

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024, 6.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- Councillor N Eardley
- Councillor J I M Garvey (Chair)
- Councillor M Hopkins
- Councillor K Jackson
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor A C Lawton
- Councillor W Rogers
- Councillor J Salt
- Councillor N Yates

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 J Jones – Biddulph Town Councillor

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

APOLOGIES:

- Councillor D Proudlove
- Councillor K Harper
- Councillor C Smith
- Councillor A Parkes
- Councillor J Redfern

34. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillors Redfern, Harper, Smith and Proudlove. There were no substitute members.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:

None.

b) Other Interests:

Councillor Salt declared an interest in Biddulph Youth and Community Zone, as a Board member.

36. MINUTES

a) To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17 September 2024

Proposed by Councillor Salt; seconded by Councillor Rogers. All **agreed**.

b) To **receive** the Notes of the Biddulph Works Together meeting held on 18 September 2024

Proposed by Councillor Jackson; seconded by Councillor Lawton. **Received**.

37. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE DISCUSSIONS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Chief Officer noted that a meeting took place, despite the Arts and Culture Officer not being able to attend.

During the meeting three requirements were discussed:

- Space to display work or promote events.
- The previous arts forum was highly valued, and attendees would like to establish a group again. It was discussed that a special speaker could attend each time.
- An addition to the existing Biddulph Festival with the inclusion of a music festival.

A draft for 2025 events is currently being compiled.

Proposed by Councillor Salt to work these proposals up in more detail for a future meeting; seconded by Councillor Yates. All **agreed**.

38. TO IDENTIFY AN ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR A CYCLE RACK IN BIDDULPH

The Chief Officer noted that the space previously identified by Biddulph Town Council would now be used for on-street recycling projects.

It was discussed whether a sheltered bike rack is necessary.

It was discussed that outside B & M could be investigated as an option- right in the town centre. This would be the preferred option. All **agreed**.

39. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON A CHRISTMAS LANTERNS PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUTSIDE, BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE AND THE BIDDULPH LOCAL PEOPLE'S GROUP

The Chief Officer stated that a meeting was held between the above groups, it was discussed to take part in an intergenerational group culminating in a lantern parade that would lead Santa's sleigh on the evening of the Christmas Lights switch-on.

The Chief Officer stated that a number of workshops would take place to make the lanterns, funded by the Outside project.

The Chief Officer reported that discussions also took place regarding a woodland animal project during the February half term.

40. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENTS IN BIDDULPH AND BIDDULPH MOOR

Jodie Hancock reported that the plans for the Christmas lights events are going well.

The Chief Officer stated that it was unlike the frontage project will have started by 30th November, therefore the Christmas Light switch-on event will go ahead as in previous years.

It was discussed that a movable tree option had been considered.

The Chief Officer requested volunteers to assist on the day of the town centre event.

The Chief Officer explained that there will not be an event at Biddulph Moor Village Hall this year instead it will take place and the Rose and Crown pub.

A working group will meet again to discuss the logistics of the Christmas events.

41. TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE BIDDULPH ROTARY SANTA ACTIVITIES

Councillor Rogers stated that due to the lack of Rotarians, Santa attending locations within the community is unlikely to go ahead this year.

It was discussed that anyone who would like to help with Santa should get in touch with the Chief Officer.

42. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH FILM ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:

a) FEAST AND FLICKS/ BIDDULPH SCRATCH (INC. NEW LOGOS)

The Chief Officer gave an update on the film sessions that take place within the Town Hall and explained that by working with Film Hub there has been funding for a suite of Town Council logos.

These were viewed on the screen and all agreed it was positive that there are variations for each different event, including children's cinema sessions.

b) ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE INSTAGRAM PAGE

Jodie Hancock had attended training recently where it was identified that it is often better for the cinema to have a separate identity. This would still need to be linked to the Town Council pages. It was agreed to establish a separate Instagram page.

Proposed by Councillor Salt; seconded by Lawton. All **agreed**.

c) A JOINT EVENT WITH OTHER MOORLANDS LOCATIONS

Flash and the Foxlowe are locations that have an established film group. It was discussed that for 2025 a moorlands film festival could be organised.

Proposed by Councillor Garvey; seconded by Councillor Salt. All **agreed**.

d) A 'FOODIE' CINEMA SHOWING

The Chief Officer wondered what Councillors felt about a providing a food option alongside showing a film. Jodie Hancock wondered whether this could be part of a Special Educational Needs session, supporting young people and their families with additional needs.

All agreed this was appropriate.

Councillor Jones questioned whether the equipment is portable to be able to show in Biddulph Moor.

43. TO CONFIRM THE OUTCOME OF THE LIBRARY OF THINGS RESEARCH AND AN APPLICATION FOR A COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT, WHICH CLOSES IN DECEMBER 2024

The Chief Officer presented the survey results. It was agreed that it was a positive outcome. 77 people responded; over 80% confirmed that they would use this scheme.

The Chief Officer reported that a County Council grant is currently open, and officers have confirmed that this would be a good fit for the funding (between £3,000 and £5,000), Councillor Salt proposed to proceed, and develop versions of the policies; seconded by Councillor Eardley. All **agreed**.

44. TO CONFIRM THE LAUNCH OF A BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER IN JANUARY 2025, AND TO CONSIDER CONTENT

The Chief Officer suggested that an online newsletter could advertise Biddulph Town Council news on a monthly basis; this would primarily be an online newsletter that people would have to sign up for.

Councillor Salt suggested contacting local colleges to offer work experience.

It was agreed to progress with a monthly newsletter with a 2025 launch.

45. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON 2024 EVENTS

Jodie Hancock advised of the following events:

- This Friday is Health and Wellbeing Fayre 10 – 1pm.
- The Town Council is supporting the Hideaway café with a Halloween Trail.
- There is a Family film on Wednesday of half term week.
- The Mayor has a two-night music event, 'Biddulph Live'.
- The launch of Toy Appeal was imminent.
- Remembrance Sunday would be on 10 November.
- There is also a children's clothing event, and the Christmas Lights switch-on is being developed.

The meeting closed at 7.28pm.

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