

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING,
BIDDULPH TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026, 6.30PM
HELD AT BIDDULPH TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET, BIDDULPH ST8 6AR.**

PRESENT:

- Councillor Y Case
- Councillor J I M Garvey
- Councillor C Kisicki
- Councillor D Proudlove
- Councillor W Rogers
- Councillor J Redfern
- Councillor J Jones
- Councillor N Yates (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mrs Sarah M Haydon – Chief Officer (Minute Taker)
- Mrs Margaret Warman – Compliance and Governance Officer
- Ms Jodie Hancock – Events and Partnership Officer
- Mrs Angela Williams – Administration Officer
- Councillor A C Lawton

Councillor Yates recited the meeting disclaimer.

11. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

- Councillor C Smith
- Councillor M Hopkins
- Councillor A Parkes
- Councillor J Salt

There were no substitute members.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations: None.

b) Other Interests: None.

13. MINUTES

a) To **sign** the Minutes of the Town and Community Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16 June 2026

Proposed by Councillor Redfern; seconded by Councillor Jones. All **agreed**.

b) To **receive** the Notes from the Biddulph Works Together meeting on Wednesday 17 June 2026

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Notes-BWT-Meeting-17-June-2026-DRAFT.pdf>

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

14. ITEM REQUESTED BY COUNCILLOR SALT: THE ROLE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IN THE PROMOTION AND LAUNCH OF THE NEW PUMP TRACK

The Chief Officer reported that a recent consultation had taken place, providing an opportunity for local young people to contribute their views on the new pump track. The chosen contractor had also attended the consultation.

Councillor Salt was not present, but had advised that the pump track was expected to be completed within four to six weeks. The installation is being funded by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and that floodlighting on the Multi-Use Games Area will also be provided.

Members discussed how the Town Council could support the promotion and launch of the pump track, including the possibility of organising a barbecue and entertainment as part of the launch event.

Councillor Yates noted that the pump track would complement the Council's existing Chain Reaction projects. The events budget should be used to make a contribution to this project.

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

15. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON WORLD CAFÉ FEEDBACK

The Chief Officer presented the outcomes from the World Café event, which was held on 30th June in partnership with the Police. She explained that tables and refreshments were provided for the young people and partners; participants actively engaged with each other and sought views through a series of questions.

Councillor Yates commented that the feedback was interesting and agreed that there are fewer employment opportunities available to young people in Biddulph.

Members discussed opportunities for Councillors to visit local schools to provide information about activities, services and opportunities available within the town. Councillor Jones suggested that engagement should also include The Roaches School.

Councillor Proudlove agreed that developing a Youth Strategy for Biddulph would be important.

It was agreed to work with partners to develop a Youth Strategy for the town.

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

Councillor Proudlove left the meeting at 7.01pm.

16. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 'CHANGE YOUR PLACE' PROJECT

The Chief Officer advised that the report is due to be submitted at the end of July.

She reported that a "Know Your Place" festival will take place on 8th September, which she will attend and subsequently provide an update to the Council.

It was noted that funding remains available to support the project.

The update was **received**.

17. TO RECEIVE THE SUMMER GUIDE OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Chief Officer tabled the list of activities for Young People around the local area.

It was **received**.

18. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BUSINESS MEETINGS

The Chief Officer reported that there had been some useful discussions at the recent Business Breakfast.

The Chief Officer advised that the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce are keen to support local businesses, particularly by providing access to funding opportunities. She was meeting the Chamber representatives in August.

Councillor Garvey had some contact information for Rapiscan.

Councillor Case suggested introducing a reward scheme to encourage residents to shop locally in Biddulph during the Christmas period.

The update was **received**.

19. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON EMERGING MEN SHED IDEAS

The Chief Officer reported on the partnership with Biddulph Youth and Community Zone (BYCZ) and Outside Arts, advising that a number of projects are planned.

A programme of six weeks of sessions will commence from 14th September, with participants creating a frame/structure for the Ride the Lights event.

The Chief Officer also reported on the development of an emerging Men's Shed project, with a further six weeks of sessions planned. Following this, work will be undertaken to identify a suitable permanent venue for the Men's Shed.

The update was **received**.

The meeting closed at 19.31pm.

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