

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019

PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor McGuinness
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor Davies
Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Court
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hart
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Salt
Councillor Sheldon
Councillor Whilding

60.18 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley
Councillor Wood

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: Councillor Sheldon in anything pertaining to Biddulph in Bloom.
- ii) Other Interests. Councillors Hart and Jones as Biddulph Grange Country Park Friends. Councillors Court and Hall as members of Biddulph Rotary.

62. MINUTES

- a) It was moved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday 19 February 2019.
- b) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Burial Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 12 March 2019.
- c) It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Bus Working Group meeting held 1 March 2019

63. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIDDULPH ROTARY

Councillor Court updated members that the Spring Clean would take place on 30 March between 10.30 and 12.30; anyone interested should meet at the Town Hall at 10.15. Eight areas had been identified, to concentrate efforts. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council had agreed to supply the equipment needed. Help had

been offered from Biddulph High School, Woodhouse Academy, Biddulph in Bloom and Biddulph Grange Country Park Friends.

64. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BIDDULPH GRANGE COUNTRY PARK FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

Councillor Jones updated members that Biddulph Town Council was close to securing a lease on the Visitor Centre, but the transfer may not go ahead with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust on 1 April 2019. It appeared that Wetley Moor was still an ongoing issue. The Chief Officer tabled the proposed improvement programme for the Visitor Centre, which had been sent to the District Council.

65. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TOWN COUNCIL'S DEMENTIA ACTION PLAN AND FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

The Chief Officer presented the most recent version of the Dementia Action Plan, which provided information on existing actions and added a new action: To complete the application form to be part of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Dementia Action Alliance.

Councillor Jackson noted that there was talk in the Staffordshire Moorlands about establishing a Dementia Centre of Excellence, possibly in Leek. Biddulph Town Council had everything in place and, with the work it was doing, should have an equal opportunity to have the Centre in Biddulph. Councillor Jones added that we were slightly ahead of the curve. The Chief Officer noted that over 60 Dementia Friends had now been trained. An event had taken place at the High School and we were now targeting traders in the High Street. Dementia Cinema dates had been set for the remainder of the year.

66. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 'CREATIVE PEOPLE AND PLACES' BID

Support Staffordshire was leading on this bid; Biddulph Town Council was interested in hearing about this bid, but information had not been shared to-date. The Chief Officer would share information when it became available.

67. TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 2019/20 STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Chief Officer noted that the 2018/19 action plan update had been received by this Committee and wondered how Councillors would prefer to develop the 2019/20 document. Councillors were encouraged to think about the key areas of work going forward and identify key themes. Councillor Jones noted that the Chief Officer had 'put pegs in the ground' and it was agreed that the Chief Officer would report back to this Committee in April.

68. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE BIDDULPH NETWORK MEETING SCHEDULE

The Chief Officer noted that Rethink would deliver a presentation at the next Biddulph Network Meeting, which she hoped would be at the start of April. Meetings would be at 4.30pm.

69. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Allotments Sub-Committee Site Visit

The Allotments Sub-Committee will visit the Park Lane allotment site on **Wednesday 27 March at 3pm**. We will meet at the top of Springfield Road.

2. Dementia Friendly Cinema

The Town Council has been hosting Dementia Friendly Cinema for a number of months, which has proved to be popular. The sessions have an intermission with tea and cake and a relaxed atmosphere.

We have set the dates for the coming year, all starting at 1.30pm:

10 April, 8 May, 31 July, 4 September, 23 October and 11 December.

In April we will be showing Calamity Jane.

3. Staffordshire Day

We will be celebrating Staffordshire Day (1 May) with the theme 'Made in Staffordshire' when we will be celebrating local businesses.

Any ideas would be very much appreciated!

Councillor Jackson noted that a number of Councillors had indicated that they would not be standing for election in May 2019. He wanted to publicly thank them for their time, effort, dedication and patience for a number of years' service.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed

Date