

Biddulph Town Council



MEETING: Town and Community Committee
DATE: Tuesday 15 September 2020
TIME: 6.30pm
LOCATION: Via Zoom; access code to be sent separately.

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations
- b) Other Interests

4. MINUTES

- a) To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 (attached)

There are a number of Working Groups that ceased to meet at the end of 2019/ start of 2020. These minutes should be approved by the Town and Community Committee and signed at a later date. These are attached in one pack:

- b) Notes of the **Garden Event Working Group** meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 and Monday 24 February 2020
- c) Notes of the **VE/ VJ and Cenotaph Working Group** meeting held on 31 July 2019, 5 September 2019, 3 October 2019, 3 February 2020, 24 February 2020
- d) Notes of the **Christmas Lights Working Group** on 10 October 2019, 5 November 2019, 13 November 2019 and 10 December 2019
- e) Notes of the **Environment and Climate Change Working Group** meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020
- f) Notes of the **Young People's Working Group** meeting held on 2 December 2019

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON STATION ROAD (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)

- a) Electricity Company- Ombudsman complaint
- b) Land purchase and future development
- c) To consider the proposal for the mining memorial.
A reminder that the last meeting identified the following requirements:



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- Install a 3D representation
- A cut-out design idea could work well
- Represent coal
- Install a brick plinth as a stand for the memorial with 'sponsored bricks'
- The names of those who had died in the mines should be placed in the vicinity

6. TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

7. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OFFICER ABOUT PROGRESS WITH THE ACTION PLAN SINCE THE LAST MEETING (EXTRACT BELOW).

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ CLARIFICATION.

1	Provide Support and Information to Town Centre traders	a) Keep under review a database of traders to enable the Town Council to communicate grant, event, etc. information effectively. b) Consider development of a BID. c) Pursue opportunities for town centre development following Covid-19 pandemic.
2	Complete development of Station Road gardens	a) Complete purchase of Sainsbury's land and move to Phase 2 of development. b) Work with SMDC to take on lease for land, rather than license. c) Install monument/ sculpture. d) Ensure appropriate management arrangements are in place for fountain.
3	Role of Artisan Market and town centre trading	a) Promote Artisan Market and Fresh Food Friday and consider appropriate changes in 2021-2. b) Consider the introduction of new initiatives, e.g. youth market, Ethical Fair. c) Undertake analysis of footfall on the High Street.
4	Increased involvement in Community Events	Continue to work on events such as the Biddulph Festival, Christmas Lights, Volunteer events, heritage celebrations, etc. Identifying new opportunities to promote tourism and increase footfall.
5	Enhancement of partnerships within the town	Continue to work on Biddulph Network, Dementia action plan, Tree Charter actions, collaborate with Friends Groups, health and mental health partners and support for the voluntary sector.

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7	Expand tourism activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Explore opportunities at Biddulph Grange Visitor Centre. b) Print and distribute Biddulph map c) Improvements to website and tourism 'offer' within town Hall (inc. new cabinets) d) Improved signage in and around the town. e) Support for walking and Ramblers initiatives. f) Consider membership of Enjoy Staffordshire.
8	Provide services and support for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Work with Community Council to develop a youth vision. b) Work with Biddulph Youth and Community Zone to establish the effectiveness of a detached youth worker scheme/ disco. c) Facilitate Youth People's Working Group. d) Work with School's Learners Forum e) Support 'Staged' youth theatre project. f) Consider enhancements of play opportunities and youth facilities.
9	Complete restoration projects and protection of heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Deliver MPB projects and identify other options. b) Restoration of war memorial. c) Consideration of designated conservation areas/ locally listed buildings.
10	Lead town with Ceremonial occasions	Seek guidance from national agencies, as appropriate. Where possible, consider options for social distancing celebrations/ events.
11	Implement appropriate recommendations in relation to Environment and Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Separate action plan with priorities to be developed by Environment and Climate Change Working Group. b) Consider public meeting in relation to a local response to environmental issues end 2020, early 2021. c) Enhance reputation of 'Garden Town of Staffordshire' d) Improvement to flood risk areas
12	Town Centre enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Refurbish bollards and noticeboards. b) Develop register of community assets (inc. other areas of town, as required) c) Identify opportunities to improve town centre public realm. d) Lobby for changes to car parking at Wharf Road to encourage footfall within the town centre. e) Consideration of a shop front grant scheme.



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13	Town centre toilet provision (inc. bus hub) and usage of old toilet block	a) To ensure cleaning and management is completed satisfactorily. b) Consider use of bus hub. c) Assess need for storage in the old toilet block and seek quotations for renovation.
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To: the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillors Baddeley, Barlow, Brady, McLoughlin, Perkin, Redfern, Rogers, Rushton, Sheldon, Smith, Swift and Yates