.

Cllr JS suggested splitting actions into short term and longer term goals.

Cllr JM to contact Plastic Free Bollington to seek advice on how to reduce dependency and use of single-use plastics.

Cllr JM suggested a separate council Facebook page focusing on raising awareness on climate action and to engage with the community on environmental issues. Cllr DK to seek feedback from Congleton Town Council on its experience with community engagement.

Cllr GA suggested 'carbon neutral' is defined and that targets are measurable.

iii. To review and comment on the draft Strategic Plan for a Sustainable Green Bollington.

Cllr DK introduced the draft Strategic Plan which in its current form is a set of headings split into Domestic, Transport, Industrial, Commercial and Educational, Land use, Agriculture, Nature, Flood Protection and What can Bollington Town Council do? Cllr DK felt that one particular area the Council can influence is Transport, Industrial, Commercial and Educational.

There was some discussion on '20 is plenty' – the Town Manager to liaise with the Transport and Travel Working Group on the progression of 'twenty is plenty'.

Cllr JM to align '50 things a council can do' to the headings in the strategic plan.

iv. To review and comment on the draft Climate Action Plan to making Bollington Carbon neutral by 2030.

Cllr MB sought that the term global warming is replaced by climate change – it was agreed that future documentation would use the term climate change.

v. To agree next steps and note communication with the community tree nursery.

RESOLVED: That the Green Bollington webpage is added as a quick link to the Bollington Town Council homepage.

RESOLVED: That 'Plant a tree in 23' is promoted to encourage people to plant trees and/or encourage wildlife into their garden.

Cllr DK to liaise further with the community tree nursery on the availability of trees.

It was noted that Cllr DK is arranging to visit Congleton Town Council with the Town Manager to learn about their implementation of Green Congleton.

CE080/23 To receive an update on Councillor representatives for NECCP, Well Dressing and Friends of the Rec.

The Town Manager had spoken to the Well Dressers who would like the Town Mayor to continue the role of Councillor representative. Friends of the Rec don't require a Councillor representative at the moment. Cllr JM advised that the NECCP's future is currently uncertain due to funding but will seek an update for the next Community and Environment Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Mayor is the Councillor representative for the Well Dressers.

CE081/23 To consider options for the £3,000 from S106 Poolbank Car park budget being allocated to a different budget heading.

RESOLVED: That the £3,000 is allocated to an installation of electric vehicle chargers at the Civic Hall.

The Town Manager to look at grants and grant criteria for EVC installations and contact Disley Town Council for advice on applying for grants.

CE082/23 To resolve to agree to wildflower planting on the Wellington Road bank and to allocate money from the Horticultural budget.

The Town Manager advised an estimate of £150 for the initial sowing of wildflower seeds.

RESOLVED: That subject to agreement from Cheshire East Council, the Wellington Road bank is prepared for a first year of wildflower planting to a budget of £150.

It was noted that the Council would need to liaise with ANSA on their mowing schedule.

CE083/23 To resolve to agree hedgerow planting for Youth Council and seek the provision of whips.

Youth Council wish to plant hedging along a stretch of the Middlewood Way, as identified by a CEC Ranger.

RESOLVED: That the Town Manager pursues grant opportunities for the funding of whips

CE084/23 To recommend to Full Council the allocation of the Covid Fund.

There was some debate on the allocation of the funds and whether a memorial was an appropriate use of the monies or if it should be given to help people in need.

RESOLVED: That the Committee recommends the Covid Fund is donated to the Oliver Trust subject to the next Bollington Town Council newsletter including an article on the trust to publicise its work.

CE085/23 To note the condition of the three memorials in the Memorial Garden.

A quote of £325 has been received for cleaning the newer memorials.

The Town Manager to seek a quote for cleaning the older stone cross and explore funding options.

CE086/23 To receive a report from Cllr J. Snowball on International Menopause Day.

Cllr JS introduced her report for Bollington Town Council to support World Menopause Day on 18th October with an event or series of events on that day, an information campaign and the addition of information and support services to the Council website.

RESOLVED: Cllr J. Snowball to work with existing menopause services to arrange an event in Bollington on World Menopause Day and provide information to Council staff for the website.

CE087/23 To receive the Local Policing report.

The local policing report was received.

CE088/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The Bollington Fire Service report was received.

CE089/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th September at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed:.....Dated: