

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,  
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024, 6.30PM  
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor S Fletcher
- Councillor Hopkins
- Councillor A C Lawton
- Councillor W Rogers (Chair)
- Councillor N Eardley
- Councillor Kisicki
- Councillor A Parkes

*Councillor Kisicki attended 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 Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Mrs Margaret Warman - Compliance and Governance Officer
- Councillor K Jackson

**Councillor Eardley nominated Councillor Rogers to take the role of Chair for this meeting; seconded by Councillor Fletcher. All agreed.**

*Councillor Rogers recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.*

**66. APOLOGIES**

- Councillor Proudlove (Absent)
- Councillor Wood (Absent)
- Councillor K Harper (Absent)
- Councillor J I M Garvey
- Councillor C Smith
- Councillor J Salt
- Councillor N Yates

**67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None.
- b) Other Interests: None.

## **68. MINUTES**

- a) To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2024.

Agreed and **signed**.

- b) To **note** that the Health and Wellbeing Working Group meeting planned for Monday 12 February 2024 was postponed.

It was **noted**.

- c) To **receive** the Notes from the Environment and Climate Change Working Group meeting held on Wednesday 14 February 2024

They were **received**.

- d) To **receive** the Notes from the Biddulph Works Together meeting held on Wednesday 21 February 2024

They were **received**.

- e) To **note** that the Young People's Working Group meeting planned for Thursday 22 February was not quorate.

It was **noted**.

## **69. TO CONFIRM THAT THE CCTV WORKING GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 22 MARCH, 10AM**

It was confirmed that only Councillors will be in attendance to gauge initial thoughts.

## **70. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SMITH: TO CONSIDER ACCESSIBILITY OF TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY**

It was agreed to move this agenda item to the next meeting due to Councillor Smith not being in attendance.

## **71. TO CONSIDER BIDDULPH WORKS TOGETHER PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:**

*4. Biddulph Town Council organises some inter-generational activity with young people / young adults alongside the older generations to share knowledge of subjects like cookery.*

Councillor Jackson noted that young people can help older people, and vice versa. It was discussed to contact local schools to discuss working together.

*5. Biddulph Town Council continues to fund the 93-bus service and works with partner organisations e.g., bus companies and the District and County Councils to procure more public transport options.*

The Chief Officer stated that the Transport Working Group regularly discuss these issues and the Committee agreed that this is high on the council's agenda.

*6. Biddulph Town Council should continue to use methods like leaflet delivery, use of its online media and the local newspapers to promote the BWT project as well as local radio. It should also work with partners like the District Council to encourage them to share information on the BWT project via their platforms and mail shots.*

It was agreed to continue to take part in more of the same promotions.

## **72. TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSULTATION**

The Chief Officer explained that there were actions previously considered.

The Chief Officer reported that a brief online survey had been posted on social media, indicating what has been completed and what is still to be done.

The Chief Officer stated that a consultation event would be held on Thursday 21 March between 5- 6.30pm

There was a discussion around creating a community priorities list. It was agreed that the consultation will be brought back for further consideration once data had been analysed.

## **73. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE FINANCIAL INCLUSION GROUP EVENT ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024**

The Chief Officer stated that previously it was agreed to become a member of the Financial Inclusion Group for North Staffordshire. The Chief Officer attended an event at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council where there were a series of speakers throughout the morning, all who gave beneficial information relating to their organisations.

Councillor Jackson requested that the organisations mentioned could attend a Biddulph Works Together meeting to provide more information.

#### **74. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON 2024 EVENTS AND CONFIRMATION OF KEY DATES**

The Chief Officer tabled the 'Event Updates' calendar and gave details on the upcoming events.

There was a discussion about the Arts and Culture strategy network to be held in April.

There was a discussion around the Garden Festival to be held in May, there were suggestions of who could be in attendance.

The Chief Officer explained that the 'Future you' event is the food festival, there is an opportunity for stall holders.

The Chief Officer explained that the concert for D-Day will incur costs, which will come out of the events budget in order to keep ticket prices low.

Councillor Jackson questioned whether the Town Council is liaising with British Legion. It was confirmed that there are ongoing discussions.

It was confirmed that Councillor Yates is working on a Northern Soul event.

The Chief Officer explained that the Prayer Breakfast will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June; this was being led by the Biddulph Churches Together group.

#### **75. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON 'FRIDAY NIGHT FILM CLUB', STARTING IN APRIL 2024**

The Chief Officer previously discussed joining the Film Hub; they support venues to show films and to promote British films.

The Chief Officer stated that the family films during holidays have been a success in the past. The Film Hub have offered funding for the creation of a brand and touch screen technology, which supports young people who have educational needs.

The Chief Officer reported that the Film Hub will also contribute £1200 towards a new monthly Friday film night event, to pay for licenses. This will be trialled for 12 months starting in April.

The Chief Officer reported that during the Food festival at the end of May, there is also opportunity to work with the Film Hub and host 30-minute shorts and take part in a videography project. This would require £300 from the event budget.

The Chief Officer questioned whether to accept the funding and trial a Friday film club.

Councillor Jackson questioned what the first film would be. The Chief Officer explained that it would be a Blockbuster and then an independent film.

Councillor Parkes questioned whether it was family friendly. The Chief Officer explained that the family friendly film will be shown during the holidays.

All happy to go ahead with the monthly Friday night film event and receive the funding.

## **76. TO DISCUSS IDEAS TO MARK THE TOWN COUNCIL'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

The Chief Officer tabled a design and costing for a pin badge which is an option to mark the Town's anniversary. The costing is for 50 badges. It was discussed to increase the amount to 75. It was **agreed**.

It was agreed to include Tony Hall in the celebration as the first Mayor.

There was a discussion relating to how many of the mayors throughout the 50 years, could be found, and invite them to a tea party with a photo opportunity; for those who are no longer with us, a representative could attend. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

The meeting closed at 7.23pm.

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