

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BELPER TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE HERITAGE CENTRE, ST JOHN'S CHAPEL, BELPER ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mallett (Town Mayor) – in the Chair

Councillors: Dwyer, Harris, L Ploughman, N Ploughman, Atkinson, Hale, Oldfield, B Bellamy, R Bellamy, Monkman, Watson, Angharad, Cannon, Porter and Wilkinson.

10 members of the public.

4156 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
No apologies recorded.

4157 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
None

4158 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS
Cllr Angharad and Cllr Atkinson as Planning Board Member for AVBC proposed to leave the meeting for Item 12 to avoid predetermination/bias allegations.

4159 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
Items 7 and 24 were moved to Confidential Items.

4160 **RESOLVED** To suspend the Council's Standing Orders for the Public Participation Section

Public Participation

- Chair of Award winning Accessible Belper came to give a talk about the important work the Voluntary Group provides (Appendix 1)
- Director of the Belper Arts Festival gave an insight into the events organised locally and the potential to develop into a Belper Festival. (Appendix 2)
- Representative from the Derbyshire Colin Hampton, co-ordinator of the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres (DUWC) said that the last time he had addressed a meeting in St John's Chapel was back in the summer of 2008 when the DUWC hosted a meeting there as part of the successful campaign to keep open the Belper Jobcentre Plus Office on King St. DUWC came into existence in the early 1980s and was funded by Amber Valley Borough Council from 1993 – 2001. At that time DUWC offered outreach at Heanor, Somercotes, Ironville and Belper from their main office in Alfreton. Following the withdrawal of funding following political changes at AVBC DUWC, were only able to maintain services at Alfreton, Heanor and Somercotes with the help from Town and Parish Councils and intermittent support from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and the County Council. DUWC offer advice on benefits and credits plus representation for people wishing to challenge decisions made by the Department for Work and Pensions. DUWC also tries to give a voice to unemployed people, those on benefits and those in precarious work by lobbying with and on their behalf. At present DUWC has over 800 tribunals pending! Many of these are for people with disabilities and health limiting conditions. DUWC brought

over £4.5 million into the Derbyshire economy last year from its work. With the roll-out of Universal Credit many more people are trying to access support and advice. With support from AVBC, the DUWC would like to receive grant aid from the Town Council as part of a return to a comprehensive and localised service in Amber Valley. A service that is a lifeline to many people within our communities.

- Member of the Public spoke in favour of the Pride in Belper grant application.
- Cllr Emmas-Williams Leader of Amber Valley Borough Council first thanked Belper Town Council for inviting him and said that it is exciting times for both our councils. The Borough Council like yourselves are working hard to deliver our manifesto promises and withdrawing the local plan due to the fact it included 15 Green Belt sites for housing was the first major decision. We have also changed the start of Cabinet meetings from 10.30am to 7.00pm and are moving them around the Borough with the next one in Belper subject to available venues. Also as part of our pledge to have an open and transparent council, we have changed the constitution to allow any question on AVBC business to be asked at Full Council whereas before it had to be an agenda item. Cllr Emmas-Williams closed by saying that we look forward to working in a partnership with Belper and other Town and Parish councils to improve the Borough for all our residents.

4161 **RESOLVED** To reinstate the Council's Standing Orders

4162 **MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

RESOLVED To agree as a true record Minutes 4093-4122 of the Full Council Meeting held on 9 April 2019. To agree as a true record Minutes 4123-4155 of Annual Meeting held on 14 May 2019

4163 **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group held on 16 April 2019 and 21 May 2019.

4164 **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TOURISM, EVENTS, HERITAGE, ARTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the TEHAE Committee held on 28 May 2019.

4165 **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, GOVERNANCE AND STAFF WORKING PARTY**

RESOLVED To note the draft minutes of the FGSWP held on 28 May 2019. Approve recommendations the apprentice position needs further consideration, Accreditation to the Living Wage Foundation and Town Centre and Heritage Support Manager at the early stages no proposals for this to date.

4166 **MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported his attendance together with his Consort at the following events-

1st and 2nd June 2019 -Belper goes green event
1st June 2019 - St Peters fundraiser concert for Belper Arts Festival in aid of the Sacrifice Sculpture.
3rd June 2019 - DALC Councillor Training
11th June 2019 - SSAFA the armed forces charity event

Nomination of The Mayors Charity has been deferred to the next meeting.

4167

REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk updated the meeting as follows

- Actions from last meeting – Criteria for a Call In has been circulated to Councillors.
- DCC Shared Lives campaign – circulated
- LCPAS news and legal update - circulated
- DALC Executive Members Nominations - circulated
- DCC Stub out and Save - circulated
- HMS Brocklesby Correspondence - circulated
- Member of the public letter regarding Memorial Gardens – Councillor from Belper South to make contact and discuss the issues.
- Member of the public letter regarding the Belper Spring Fair – referred to the Arts, Events and Heritage committee.
- Trent Motor Traction Company – circulated
- Musical picnic in the memorial gardens – agreed this event can take place on 29th July 2019 (11-12).
- Immersive Productions – Declined the offer of filming the council meetings
- Pauline Latham OBE MP – circulated
- Walk for life – Agreed the use of the Market place on Friday 5th July 2019 and Saturday 6th July 2019. Sunday will have to be reconsidered at a different venue due to the Food Festival.
- Street food catering – referred to the Arts, Events and Heritage committee.
- Clerk reminded the Council that there are still Councillor Essential training dates available.
- Clerk reminded the Council that stewards are still required for the Food Festival Event on 7th July 2019.
- Clerk reminded the Council that stewards are still required for the Larks in the Parks Events.
- Clerk reminded the Council that Councillors are required from each ward to attend the pre booked surgery dates.

4168

FINANCE RESOLVED

- A) To note the 30th April 2019 bank reconciliation figures.
- B) To note and agree the income of £147,790.00 and expenditure £76,741.40 as at 31st May 2019.
- C) To note the Council's monthly bank statements

Cllr Angharad and Atkinson left the Meeting

4169

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the applications and decisions circulated and tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- To make no comments on the applications circulated
- To note the Planning application decisions
- To note the comments submitted to the LPA by the Planning Response Coordinators since the last meeting – AVA/2019/0408.
- Clerk clarified with AVBC Planning that AVA/2019/0004 has been refused for Call In and to circulate to Councillors the criteria for Call In
- To note the comments submitted to the PCU by the Planning Response Coordinators since the last meeting – APP/M1005/W/18/3198996 & 3188009 – Whitehouse Farm, Belper Lane
- Withdrawal of the Local Plan by Amber Valley Borough Council has been circulated.

Cllr Angharad and Atkinson returned to the Meeting

4170

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Pride in Belper Grant
RESOLVED The Council considered the application and granted the £800.00 requested in the application.

4171

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- Cllr R Bellamy has attended a Fleet Arts Event.

RESOLVED

- Planning Response Co-ordinators – Central – Cllr L Ploughman, East – Cllr Hale, North – Cllr R Bellamy, South – Cllr Cannon
- Representative Appointment Approval – Arts Trail – Cllr Dwyer, Arts Festival – Cllr Hale and Pride in Belper – Cllr Angharad

4172

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Committee updated the Council on progress. The first Regulation 14 Consultation had ended. Locality had been contacted to ascertain a grant for Technical support prior to the next public consultation.

RESOLVED To Note

4173

SPECIAL MOTION AND ST JOHNS CAR PARK

1. Special Motion to revoke all previous resolutions made in the last 2 years.

RESOLVED Signed by five councillors

2. To Consider new draft scheme

RESOLVED The council would enter negotiations with the Church regarding the removal of the barrier, retaining two disabled spaces, three staff spaces and to cover the cost of all legal fees in connection with this lease.

3. Previously issued permits

RESOLVED The council would also grant all permits from April 2019 to be

refunded to the permit holders.

4. Car Park Policy

RESOLVED The council to look at the new policy once a new lease has been established

4174

COMMITMENTS AND PROJECTS FOR 2019/20

Commitments and projects of the previous administration that have not started

1. Renewal of Market Boards

RESOLVED to continue as previously agreed Budgeted at £1500.00 spent £440.00 to date

2. Noticeboard – 100 years

RESOLVED Requests made for entry on to board and we have received 2 responses. Assistant Clerk will await these before ordering board. The new Council reaffirmed the spend for 2019/20 from contingency.

3. Memorial Gardens New Saluting Bay

RESOLVED to remove this from the project list as Belper already has a saluting bay.

To consider any new projects the council would like to undertake 2019/20
VLOG Contract

RESOLVED Deferred until the communications working group
Reverse Vending Machines

RESOLVED Deferred until the DEFRA consultation has ended.

4175

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE

To review the council's contracts

RESOLVED agreed

To consider and note the Risk Assessment

RESOLVED To Note

To consider and note the Systems for Internal Control Report

RESOLVED To note

To consider and note the Internal Audit Report

RESOLVED To Note

To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement

RESOLVED Approved - Mayor and Clerk signed the statement

4176

Year End Figures for 2018/19

RESOLVED To Note

4177

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED Approved - Mayor and Clerk signed the statement

4178

CLEAN AIR DAY – 20th June 2019

RESOLVED Working group established for this event and will report to the Facilities, Environment and Local Economy Committee

4179

RECYCLING IDEAS EXCHANGE – 4th July 2019

RESOLVED Councillors fully support this event and a press release to be issued Cllr Angharad and Cllr Monkman to draft.

SM

4180 VENUES FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS
RESOLVED Mayor and Clerk to look at possible venues for hold future full council meetings.

4181 AMENDED PUBLIC SPEAKING GUIDANCE
RESOLVED Approved amended guidance

4182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
RESOLVED that the next meeting is to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at St Johns Chapel

Suspend standing orders

4183 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TOURISM, EVENTS, HERITAGE, ARTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
BELPER IN BLOOM
RESOLVED Cllr Dwyer, Cllr Hale, BTC Outdoor Staff Supervisor and Adrian Farmer to lead the judging route for the East Midlands in Bloom Event. The Council would like John Nelson to consider staying on as Chairman of the In-Bloom Committee.

Reinstate standing orders

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed 
Town Mayor Date 9th July 2019

Appendix 1

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to speak with you. I am really excited to have this chance to work with a whole new group of friendly faces.

I am Siobhan. I am Chair of Voluntary Group Accessible Belper. I set up Accessible Belper in 2015 with the help of George Gumby who put me in touch with like minded souls and the selfless volunteers of the Belper community.

Accessibility is not just about putting ramps in shops. It is about raising awareness across the whole Belper population to develop a culture of understanding everyone's needs and making sure we meet them.

We have an aging population with diverse needs linked to health conditions and disability. As a group we work with businesses and other support groups to ensure that everyone can enjoy the Belper experience. For too long people with various conditions and disabilities have been unable to shop in many of our businesses or attend entertainment events in the town leading to increased isolation.

Alongside the ethical argument for equality is the economic argument known as the purple pound. One in Five people has a disability, 4 to 5 thousand people in Belper and this equates to businesses potentially missing out on £12.5 Billion nationwide.

The social model of disability views the disadvantages that disabled people encounter as not their problem, but one that society has to address by fully understanding and accommodating their needs. This model requires society to look at transport, public buildings, housing, counselling services, equipment and information and advice.

Stephen Hawking once said that the human race is so puny compared to the universe that being disabled is not of much cosmic significance. However, for one in five of our community it has an incredible significance on every moment of their lives. We can't all be Stephen Hawking.

Accessible Belper continually researches the needs of our community and looks at innovative ways to meet them. Examples of our work includes our training programme partnering with Alzheimers UK; working with the High school; highlighting the lack of toilets and raising the funds to provide a Mobiloo at events (this facility was used 42 times over the weekend); A Dementia song and dance day; Increasing Accessible taxis ; Slow Shopping at the Food Festivals and providing accessibility advice to the shops and businesses.

The ethos behind our work is becoming more widely recognised since we were awarded Most Accessible Town in Derbyshire, with ongoing awards since. However, it is important to note that while I may have been the catalyst, this cross community awareness raising is the work of a small but very committed team of volunteers. Obviously, the ultimate goal is that Accessible Belper won't be needed. If our work is successful enough then complete inclusivity will be so embedded in people's consciousness that full accessibility for those with long term conditions and disabilities will be an automatic practice.



GEORGE GUNBY (DIRECTOR)
31a Field Lane, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1DD Tel 07847 478251
Email nonnel@sky.com Web site belperartsfestival.org

BELPER ARTS FESTIVAL

BAF is a community driven event that runs throughout the month of May. The first BAF was held in 2013. Since then it is estimated that over 120,000 visitors have put in excess of £1m into the local economy. The 2019 festival saw over 1000 participants, most of whom came from within the DE56 postcode. Visitors in 2019 came from as far away as Bournemouth, Leicester, Manchester, Sheffield and Stoke On Trent. However, in the region of 80% of visitors came from within Derbyshire.

HOW IT WORKS - BAF is an umbrella for the various arts organisations and individuals in Belper and its surrounds. Event organisers complete an application form and pay a fee of £35 which covers inclusion in the brochure(s), on the web site, posters, in media releases, social media, video trailers and the printing of tickets. Tickets are sold through the web site and three physical box offices. Further funding comes from sponsors and advertisers. Funding in 2019 was £3000.

The event organisers take the risks regarding event costs and look to cover those costs through ticket sales. In some cases, such as Woollen Woods, events are sponsored by BAF. Most years BAF funds organisations and events. In the past these have included children's reading classes by Babalula Arts (for which BAF won a Foundation Derbyshire award), staging for Captive Audience Children's Theatre, Mobiloo in partnership with Accessible Belper and the Big Book Day at Shottle Hall.

2020

BAF has an ambition to develop its work with people who have disabilities. This began in 2019 with sponsorship of the Mobiloo and an initiative entitled 3A - Access All Arts. This enabled carers to attend events free of charge. The next year will see new initiatives adopted in partnership with Accessible Belper. In addition, BAF is looking to work with performers with disabilities.

BAF has already been contacted by a number of performers who wish to be part of the festival in 2020 and the first bookings have been made. BAF is also keen to develop events involving young people. Woollen Woods is already a big attraction and Captive Audience Children's Theatre has expanded and now has 70 regular students. During the coming months discussions will take place with schools and children's groups.

BAF will be looking to raise funding to in the region of £6000 - £10000 in order to increase the marketing budget and help with the financing of events such as Woollen Woods and Dementia Awareness. Grant applications will be submitted during the next few months and fundraising events will be held throughout the year.

George Gunby (Director)

Belper Arts Festival

31a Field Lane DE56 1DD

Tel 07847 478251 Email nonnel@sky.com Web site belperartsfestival.org



George Gunby
Belper Festival,
31a Field Lane, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1DD
Tel 07847 478251 Email nonnel@sky.com
Web site belperartsfestival.org

Throughout the summer Belper is packed with events. These include the Arts Festival, Goes Green, Open Gardens, In Bloom, Belper Games, Well Dressings, Larks In The Park, Food and Crafts Festival and Arts Trail.

Each operates independently and has its own identity. Frankly, many towns within Derbyshire, and beyond, are envious of the initiatives and events that Belper has.

WHAT IS BELPER FESTIVAL?

The idea behind Belper Festival is not dissimilar in structure to the Arts Festival.

It would act as the focal point for the many events that fill a Belper summer. It would be the umbrella under which the events would be marketed as a whole.

The intention would be for Belper Festival to run from 1 May until 31 August. These dates would cover all of the events and give the opportunity to create more, particularly in August.

Some events could be expanded. For example, the Food Fair, as it stands, could still be a one day event. However if the restaurants and cafes would agree it could become a 7 / 14 day event. 'Eat Out In Belper' would have Belper eateries having special menus, signature dishes, maybe entertainment and themed nights.

Would it be possible to link Open Gardens and In Bloom, maybe with talks and demonstrations.

Would it be possible to link sports into a week or weekend event? The Sports Festival could have football, cricket, hockey, tennis, rugby, skateboarding, swimming and the Milford archers. Each could be highlighted with taster sessions and open days / evenings.

How about a Mother & Child Festival bringing together children's groups, retailers etc?

How about a Business Expo, highlighting businesses, jobs and opportunities?

Belper Festival is an ambitious project and would need seed funding to get it off the ground.

It will need a team to drive it forward that brings in expertise in a variety of fields. However the outcome would be a co-ordinated programme of events that would highlight all that is good about Belper.