

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2024, 6.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR**

PRESENT:

- Councillor J I M Garvey (Chair)
- Councillor S Fletcher
- Councillor Hopkins
- Councillor A C Lawton
- Councillor W Rogers
- Councillor N Eardley
- Councillor Kisicki (entered the meeting at 6.48pm)
- Councillor N Yates

Councillors Fletcher, Garvey and 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
- Councillor K Jackson

Councillor Garvey recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.

57. APOLOGIES

- Councillor C Smith
- Councillor J Salt
- Councillor K Harper (Absent)
- Councillor A Parkes (Absent)
- Councillor Proudlove (Absent)
- Councillor Wood (Absent)

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

59. MINUTES

To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on 16 January 2024. **Signed and Agreed.**

60. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR GARVEY- TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A CCTV WORKING GROUP TO PROGRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO INCREASE COVERAGE

Councillor Garvey advised the meeting about recent discussions around the need for enhanced coverage to reduce anti-social behaviour.

It was agreed that the Chief Officer create a Terms of Reference for a new Working Group, which could provide local input into decision-making and lobby appropriate organisations for funds.

Councillor Lawton stated that if members of the public were included in the working group; confidential items would not be discussed. This will be taken into consideration.

Councillor Garvey proposed to set up a working group; seconded by Councillor Jackson. All agreed.

61. TO CONSIDER BIDDULPH WORKS TOGETHER PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Chief Officer reminded members that they had agreed to consider the report recommendations at successive meetings, following receipt of the document at the previous meeting:

- a) The Community Research Team, the Biddulph Works Together stakeholders and Biddulph Town Council work on a logo that all partners can share on their literature/letterheads and within their community spaces to increase project identity.*

It was discussed that the branding would be beneficial, it was agreed to gain quotes.

- b) Biddulph Town Council continues to fund to Biddulph Works Together project and widens the aims of the project to tackling social isolation.*

It was discussed that a budget had been previously set for this, and that social isolation should be a key priority going forward. Councillor Yates stated that there may be some funding for social isolation from the District Council.

- c) Biddulph Town Council explores the creation of a 48 where vetted professionals gift an hour of their time to the Biddulph Works Together project.*

It was agreed to investigate this item further.

62. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON A MEETING WITH FILM HUB MIDLANDS

The Chief Officer reported that 'Film Hub West Midlands' had attended a site visit at the Town Hall and have discussed a number of projects that will be worked up. There are funding streams available from Film Hub, for branding (for family friendly activities) and license fees.

There are discussions around starting Friday film club in April which would be independent films and mainstream films possibly showing film shorts.

The Chief Officer stated that there is a company called Touch Screen who provide sessions for SEND families.

The Chief Officer reported that as part of the Food festival, Film Hub would like to fund artists to create stop motion films using food.

63. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FOOD AND GARDEN EVENTS PLANNED FOR MAY 2024

The Chief Officer explained that the Garden Festival will be held on Saturday 11th May 2024, which is part-funded from the Shared Prosperity Fund. This will be a new town centre event. There will be special guest from Gardeners World programme, which will use the Shared Prosperity Grant. There will also be an allotment seed swap with market stalls.

The Chief Officer explained that the Food Festival will take place on 25th May 2024, working with the 'Outside' group to create engaging activities. The Chief Officer stated that she will apply for an 'awards for all' grant which will link into healthy eating activities across the town.

The Chief Officer stated that both these events are in the early stages of organising and will report back.

64. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TOURISM ACTIVITIES

The Chief Officer reported that the District Council and Alton Towers representative meeting had been rescheduled for the following Monday.

The Chief Officer reported that there are discussions with Biddulph Ramblers to create Biddulph Walks as part of the Moorlands Walking Festival.

Councillor Garvey stated that he is hopeful about hosting a second Textiles and History event this year.

65. TO CONSIDER WAYS TO MARK THE TOWN COUNCIL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Chief Officer stated that May 1974 was the start of Biddulph Town Council, it is also 130 years since the start of the Urban District Council which was in 1894.

The Chief Officer has requested the minutes from the first meetings, but the District council may hold these, therefore the request has been made to find these.

Other councils produced records of the previous minutes in a brochure format, and a 'then and now' type booklet.

There were discussions around creating a mural on the Town Hall wall. It was mentioned that the Barley Mow pub has photos of miners and it's a great talking point. Councillor Jackson suggested that a mural of photos on the back wall of the main hall.

It was agreed to bring this Agenda item back with further ideas of how to celebrate 50 Years.

Councillor Rogers requested that a confidential item be discussed in relation to this anniversary; seconded by Councillor Yates. All agreed.

Councillor Rogers identified a further anniversary that would take place in 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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