

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,  
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL  
TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025, 6.30PM  
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

**PRESENT:**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance and Governance Officer

*Councillor Smith recited the disclaimer regarding the recording of the meeting.*

**85. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

- Councillor K Harper
- Councillor D Proudlove
- Councillor J Salt

**86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a)** Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations

None.

- b)** Other Interests

None.

**87. MINUTES**

- a)** To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2025.

The Minutes had been approved at Town Council and were signed.

- b) To **receive** the Notes from the Events Working Group meeting held on 24 March 2025.

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

- c) To **receive** the Notes of the Biddulph Works Together meeting held on 26 March 2025.

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

## **88. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 'CHAIN REACTION' PROJECT EVENT ON 12 APRIL 2025**

The Chief Officer reported the event was successful. It was held outside Biddulph Library and brought together a wide range of partners. It kicked off the Chain Reaction project. Moorlands Climate Action repaired 30+ bikes during the day, supported by the Repair Cafe. The County Council Waste Savvy tea brought along 30+ bikes from the recycling centre. Donations were made to the Green Tree House in exchange for a bike.

The Police also completed security marking.

Bicycle Ballet was fabulous; this had been organised by the Outside group.

The group is also working with the Move More Team in Cheadle to come up with a programme of events in the next 12 months.

Some bikes have also been gifted to local schools.

A questionnaire was available on the day, which should help to understand demand.

There is another working group in a couple of weeks; the group are looking for bike-based grants.

*Councillor Parkes left the meeting at 18.38pm.*

## **89. TO CONSIDER AN APPROACH TO THE CREATION OF A BIDDULPH WORKS TOGETHER LOGO**

The Chief Officer reported that one of the recommendations from the work that Councillor Jill Salt oversaw was to create a Biddulph Works Together logo. She had put out a request via social media and received a couple of enquiries. One respondent had asked if we had a budget for the logo. The logo would need to be professionally produced so that this could be shared with all partners and shared in different formats. The Chief Officer queried was the best approach was.

Councillor Jackson preferred to not have something specifically designed – but to pull something off the internet, for example - with holding hands. Councillor Yates agreed.

Councillor Lawton advised that just because something is on the internet it doesn't mean it's available free of charge.

Councillor Eardley proposed we source a cost for the design work and take it from there; seconded by Councillor Redfern. All voted to approve.

## **90. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO REFURBISH THE BLACK PAINTED BOLLARDS ON THE HIGH STREET AND ADD REFLECTIVE STRIPS**

The Chief Officer reported after Christmas Switch On Lights Events a request was made to refurbish the painted bollards on the High Street and add reflective strips. The County Council do not come out and paint them.

Councillor Rogers confirmed the County Council installed them, and they were painted for a time by the Biddulph in Bloom team. Councillor Rogers didn't think the Town Council had ever painted them.

*Councillor Parkes returned to the meeting at 18.46pm.*

Councillor Yates agreed with Councillor Rogers. He wondered whether some bollards would not look right with a reflective strip.

Councillor Garvey advised Yarnbombers were going to decorate the bollards for the Festival.

Councillor Eardley wondered whether they just needed a good clean.

Councillor Kisicki said he thought they were in good condition and attention/reflective strips wouldn't be a good use of public money.

Councillor Rogers suggested we should look at them individually. Councillor Jackson said if we refurbished one, the others would look tatty.

Councillor Garvey proposed someone voluntarily appraise them. Councillor Yates suggested Councillor Lawton appraise them. He volunteered to do it.

The Chief Officer would also contact Biddulph in Bloom regarding their intentions.

*The meeting closed at 6.56pm.*

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

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