

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 Emma-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 Emma-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-

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019 -Belper goes green event

1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 - St Peters fundraiser concert for Belper Arts Festival in aid of the Sacrifice Sculpture.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 - DALC Councillor Training

11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - SSAFA the armed forces charity event

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

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#### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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#### FINANCE

#### RESOLVED

A) To note the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 bank reconciliation figures.

B) To note and agree the income of £147,790.00 and expenditure £76,741.40 as at 31<sup>st</sup> 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 – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**RESOLVED** Working group established for this event and will report to the Facilities, Environment and Local Economy Committee
- 4179      **RECYCLING IDEAS EXCHANGE – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**RESOLVED** Councillors fully support this event and a press release to be issued Cllr Angharad and Cllr Monkman to draft.

- 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    9<sup>th</sup> July 2019