

**Bollington Town
Council**

**Community and
Environment**

Meeting

Enclosures

10th October 2023

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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 e.g. 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:

Climate action ‘hot-tips’

At the Community and Environment Committee meeting on 12/09/23, it was resolved to post a monthly climate action ‘hot tip’ via social media on attainable actions to address climate change.

October 2023

“Plant a tree for 23’ with links to Macclesfield tree nursery and a step by step planting guide from The Tree Council [Planting Guidance - The Tree Council](#)

November 2023

“Plant a tree for 23’ with links to Macclesfield tree nursery and a step by step planting guide from The Tree Council [Planting Guidance - The Tree Council](#)

December 2023 onwards (until next review of content and schedule)

Share The Wildlife Trusts ‘Things you can do about climate change’ [Things you can do about climate change | The Wildlife Trusts](#):

- Change what you eat.
- Change how you travel.
- Change your energy use.
- Recycle and reuse.
- Reduce your flood risk.
- Reduce your heat risk.
- Reduce your water use.

Additions to the BTC Green Bollington webpage

The [Green Bollington webpage](#) is in its infancy and currently focuses on the 2023 Green Week plus some suggestions on how to help wildlife at home. It also references Bollington Town Council's 2019 declaration of a climate emergency.

The webpage needs expanding to include more information to assist people to make positive changes and reduce their carbon footprint.

Congleton Town Council has agreed we can share and link to resources from their green pages.

Initial updates:

- Calculate your environmental footprint [WWF Footprint Calculator](#)
- 20 is plenty [20mphparishes presentation on Vimeo](#) – note if this is not subtitled it breaches website accessibility guidance
- Tree planting from the Tree Council [Planting Guidance - The Tree Council](#)
- Link to Congleton Town Council's Green Living page [Green Living - Congleton Town Council \(congleton-tc.gov.uk\)](#)
- Link to Congleton Town Council's Green Business page [Green Business - Congleton Town Council \(congleton-tc.gov.uk\)](#)
- Link to Congleton e-learning course [Homepage - Learning Congleton \(congleton-tc.gov.uk\)](#) - note if this is not subtitled it breaches website accessibility guidance

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, called the Cheshire East Warmer Greener Community Buildings Fund, will provide funding for projects that improve the quality of life for residents in Cheshire East.

The Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) provides complementary funding to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), targeted specifically at supporting rural businesses and communities in line with the government's overall goals of Levelling Up and approach to the UKSPF.

In partnership with Spacehive, the community fundraising platform, the Warmer, Greener Community Buildings Fund initiative will enable organisations from the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector across the borough to exclusively access funding for a number of improvement initiatives.

To pitch for funding through the Cheshire East Crowd - a crowdfunding initiative to encourage, support and create community projects that will make a difference, the council and Spacehive will be looking for projects that:

- Are based in or will benefit the residents of Cheshire East
- Will strengthen the social fabric and foster a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities. This includes community infrastructure (buildings), local green space and community-led projects
- Demonstrate a passion to make a difference within the local community.

Examples of projects include, but are not limited to:

- Capital grants for provision of net zero infrastructure for rural communities and to support rural tourism activity, for example: EV charging points and community energy schemes such as scaled up biomass, heat pumps or solar panels
- Capital grants for kitchens in community hubs which, may also be capable of supporting food and drink entrepreneurs to get accreditation for food production
- Resilience infrastructure and nature-based solutions that protect local businesses and community areas from natural hazards including flooding.

After a project is submitted, it will be reviewed and verified by Spacehive and then made live on the crowdfunding platform ready to start receiving pledges and backing from the community (max of £15,000).

Once projects are live on the platform and have begun their campaign, Cheshire East Council's evaluation panel will review the pitches and can pledge a maximum of 75 per cent towards total project costs.

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.

Who can apply

- Constituted VCFSE organisations who are based in or will benefit the residents of rural areas of Cheshire East. Access our Cheshire East [Rural Map \(PDF, 684KB\)](#) to find out if your area is classed as rural
- Have a current EPC or decarbonisation plan in place
- Utility Aid offer
- Meet the intended objectives of the fund - Strengthening our social fabric and fostering a sense of local pride and belonging, through investment in activities that enhance physical, cultural and social ties and amenities. This includes community infrastructure, local green space and community-led projects.

We want to see projects come forward that:

- Bring a number of new or improved community facilities as a result of support
- Improve your engagement with the community by at least 25%
- That tackle climate change this can include:
 - Reduce carbon emissions (eg from buildings, travel, food and waste)
 - Capture carbon through tree planting and improved green spaces for nature and the community
 - Protect people and the environment from the effects of climate change
 - Help communities to take action against climate change through sustainable energy projects and travel

Crowdfunding – How it works

1. Expression of Interest

Complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#) as soon as possible to inform of your project idea and knowledge of crowdfunding.

2. Project Page and Pitch

Create your project page on Spacehive which will match you to the Cheshire East Crowd fund.

3. Verification

The project costs and necessary permissions will be checked by independent verifiers. This involves checking quotes for all the major items and if you have all permissions where appropriate.

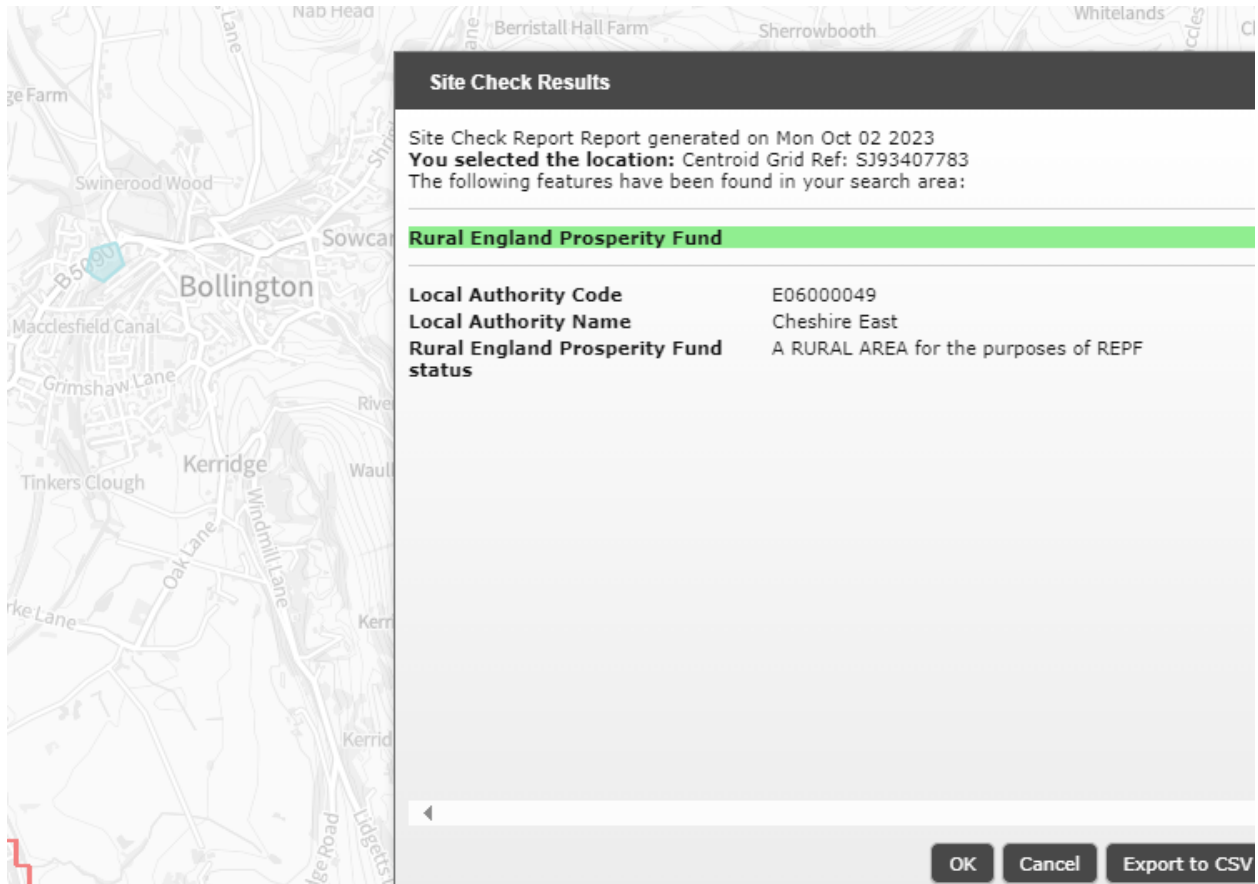
4. Crowdfunding

Run your crowdfunding campaign between dates specified to you by Spacehive and Cheshire East Council. Start by getting lots of small pledges from the community to show local support for your project. This will help unlock bigger pledges.

5. Pledge

The council will review all project campaigns and successful projects can expect to receive a pledge of up to 75% of your target up to a maximum of £15,000.

6. Hit Your Target and Deliver Your Project



The screenshot shows a map of the Bollington area in Cheshire East. A blue location pin is placed near the Macclesfield Canal. An overlay window titled "Site Check Results" is displayed on the right side of the map. The window contains the following information:

Site Check Results

Site Check Report generated on Mon Oct 02 2023
You selected the location: Centroid Grid Ref: SJ93407783
The following features have been found in your search area:

Rural England Prosperity Fund

Local Authority Code	E06000049
Local Authority Name	Cheshire East
Rural England Prosperity Fund status	A RURAL AREA for the purposes of REPF

At the bottom of the overlay window, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Export to CSV".

September report from the Bollington Fire Service

We were mobilised 29 times during September. Notable incidents included a five-car road traffic collision on the A34 Handforth Bypass near Wilmslow on the 9th; fortunately there were no serious injuries but we worked with the crew from Wilmslow Fire Station to make the scene safe and to get trapped traffic moving as quickly as possible. We facilitated emergency access for paramedics to a house in Macclesfield on the 10th after the occupant suffered a serious medical condition and then assisted the ambulance crew in delivering emergency medical care. We worked with the crew from Macclesfield Fire Station to deal with a fire in a large goods vehicle carrying waste paper close to Macclesfield Town Centre early on the morning of the 15th.

We dealt with a gas leak at a property in Macclesfield on the 21st, making the property safe for the occupant and for the gas engineer to enter.

We attended one animal rescue of note. A horse had become trapped in a domestic swimming pool at a property near Chester. We deployed a full animal rescue response and, with the assistance of an equine vet plus a local farmer and his telehandler, were able to safely rescue the animal and set him on his hooves!

We had a new recruit join us. He attended his first training evening at the station on Monday 25th and started his initial training at our headquarters on the 2nd of October.