



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Facilities Committee in the Town Hall, Bollington Town Hall at 10.00am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

### **Those Present:**

Cllrs: Michael Broadbent (MB) *substituting for Cllr H Ellwood*, Ken Edwards (KE) *left early*, Richard Hardwick (RH), John Stewart (JCS), Angela Williams (AW).

**Chair:** Cllr John Stewart

**Town Clerk:** Julie Mason

### **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr R Hardwick – Brookbank House

### **Public Forum time**

One member of the public – Cllr D Kent.

He wished to communicate the feelings of the Town Hall Task Group and ask the Facilities Committee to consider the sale of the Town Hall and move to the library. Despite endeavors he felt the TH would never be carbon neutral and to spend £291,000 would be an ineffective use of monies. The majority of this cost being used to install a lift. The Civic Hall was a community space, and the library could be extended at a lower level and infilled. It was noted that David Trowler had indicated when viewing a plan of the library the reconfiguration was a possibility. He felt the sale of the Town Hall would fund the project.

### **FC 59/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence:**

Cllr H Ellwood due to feeling unwell.

### **FC 60/23 To receive and approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (FC 45/23 – 58/23)**

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

*Cllr D Kent left the room.*

### **PART B**

**Under Standing Orders 3d - Exclusion of the Public.**

**Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.**

It was **Resolved** to move to Part B

Bollington Health & Leisure land transfer  
Appendix 1

*Cllr D Kent returned to the meeting.*

**FC 61/23 To receive the minutes for the Town Hall Task Group on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 & 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and to receive EPC certificates for Town Council buildings to then decide on the next steps.**

**RESOLVED** the minutes were accepted.

Cllr RH communicated the options available to the Facilities Committee which had been presented by the TH Task Group. The TC could take out a Public Works Loan and carry out the improvements, but the interest had to be considered. The lift was the most expensive part of the quote. It also had been noted there was an agreed lease with Brookbank House for three years, which needed to be considered. They had considered the change in the garage and had queried about the excessive costs and reconfiguring the ground floor had been considered but thought not feasible. Cllr KE and Cllr AW felt this was an issue revisited so many times and the decision was always deferred.

**RESOLVED** the TH Task Group was asked to investigate the value of the Town Hall and if there was a possibility of a sale plus the overage clause payment to Cheshire East.

It was noted the EPC checks had been carried out but the reports had not been received to date.

*Cllr K Edwards left 10.35 am*

**FC 62/23 Matters arising from the minutes.**

*To note the new allotment site has been opened and named Nancy View.*

*The new noticeboard has been sited outside the Town Hall.*

*To note the new CCTV has been fitted at the Recreational Ground.*

*To note the Art Club have removed the boards and have not moved to an alternative venue.*

**FC 63/23 To note the following payments.**

- £360.00 Ravenswood Joinery – Civic Hall
- £79.80 John Worth Plumbers – ladies' toilet blocked
- £160.00 Dehumidifier
- £477.76 John Worth – Town Hall boiler leak

**RESOLVED** the payments were approved.

**FC 64/23 To receive the minutes from the Allotment Working Group on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**RESOLVED** the minutes were accepted.

The Chair thanked everyone for delivering the project so successfully.

**FC 65/23 To agree the next stages as the concrete is breaking away on the bridge access from the car park to the Civic Hall fire exit and the eaves on the opposite side of the building.**

The members viewed the pictures explaining the issues at the Civic Hall. The issue was raised a few years ago and due to costs was not addressed. The Clerk had instructed a roofer, but he recommended a building surveyor to be instructed.

**RESOLVED** the Town Clerk was given delegated authority to undertake repairs.

**FC 66/23 To agree the recommendation from John Worth plumbers from the TMV checks**

The plumber had carried out the statutory TMV checks and made recommendations at a cost of £1,144.00 plus VAT. The mix should be a meter away from the source.

**RESOLVED** the Committee made a recommendation to put 'warning signs' on the taps and the works would not be undertaken this year.

**FC 67/23 To consider the engagement with David Trowler to install solar panels at the Civic Hall.**

The THWG had been informed that there may be a possibility of installing solar panels at the Civic Hall. It had been closed down previously due to asbestos, but this did not seem to be the case.

**RESOLVED** the Town Clerk was instructed to gain advice if solar panels could be installed.

**FC 68/23 To agree a RACC survey at the Civic Hall following the recent activity in the media.**

**RESOLVED** the Clerk would instruct a RACC survey at the Civic Hall.

**FC 69/23 To receive an update on the EVC chargers at the Civic Hall and Bollington Health & Leisure from the Town Clerk.**

The Town Clerk had met with Connected Curb, and it was advised that as the BHL lease still being in BTC's name and an intention this would be transferred midterm would cause some issues with the lease for EVC chargers. The Civic Hall was a possibility and following a meeting there were two areas of source, one from the CH and the other at a lamp post near Coronation Buildings. They were awaiting costs from Electricity Northwest which would lead to a cost for the Town Council.

Mrs. R Tams, Mr. M Fearn (ex-Cllr who had worked on the previous EVC project) both offered support as had Cllr HE.

**RESOLVED** the Clerk was to pursue with the offers of support.

**FC 70/23 To agree the budget headings from the Facilities Committee for 2024/25 and consider the hire charges at the Civic Hall and the Town Hall**

The Committee wished to follow the budget headings as in the Corporate Plan at this time.

**RESOLVED** the Committee wished £5,000 to be added under Water Street Family hub and £2,000 for the upkeep of BHL.

Civic Hall Charges

**RESOLVED** Main Hall - £15.00 per hour 9am to 6pm, £22.00 per hour 6pm – 12am Regular Users. Main Hall - £22.00 per hour 9am to 6pm, £27.00 per hour 6pm – 12am One off Users.

Town Hall special rate for probus - £15.00.

Town Hall all day - £50.00

Town Hall half day - £30.00

**FC 71/23 To consider the option of allowing a member of the public to undertake the upkeep of the Town Hall gardens at the side of the building. RESOLVED to undertake the kind offer of support.**

**FC 72/23 Date of the Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> December 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am in the Town Hall**

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....