



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th September 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

None

Public and press present

Cllr John Stewart attended in the public forum and spoke of his support of the Pride Progress flag and that Bollington Town Council is an inclusive council. He felt we should seek consent from Cheshire East Council to fly the Progress Flag.

CE090/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

None

CE091/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th July 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 11th July 2023, CE076/23-CE089/23, were approved as a true record.

CE092/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

- Update on grant applications for a Bollington business and footpath map:
The Town Manager updated the committee that a grant application of £500 to the Bollington Beer Festival for a Bollington business and footpath map was successful and that we are waiting for a response from the NECCP. Cllr JM advised that the

NECCP has not yet met formally and will seek to find out its next meeting date for the next Community and Environment meeting.

- Update on advice from Plastic Free Bollington on how to reduce dependency and use of single-use plastics:
Cllr JM advised that Plastic Free Bollington is not currently active due to lack of members but the group coordinator would resume the group if membership grew. The Chair will contact the Plastic Free Bollington coordinator to seek advice on reducing plastic usage.
- Update on grants for EVCs:
The Town Manager had contacted the Disley Parish Clerk who had advised that Disley Parish Council received an ORCS grant administered by the Energy Savings Trust. The Bollington Town Clerk will make further enquiries and report back to the Facilities Committee. The Chair sought that the Council does not miss out on any grant opportunities.
- 20 is Plenty:
Earlier this year, the Town Clerk wrote to Cheshire East Council (CEC) expressing Bollington Town Council's support of 20 is Plenty. CEC received huge interest from across the district. The Town Clerk is awaiting a response from CEC.
- Hedgerow planting on the Middlewood Way:
The Town Manager and Town Clerk are due to meet with a CEC Ranger to visit the location to understand the stretch of hedgerow that would benefit from extending/restocking, following which there should be sufficient information for a grant application. The Mersey Forest has advised the Town Manager on a potential source of grant funding.

CE093/23 To receive the minutes from the Events Working Group meeting held on 7th August 2023.

- To agree to Council support in 2024 on the disposal of clay and decorative elements at the end of the Well Dressing Festival.
RESOLVED: That the Town Manager and Town Clerk provide support to the Well Dressing Committee for the disposal of clay and decorative elements at the end of the Well Dressing Festival.
- To make a decision following the recommendation on flying the Rainbow flag with 6 horizontal equal stripes of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet.
The Rainbow flag was designed in the 1970s but updated in 2018 to be more inclusive for the LGBTQ+ communities. The committee felt it was important that the Council demonstrates its commitment to supporting inclusivity and promoting equality.
Bollington Town Council has flown the Progress Pride flag during Pride month for the last three years.
It was noted that the Government Guidance to Flying Flags lists flags that can be flown without planning authority consent and that the Progress Pride flag is not listed.
RESOLVED: That consent is sought from Cheshire East Council to fly the Progress Pride flag prior to June 2024 and to continue flying the Progress Pride flag.

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

Cllr AW asked that it be minuted that David Rutley MP expressed his disappointment at the Kerridge War Memorial Parade on how few Councillors attended.

CE094/23 To receive an update on the Climate Action plan.

- a. To receive a report from Cllr Kent following a visit to Congleton Town Council and to agree next steps.
Cllr Kent felt the visit to Congleton Town Council had been very informative and helpful and that he will be attending the Congleton Green Fayre on 30th September, and suggested all Councillor attend. The Town Manager to send information to all Councillors on the Green Fayre.
Cllr DK will find out more about how Congleton measures their carbon footprint.
- b. To consider locating a Terracycle bin outside the Town Hall.
In principle, locating a Terracycle bin outside the Town Hall was supported, subject to the availability of a Terracycle bin, agreement to the cost of a bin and an agreed collection schedule.
The Town Manager to seek information on costing and collection.
- c. Cllr JM report on 50 things
Cllr JM to prepare a document that can track the Councils' progress for consideration at the next Community and Environment Committee meeting.
- d. To consider how to maintain motivation for volunteers supporting projects on tackling climate change.
Suggestions included connecting with schools, featuring articles in the Council newsletter and having the item on climate change early on the meeting agenda.
- e. To consider how to communicate with the community eg Plant a Tree in 23, climate change hot tips.
The Chair has spoken with the Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery who collect seeds to grow saplings and provide them free of charge to individuals or for community planting.
RESOLVED: That, subject to Council approval, an article is included in the next available Town Council newsletter on Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery and Plant a Tree in 23.
RESOLVED: That a 'hot tip' is posted monthly via social media on attainable actions to address climate change.
All committee members were encouraged by the Chair to suggest 'hot tips' to himself and the Town Manager.
- f. To note the ChALC Climate Change Conference Questions and Answers.
The Q&A from the ChALC Climate Change Conference was noted and that the feedback from the event was very positive.

CE095/23 To note any updates from Cllr Snowball on a Menopause event on 18th October.

Cllr JS has met with the BDP Care Community Partnership representatives including the Middlewood Partnership who will support the organisation of an event. A room at Hollin House Hotel has been provisionally booked for an evening event on 18th October but requires a fee of £75. Cllr JS to check Civic Hall availability for 18th October and clarify with

the Town Clerk approval for room hire costs for Hollin House Hotel.
 Cllr JS will provide information to the Town Hall staff for the Council website.
 It was noted that Cllr JS is the Menopause Champion for Cheshire East Council.

CE096/23 To note the update on a local business directory.

The Town Manager contacted Love Bollington Business and was advised the business directory cannot currently be resourced. It was noted that the Council website has 'eat', 'sleep' and 'shop' pages which are maintained by Town Hall staff.
 Cllr JM to find out about the national shop local initiative for the next Community and Environment Committee meeting.

CE097/23 To receive an update from Cllr Kent on the Business, Economy and Tourism Plan 2021-30.

Cllr DK suggested the focus should be on:

1. Produce the proposed Bollington business map.
2. Keep Facebook updated with what is happening.
3. Get our map into Macclesfield Visitor Centre.
4. Get details into whatever East Cheshire produce.

Cllr JM agreed with 1 and 2 and suggested we continue with initiatives such as a business treasure hunt trail and advent calendar.

The aims to be reviewed at the Community and Environment Committee meeting in conjunction with information on the national shop local initiative.

CE098/23 To make a decision on the cleaning of the three memorials in the Memorial Garden.

RESOLVED: That a grant application is submitted to the War Memorial Trust for the cleaning of the three memorials.

CE099/23 To agree budget headings for 2024-25.

Civic & Community Events

Budget item	Budget 2024-25
Christmas 2024	£8,000
Mayor Making	£300
Civic Sunday	£500
Remembrance Sunday	£375
Town Assembly	£100
Youth Council	£500
Civic Awards	£150
School visits	£50
D-Day 80 th anniversary	£200
Canalside Radio (event support)	£900
Green Week	£400
Mental Health Awareness Week	£200
Total	£11,675

Civic Responsibilities

Budget item	Budget 2024-25
Former Mayor	£900
Mayoral Regalia	£250
Mayoral Allowance	£1,025
Total	£2,175

Community & Environment

Budget item	Budget 2024-25
Defibrillator maintenance	£250
Town Horticulture	£1,500
Total	£1,750

RESOLVED: The budget headings and costs were agreed.

CE100/23 To receive the communication from the Police and Crime Commissioner on the ‘Honour’-based abuse and Harmful Practices survey.

RESOLVED: That the ‘Honour’-based abuse and Harmful Practices survey is shared on social media and with Councillors.

CE101/23 To receive the Local Policing report.

The local policing report was received.

The Chair requested that any updates by Cllr JS from the Police and Crime Commissioner meetings were provided under this agenda item.

CE102/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The Bollington Fire Service report was received.

CE103/23 To note the update from the Middlewood Partnership.

The Middlewood Partnership update was received.

CE104/23 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th October at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.53pm

Signed:.....Dated: