



Minutes of the Meeting of the Facilities Committee in the Town Hall, Bollington Town Hall at 10.00am on Monday 26th June 2023.

Those Present:

Cllrs: Ken Edwards (KE), Helen Ellwood (HE), Richard Hardman (RH), Jo Maitland (JM) *substituting for Cllr A Williams*, John Stewart (JCS).

Chair: Cllr John Stewart

Town Clerk: Julie Mason

Election of the Chair for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED Cllr J Stewart was elected as the Chair.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr RH – Brookbank House

Public Forum time

One member of the public who wished to speak about the transfer of the land lease from BTC and Bollington Health & Leisure and due to delay in completion wished to make the TC aware of the associated costs. The grass cutting cost £3,800 this year and the revenue was nil from the use of the football pitches and the MUGA. The trustees also wished the transfer was completed as a freehold.

He also wished to make the committee aware that since a meeting with the Clerk in reference to EVC chargers he had held a further meeting with Connecting Kurb and they felt that they could proceed with no monies at this stage. He asked the committee to support this project. It was noted this would lose 4 car parking spaces.

FC 26/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Cllr A Williams due to holidays (Cllr JM as a substitute) and Cllr J Withers due to annual holidays.

FC 27/23 To receive and approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 3rd April 2023 (FC 06/23 - 16/23).

Cllr JM asked for more details on minute ref 23/23.

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

Cllr JM asked for the word purdah to be replaced by pre-election period in the future.

FC 28/23 Matters raised from the minutes.

No comment

FC 29/23 To note the following payments.

- £252.00 - Green Contract Services (asbestos removal)
- £141.64 - Bill & Ben skip allotment
- £650.03 - Bowcock & Pursaill (allotment fees)
- £624.00 - F Davies (hard wiring test at TH)

RESOLVED the payments were accepted.

FC 30/23 To agree the members for the Allotment Working Group.

RESOLVED Cllr K Edwards, Cllr M Broadbent, Cllr H Ellwood and the Clerk.

FC 31/23 To receive an update from the Clerk on the new allotment site at Harrop Road.

The transfer had been completed to the Town Council from Cheshire East Council and the Clerk had circulated communication to the committee that CE was still not taking any responsibility for the knotweed. There was also a shed, a water bowser and some concrete slabs left on site which had been acknowledged as put there by a neighbouring property. Again, CE took no responsibility. The sale of the triangle of land to the neighbouring resident had not commenced and Cheshire East would not approach them for clarification of the promise to plant a hedgerow and fence.

The Clerk had approached the Town Ranger - Mr. E Pilkington - to ask for some support as the budget left for the allotments would not cover the removal of the knotweed. He had asked his manager and reported back to the Clerk.

The approved groundwork company had been informed that the site was now in our ownership and would commence work soon. The company would check for nesting birds before work commenced.

RESOLVED the Cllr JCS and the Clerk would meet with the neighbour to discuss removal of goods from site and ask for actions with the fence line.

RESOLVED the Committee accepted that the CE Ranger if agreeable would remove the knotweed.

RESOLVED the appointed building contractor would be instructed to commence works.

The figures now were as follows; Total of 49 names on the waiting list – will go down to 34 when the 15 x plots have been let.

FC 32/23 To agree the members for the Town Hall Working Group.

RESOLVED Cllr JM, Cllr RH, Cllr DK and the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED the Working Group would be given a directive to work on the recently received report from the building surveyor.

FC 33/23 To receive the report from David Trowler Associates on the Town Hall.

The report was noted and referred to the THWG.

FC 34/23 To agree to take over the CCTV at the Adlington Road Public toilets and upgrade it as not operational – quote from Total Home Experts - £1,988.23.

Cllr KE asked the Clerk to check when we have the information on CCTV what actions we can take with it when vandalism has occurred. Cllr RH thought that if the quote was approved that the residents of the town should be made aware this was another cost the Town Council was undertaking to manage the toilets and if this made no improvement with vandalism they would be closed.

It was noted that the Town Manager had submitted a grant application.

RESOLVED the Committee would support the Town Council undertaking the ownership of the CCTV and upgrading them at a cost of £1988.23.

RESOLVED the Committee recommended this was covered by £2,000 from Section 106 monies at Pool bank car park and if unsuccessful was taken from the Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance budget.

RESOLVED the Committee would ensure that the residents were communicated to in relation to the undertaking by the town council to keep the toilets open and hence the commitment from them to help stop the vandalism.

FC 35/23 To receive an update on the land transfer to Bollington Health & Leisure

The Clerk communicated that our solicitor had been asked by the CE solicitor in relation to the transfer and the history of the 'land grab' at Heath Road which in essence was the reason for the delay.

Our solicitor has advised we have had a meeting with Mr. Lee Beckett - CE, and she should communicate with him.

The costs to date were £850 against a budget of £2,000.

The Clerk advised that the freehold had been declined.

FC 36/23 To agree if the Town Council should agree another option of supporting an EVC location within the town.

RESOLVED the committee supported the installation of EVC chargers at Bollington Health & Leisure.

RESOLVED the committee supported the installation of EVC chargers at the Civic Hall.

The Clerk was asked to attend a meeting with Connected Kurb and BHL Trustees to find out more information for the next Committee meeting.

FC 37/23 To receive the landlord check at the Civic Hall and make decisions on the floor, the car park, the painting of railings and the interior.

The Clerk had completed the landlord check on the Civic Hall and it was in the enclosures pack.

RESOLVED the report was accepted.

The Clerk made the following key recommendations.

- i) the railings needed painting.
- ii) the interior needed painting
- iii) the car park potholes needed further attention.
- iv) the car park needed lining work improvements.
- v) the sprung dance floor needed attention.

The Chair asked that the Clerk organised a report for the committee which encompassed a plan for all works to be completed for a 3/5-year period for budgeting purposes. Cllr RH offered to help with this process.

It was agreed the Clerk would get quotes and report back at the next meeting.

FC 38/23 To agree Cllr Representation with the following organisations;

RESOLVED as follows.

- Bollington Health & Leisure - Cllr KE and Cllr HE
- Civic Hall User Group - Cllr RH
- Bollington Initiative Trust - Cllr KE

FC 39/23 To agree the replacement of the poles which accommodate hanging baskets and Christmas trees.

RESOLVED the brackets were approved to be repaired.

FC 40/23 To agree the recommendation for the £3,000 Poolbank car park budget in ear marked reserves.

RESOLVED £2,000 for CCTV and £1,000 for EVC chargers.

FC 41/23 To note the installation of a new defibrillator at the library.

The committee noted the installation of a new defibrillator at the library funded by the volunteers. It was agreed if installation costs were incurred the Covid funds could be looked towards.

FC 42/23 To agree the transfer of Greg Fountain to the Town Council and add to Fixed Asset Register

RESOLVED Greg Fountain would not be added to the fixed asset register although it was noted the Town Council would undertake a responsibility for its upkeep in the future.

FC 43/23 Date of the Next Meeting: 31st July 2023 at 10am in the Town Hall

Meeting closed at 11.35 am.

Signed:

Dated: