

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023, 6.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

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| • The Mayor:
Councillor A K Harper | • Councillor M A Hopkins |
| • Deputy Mayor:
Councillor N Yates | • Councillor A C Lawton |
| • Councillor N Eardley | • Councillor A C W Parkes |
| • Councillor S Fletcher | • Councillor W Rogers |
| • Councillor J I M Garvey | • Councillor J T Salt |
| | • Councillor C Smith |

Councillors Hopkins, Harper and Salt were in attendance but did not sign the attendance sheet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnerships Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance and Governance Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer

The Chief Officer recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

The Mayor called for nominations for the position of the Chair. Councillor Salt nominated Councillor Smith; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All agreed.

Councillor Smith called for nominations for Deputy Chair. Councillor Rogers nominated Councillor Garvey; seconded by Councillor Yates. All agreed.

2. APOLOGIES

- Councillor D Proudlove
- Councillor C Kisicki (Absent)
- Councillor C Wood (Absent)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: Councillor Salt declared an interest in item 5.
- b) Other Interests: None.

4. MINUTES

To **approve** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on 18 April 2023. All agreed.

5. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH: TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A RESOURCE LIBRARY

Councillor Smith presented a website 'The Library of things' detailing a potential project for the community.

Councillor Eardley requested that the link to be circulated.
(www.libraryofthings.co.uk)

Councillor Yates noted that, dependant on storage, it seemed to be a good idea.

Councillor Rogers had concerns over insurance in relation to use of the equipment.

Councillor Salt agreed that this is a good idea, and could be run alongside a SEND library- if this was considered.

Councillor Harper would like more detailed information about potential costs and liabilities.

Councillor Eardley questioned whether the project would also work on a virtual level also

Councillor Jackson agreed it should be explored.

Councillor Harper proposed to make further investigations in relation to the details discussed; seconded by Councillor Garvey. All agreed.

6. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SALT: TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON A PROJECT TO ANALYSE THE BIDDULPH WORKS TOGETHER PROJECT, AND TO AGREE A TOWN COUNCIL POSITION

Councillor Salt prepared and delivered a presentation regarding a research project that will take place within the community; she has received a research grant to do this. Councillor Salt would like to use the Biddulph Works Together initiative as part of the research project. The research would collate data and tangible evidence that evaluates the outcome of the initiative.

Councillor Salt would like to train members of the community to complete the research.

Councillor Salt explained that the funding must be spent by the end of July 2023, she expressed that there will be no cost to the Town Council and that the grant will be spent on room hire, refreshments and materials.

Councillor Lawton questioned the time scale, Councillor Salt explained that the budget can be spent and pre-paid although the research will not be completed until later in the year. Councillor Salt explained that she will be analysing the results as part of her job role at Staffordshire University.

Councillor Garvey agreed that this research would identify the impact of the Biddulph Works Together project and supported the proposal.

Councillor Harper questioned who the researchers are. Councillor Salt confirmed that they had been part of the Biddulph Works Together project.

The Chief Officer questioned who would 'own' the research. Councillor Salt explained that she is the data controller, however, the outcomes will be gifted to enable the Chief Officer to use this as evidence to future funders.

Proposed by Councillor Harper; seconded by Councillor Garvey. Councillor Salt abstained from the vote. Agreed to support the research project.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICER ON SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Chief Officer reported that the Biddulph Festival will take place throughout the month of July. This includes the regular groups that attend the Town Hall;

- 5th July is Dementia cinema- Carry-on film
- 12th July- De-Fib training, linking to the Health and Wellbeing focus for the Town Council.
- 26th July Family Cinema – showing ‘Amazing Maurice’.

The Chief Officer also noted that the Mayor’s Civic Sunday is 16th July, 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Councillor Rogers noted that the Car Show is confirmed for 9th September, and discussions were ongoing regarding the Beer festival on the same evening.

The meeting closed at 7.13pm.

Signed..... Date.....