

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014

PRESENT

The Mayor – Councillor Swift
The Deputy Mayor - Councillor Adams
Councillor Deane
Councillor Hall
Councillor Harper
Councillor Hart
Councillor Hawley
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Redfern
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Sheldon MBE
Councillor Tolley
Councillor Walley
Councillor Whilding

8.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests had been received.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations
- b Other Disclosable Interests – Councillor Hall – all declarations from the Finance Committee meeting to be carried forwards. Councillor Redfern and Councillor Tolley - Knypersley Residents Association. Councillor Jones anything from Biddulph Moor. Councillor Sheldon anything pertaining to Biddulph in Bloom.

10. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:
Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Davies
Councillor Deaville
Councillor Ellsum
Councillor Gibson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Wood

11. MINUTES

- a It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Meeting held on 20 May 2014.
- b It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20 May 2014.
- c It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the General Purposes meeting held on 20 May 2014.
- d It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 20 May and 9 June 2014
- e It was **Resolved** to receive the Minutes of the Civic Committee meeting held on 9 June 2014. Councillor Jones was not present and had sent apologies.
- f It was **Resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held on 10 June 2014
- g It was **Resolved** to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 10 June 2014, including the payment of Grants. Councillor Hall had declared an interest in Knypersley Bowling Club

12. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- a Mayor's Engagements – the Mayor read out details of his recent engagements: a MS charity event; the Rotary Acorn Awards; Congleton Civic Sunday; the reopening of St Lawrence's Church; Biddulph in Bloom's AGM; Brown Lees Residents Association meeting and he also opened the Biddulph Moor Well Dressing. A full and interesting month.
- b Biddulph Town Deal
Following the letter sent in February by the Mayor to request that the officers of the Town and District Councils met to discuss and produce the basis of a partnership between our two Councils, the attached document (**Appendix A**) had been drawn up following a meeting in early May. The aim was to support and develop the projects, vision and aspirations that we had in common for Biddulph, and we also wished to include the County Council.

Councillor Hall proposed that this Council accepted the Town Deal, which would lead to a better use of resources and a bigger pool of officers, he urged cooperation not confrontation, this was seconded by Councillor Hart. This was agreed unanimously. It was noted that the Deal would also have to be approved by the District Council.

13. YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

The Chief Officer reported on a lively meeting, Councillors Adams and Deane and the Town Crier had attended, with representatives from Woodhouse Middle, James Bateman Junior High and The Roaches schools. PCSO Sherratt had sent apologies – he was on annual leave – but had submitted a written report which was circulated to the young people. Members from Woodhouse reported that representatives from the bus companies had visited the school to resolve the problems with the Biddulph Moor bus.

The Town Crier invited the advisors to the event on 7 July 2014, to meet the Italian Students who would be visiting Biddulph for a week. Mr Robinson noted that a sports afternoon would be held at Woodhouse Middle School on the Friday afternoon, a trophy would be presented to the winning country. On 18 July 2014, Mr Robinson would be at The Roaches School to present awards to both upper and lower schools; this would be an annual event.

14. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Heads (Congleton) Ltd – Premises Licence notice	59.40
Heads (Congleton) Ltd - Artisan Market advert x2	67.68
V Brown - Market Day Organiser	50.00
W Linaker - Stall Construction	144.00
V Brown - Events Director	743.33
Sid Swift – street entertainment at April Artisan Market	50.00
Local World Ltd – ¼ page advert Artisan Market x two days	300.07
Cllr J Davies – alterations on trailer for market – 32.00	
- Alter brackets Biddulph in Bloom signs – 24.00	56.00
Leek Signs – correx boards for market	134.40
HM Revenue & Customs (to be paid by direct debit)	1693.39
Salaries	4162.06
Staffordshire Pension Fund	1569.08
D Allcock – Lengthsman work	500.00
Star Print & Design – market banners	112.80
SLCC – annual membership	305.00
Petty cash	6.70

b) The following grant payments were approved:

1 st Biddulph Moor Rainbows	250.00
1st Gillow Heath Brownie Unit	200.00
1 st Brown Lees Brownies	250.00
1st Knypersley Guides	300.00
1st Biddulph Moor Guides	350.00
Biddulph and District Girlguiding	400.00
Biddulph Moor Evergreen Club	200.00
Ladies Afternoon Club	200.00
Biddulph Green Fingers	1000.00
Biddulph and Moorlands Music Festival	1250.00
Biddulph Moor Community Association	1000.00
Knypersley Community Association	200.00
Biddulph Twinning Association	500.00
Biddulph Moor Community First Responders	1000.00
Biddulph Sports Council (annual ongoing agreement)	250.00
St Lawrence's Church	500.00
Victoria Centre	500.00
GEM's Aglow Generations Project	300.00
Knypersley Craft Club	250.00
Knypersley Cricket Club	1500.00
Biddulph and District Youth Orchestra	1000.00
Knypersley Bowling Club	1800.00
Sub total	4550.00
Sub Total	13200.00
Biddulph in Bloom	20000.00
Staffordshire North and Stoke on Trent Citizens Advice Bureaux	25000.00
TOTAL	58200.00

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed Date.....

Appendix A



BIDDULPH TOWN DEAL

A new deal built on sound foundations

This Town Deal sets out the basis for a strong partnership between Biddulph Town Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, and Staffordshire County Council.

The purpose of the arrangement is to ensure that high quality public services are available to the residents of Biddulph and to continue the regeneration of the town.

The Town Deal is based on firm foundations. Biddulph has seen over the past five years significant investment. This includes:

- Sainsbury's £15m investment creating 250 jobs
- £10m investment in the new health centre
- Increased take-up of Victoria Business Park by high technology businesses
- Local people spend more in the town centre on non-food shopping (up from 9.6% to 18.8% of total expenditure)
- Launch of the successful Biddulph Artisan Market
- Continued success of the Biddulph in Bloom – *the garden town of Staffordshire*
- Securing a new permanent post office
- Town Council investing in a high street lighting scheme featuring bespoke traditional lighting columns with the Biddulph clematis

But now is not the time to rest on these successes. There is still more to do. The proposed shared actions set out below will consolidate the achievements made and ensure that Biddulph is best-placed to grow and thrive. These are the agreed list of priorities, but all parties reserve the right to add to the list by agreement.

Action Plan

Priority	Actions
Biddulph Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create and implement a viable business plan for the Town Hall which includes the provision of services to the public by the Town Council, the District and County Councils and the Police
Area Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the outstanding actions from the Biddulph Area Action Plan particularly:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 77 Tunstall Road○ Wharf Road
The Mill Triangle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a plan for the regeneration of the Cross Street Mill

	area
Priority	Actions
Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that Biddulph and its residents contribute fully to the Local Plan so that the interests of the town are fully represented
Market and visitor development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance marketing and promotion for Biddulph artisan market • Create storage space for stalls • Review Biddulph tourism promotion and marketing
Environmental maintenance and enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the streetscene is well maintained • Working with and support for Biddulph in Bloom • Review options for public art

These actions are not exclusive and will be part of an ongoing programme of co-operation and partnership working between our officers.

Governance

The focus of the Town Deal is on making these improvements happen. We will meet quarterly to establish a clear plan of action and review progress. Reports will be made to Biddulph Town Council every six months and there will be an annual review to ensure that the Town Deal continues to deliver what is needed in Biddulph.