



Minutes of the Meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held at Bollington Town Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th October 2023

Those present:

Cllrs: Gary Appleton (GA), Michael Broadbent (MB), David Kent (DK)

Chair: Cllr David Kent

Town Manager/Officer: Harriet Worrell

Declarations of Interest

None

Public and press present

None.

CE105/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr J. Maitland due to personal reasons.

Cllr A. Williams due to being on holiday.

Cllr J. Snowball due to being on holiday.

CE106/23 To receive and confirm the minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 12th September 2023.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Community & Environment Committee meeting held on 12th September 2023, CE090/23-CE104/23, were approved as a true record.

CE107/23 Matters arising from the minutes.

- i. Update from Cllr Maitland on NECCP
This update will be carried forward to the next Community & Environment Committee meeting.
- ii. Update from Cllr Maitland on the shop local initiative

This update will be carried forward to the next Community & Environment Committee meeting.

- iii. Update from Cllr Kent on advice from Plastic Free Bollington on how to reduce dependency and use of single use plastics
The Chair, Cllr DK, has contacted Plastic Free Bollington but is yet to receive a reply. He will follow up for the next Community & Environment Committee meeting.
- iv. Update on hedgerow planting on the Middlewood Way
The Town Manager applied for a hedgerow pack from the Woodland Trust and was successful with the application. The saplings are due to arrive in March 2024. An agenda item to be added to the February 2024 Community & Environment Committee meeting on seeking volunteer, Councillor and Youth Council support for planting with the CEC Rangers.
- v. Update on a Terracycle bin at the Town Hall
One Project Macclesfield is able to provide a Terracycle bin. The Council staff will need to monitor when the bin is nearing capacity and seek a collection from One Project Macclesfield. The bin will need clear signage on what can be recycled through this scheme and if not adhered to, the bin may be withdrawn as the sorting of the materials is done by volunteers. The Town Manager to follow up the provision with One Project Macclesfield.
- vi. Update on wildflower planting along Wellington Road
The CEC Rangers and Town Wardens are due to prepare the bank for sowing over the next couple of months. The Town Manager had applied for a grant from the Co-op to cover the cost of the wildflowers seeds and received £130 which was the sum requested.
- vii. Update on the 2024 Remembrance Sunday budget.
At the Community & Environment Committee meeting, the 2024 Remembrance Sunday budget was agreed at £375 but printing costs for service sheets have increased in 2023 and are expected to increase in 2024.
RESOLVED: That that the 2024 Remembrance Sunday budget is set at £450.

CE108/23 To receive an update on the Climate Action plan

- a. To receive an update from Cllr Kent on Congleton's Green Fayre.
The Chair, Cllr DK, attended Congleton's Green Fayre on 30/09/23 – which is an annual event and held on market day in September. The Green Fayre included information on Congleton's Hydro project for which the community raised £750,000, plans for a solar scheme, a repair café, recycled products, bike repairs, pledges, beekeeping, plant swap, book swap, clothes recycling and information on clean air day.
The Chair felt there were lots of ideas for the 2024 Green Week and that we should look to engage as much as possible with the Bollington community.
- b. To receive an update from Cllr Kent on a climate action strategy plan and 50 things a council can do.
The climate action strategy plan and 50 things a council can do will be combined into a single document with a draft prepared for the next Community & Environment Committee meeting.
- c. To receive an update from Cllr Kent on the Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery.

The Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery has prepared an article for the upcoming Council newsletter which the Chair, Cllr DK, will review. The article is in support of the Council's 'plant a tree for 23' message. The Macclesfield Community Tree Nursery grows trees from seed collected locally. The saplings are free. The group's main aims are to combat climate change and to increase biodiversity.

- d. To agree to a plan for climate action 'hot-tips'.

RESOLVED: That a monthly climate action 'hot-tip' is posted starting with 'plant a tree for 23' in October and November including planting advice from the Tree Council, followed by achievable climate action tips from the Wildlife Trusts' website.

- e. To agree to additions to the BTC Green Bollington webpage.

RESOLVED: That links to 20 is Plenty video and Congleton e-learning carbon footprint course with introductory video are not posted until they are checked for complying with website accessibility guidance and that the following updates are made to the Green Bollington webpage:

- i. Link to the WWF Footprint Calculator
- ii. Tree planting from the Tree Council
- iii. Information on green living using resources from Congleton Town Council.

Cllr GA to check the 20 is Plenty video and Congleton e-learning carbon footprint course with introductory video for availability of subtitles.

CE109/23 To receive an update from Cllr Kent on Poynton Town Council's flood risk exercise.

The Chair, Cllr DK, attended a tabletop exercise in planning for a flood, attended also by emergency services, Cheshire East Council, Poynton Town Councillors and council staff and Poynton flood wardens.

The Chair will incorporate information from this exercise into the Bollington Emergency Response Plan when it is reviewed in October 2024.

CE110/23 To receive information on the Cheshire East Council warmer greener crowdfund initiative.

Cheshire East Council has launched a new crowdfunding initiative to support decarbonisation-based rural community projects. The initiative is called the Cheshire East Warmer Greener Community Buildings Fund. A maximum of 75% (at no more than £15,000) can be awarded by Cheshire East Council towards projects. The deadline for projects being added to this first round of the Cheshire East Crowd is 15 November 2023. Another tranche is expected to open in early 2024.

RESOLVED: That the scheme is shared on the Council's website and social media, with the local primary schools and with the Facilities Committee in reference to the decarbonisation of Council buildings.

CE111/23 To resolve the virement of £300 from the Grants budget to the Remembrance Sunday budget.

RESOLVED: That the virement of £300 from the Grants budget to the Remembrance Sunday budget is approved.

CE112/23 To agree to winter planting of Market Place hanging basket at a cost of £150.

RESOLVED: That the committee recommends to Full Council the funding of up to £150 from the Horticultural budget for winter planting of the Market Place hanging baskets.

It was noted that the cost of the wildflower seeds previously resolved to be funded through the Horticultural budget at £150 had been covered by a successful grant application from the Co-op.

CE113/23 To receive the Local Policing report.

The local policing report was received with an invitation extended to the PCSO to attend the Community & Environment Committee meetings in person.

The committee noted the high number of burglaries and violent incidents and sought that the PCSO was asked for information to be shared by Council on how people can protect themselves.

CE114/23 To receive a report from the Bollington Fire Service.

The Bollington Fire Service report was received.

CE115/23 Date of Next Meeting

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

Meeting closed at 8.06pm

Signed:.....Dated: