

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA  
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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Goldfinch (Chairman), Bowden, Gilmour (from 8.05pm), Linda Leather (up to 8pm), Pritchard, Susanne Lomas (up to 9pm), Swift, Taylor, Thomas, Wild (up to 9pm) and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Tracy Jones

## MINUTES

### **C11/155 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lomax.

### **C11/156 Declarations of Members' Interests (1)**

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 12, 20 and 17	Member of Sports Association Executive
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### **C11/157 Community Police**

PCSO Tracy Jones reported crime statistics for the previous month. There had been 15 offences over the Christmas period.

Cllr Susanne Lomas reported problems with anti-social behaviour during late evening at the Soldier Dick pub in Furness Vale. PCSO Tracy Jones agreed to monitor this location.

Cllr Bowden reported speeding traffic along the A6 through Furness Vale at 1.30/2.00am and Cllr Linda Leather reported similar speeding vehicles along Buxton Road and Old Road during the night. PCSO Tracy Jones will alert the road traffic patrols.

Cllr Swift requested that the car park at Taxal Church be monitored for anti-social activity.

### **C11/158 Open Forum**

Cllr Mrs Anne Winter chaired the meeting for this item.

Jonathan Carnall gave an up-to-date report on progress with the new BMX Pump Track and Skatepark. The Pump Track is now 65% complete and Bendcrete will be installing the new skatepark. The work is due to be completed by the end of March 2012 and he confirmed that any damage to land drains caused by contractors would be addressed. Consultation meetings had been arranged for 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 with young people and Bendcrete, to finalise the design details for the skatepark.

Rebecca Cheadle and Jennifer Cardy addressed members about the lack of parking for residents in the Bridge Street area. They suggested that the road at Woodbrook could be widened to accommodate more on street parking and a residents permit parking scheme could be considered.

**C11/159 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

**C11/160 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was received.

**C11/161 Accounts for Payment**

It was **RESOLVED** that the accounts below be authorised for payment.

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2114	HMRC	PAYE Nov & Dec 2011	1167.00
2115	Cllr Jon Goldfinch	Christmas lights	45.00
2116	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	Padlock for Shallcross Incline	12.14
2117	DALC	LCR Subscription 2012	15.50
2118	CCMA Services Ltd	Payroll admin fee Jan/Mar '12	29.16
2119	Mechanics Institute	January 2012 account	550.82
2120	HMRC	PAYE & NI Jan 2012	583.40
2121	Cash	Petty cash Jan 2012	59.14
2122	DCC	Pension	2428.75
0368	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning materials	17.82
0369	Bywater LP Gas	SA – Gas cylinders	104.00
0370	Gas Point Services	SA – Boiler repair	135.00
0371	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – repair materials	7.26
0372	HPBC	SA – Rates	152.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£ 5306.99</b>

**C11/162 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Cllr Mrs Anne Winter (on behalf of Friends of Whaley Bridge Station)**

reported progress with the work being carried out at Whaley Bridge Station. The Buxton platform is being completely replaced and the level raised to eliminate the height and width gaps between the existing platform and trains. The footbridge over the railway is also being refurbished. The contractor, Story Group, is undertaking the work during the night in order to ensure that there is no disruption to train services. The contract is due to be completed by the end of March 2012.

**Cllr Thomas** reported on a meeting held by **Whaley4Wards** on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012. He gave details of proposed regeneration projects and funding. A letter had been sent to Nick Smith at British Waterways informing him about the activities planned by the Bingswood **Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel**.

## **C11/163 Correspondence**

1. Derbyshire County PCT – Quarterly Health Panel meeting Jan 2012 information.
2. HP & HV CRP – minutes of November meeting and date for next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012.
3. The Bandstand Marathon – plans for 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
4. Ringmaster – appeal for information about theft of 26 catalytic converters from Bingswood Trading Estate between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011.
5. Ringmaster – warning to drivers about access only roads.
6. Ringmaster – offer of advice on home security.
7. HPBC – latest protected tree applications and decisions.
8. HPBC – ordinary meeting papers, including recommendations
9. CPRE – booklet ‘Planning Explained’.
10. Royal Bank of Scotland – update on sale to Santander.
11. DCC – request for help to bring fast reliable broadband to Derbyshire.  
**Copy requested by Cllr Gilmour**
12. HPBC – Regeneration Grant support letter detailing provision and terms of funding.
13. WB Allotment & Gardeners’ Society – January 2012 Newsletter.
14. SELRAP – magazine ‘CravenRail’.
15. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – Final report for 2011.
16. Ringmaster – computer scam and Action Fraud website information.
17. Ringmaster – appeal for information about burglary from shop premises on Market Street on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December by four males believed to be driven away in a dark coloured people carrier by a fifth male.
18. Ringmaster – invitation to drop-in surgeries at Tesco and Morrison stores in December.
19. Leathems solicitors – letter about Coal Authority search and charges.
20. Leathems solicitors – copies of documents relating to Shallcross incline and information on enquiries raised.
21. Unlockdemocracy – e-mail, re proposals to empower Town and Parish Councils
22. DCC – temporary footpath closure information for Footpath 36 between entrance gate to railway platform and bottom of steps beside Jodrell Arms, to facilitate public safety during footbridge refurbishment works. 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.
23. DCC – e-mail information about steps by developer towards adoption of Cotton Close. **Copy to be placed on Notice Board**
24. Kevin Sheehan – e-mail about parking problems Old Road and Buxton Road and need for parking for residential properties and possible provision of a resident parking scheme.
25. HPBC – inaugural meeting notes for Parish Council Meeting 24/11/2011.

26. HPBC – Regeneration Grant Support information.

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<b>DALC Circulars and Information 2011 – Content</b>	
61	General Circular – Derbyshire Wildlife Trust invitation to workshop on invasive non-native species; Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – mini-habitat project; quick employment tip21 – recording disciplinary hearings.
62	Training 2012 – Law & Good Practice Course; Clerk Induction courses; Certificate in Local Council Administration training.
63	2011 Model Contract of Employment

<b>DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content</b>	
02	General Circular – Excessive rises in council tax and the application of a local referendum; Fairplay for children survey; The allotments regeneration initiative
03	Local Council Review Subscriber Form
04	General Circular – Prayers at Council Meetings, judicial review challenge; Consultation responses – NALC (a) Neighbourhood Planning Regulations, (b) Technical Reforms of Council Tax, (c) Community Infrastructure Levy, (d) The Local Government Pension Scheme.

28. Derbyshire County PCT – Quarterly Health Panel Meetings reminder.

29. Ringmaster – notice of public power to influence police budget online.

30. HPBC – Parish Liaison re Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, requesting information about participation.

**Cllr John Swift agreed to investigate organising a beacon to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Agreed to place on the February meeting agenda for further discussion.**

31. RAD – Notification of Financial Inclusion Events.

32. HPBC – Memorial Park work to BMX track information in response to concerns.

33. Cllr Pritchard – copy of HPBC response re disruptions to recycling collections.

34. Buxton Military Tattoo – invitation and booking information. Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

35. Ringmaster – appeal for information about burglary of a gents black mountain bike from Charlesworth Crescent, Furness Vale on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**C11/ 164 Budget and Precept 2012/13**

Proposals for the budget estimates and precept for 2012/13 (Draft 1) were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED:** That the increase in the precept should be no more than 5%.

**RESOLVED:** That amounts should be included in the budget for producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan, towards the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and towards providing a water source at Sunnybank Allotment Site.

**RESOLVED:** To set up a Finance Working Group comprising Cllrs Mrs Anne Winter, Martin Thomas and Jon Goldfinch to produce a second draft of the budget estimates and precept, to be agreed at the February meeting.

**C11/165 Parking on Buxton Road and Old Road (Resident Parking Scheme)**

An email was received from Kevin Sheehan expressing concern about the lack of parking available to residents in the vicinity of Buxton Road and Old Road.

Cllr Thomas was in favour of introducing a residents parking scheme. Cllr Taylor suggested pursuing obtaining overnight parking at local business premises.

It was suggested that British Waterways be asked to consider using land adjacent to the transshipment warehouse for local parking.

**RESOLVED:** To write to High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council requesting support for planning applications to provide off-street parking.

**RESOLVED:** To request a site meeting at Bridge Street with representatives from the Highways Authority (DCC) and Cllr Goldfinch and Cllrs Pritchard, Anne Winter and Thomas (Yeadsley Ward) to discuss parking provision for Bridge Street, Buxton Road and Old Road and the possibility of introducing a residents parking scheme.

**C11/166 Sport England Inspired Facilities Lottery Grant (MUGA Project) and Football Foundation Grant Application**

**RESOLVED:** To formally accept the Inspired Facilities offer of £38,980, and associated terms and conditions.

**RESOLVED:** That, to meet the requirements of the Football Foundation funding, it was agreed to extend the existing MUGA lease by 5 years, or as necessary, such that a full unexpired term of 20 years will commence from the start of the FF grant contract, and to work with HPBC to achieve this.

**RESOLVED:** That, to meet the requirements of the FF funding, it was agreed to sign a partnership agreement (yet to be drafted) between the Town Council and Whaley Bridge Football Club which states simply that WBFC will have priority over advance block bookings for the facility.

**RESOLVED:** That, to meet the FF conditions with respect to VAT, it was agreed to make every effort to reclaim VAT on the project, and that if all other methods fail, the Town Council should become VAT registered in order to achieve this.

**RESOLVED:** That, to meet the spending timescale of the FF which aims to start on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the Chair of WBTC, and the Town Clerk are empowered on behalf of the Council to sign and return a Football Foundation Offer Letter which may arrive before the February meeting. In the event that the specific conditions attached to the Offer Letter differ from those in the example letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from the FF, it was agreed that the Chair and Town Clerk are left to use their judgement as to a response, and that if it is felt the whole Council is required to make a decision, an Extraordinary Town Council meeting be called to do so.

**C11/167 Revised Policy for the Management of Motorised Vehicles in the Countryside – Consultation Document and Survey Form**

Postponed to WBTC meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**C11/168 Shallcross Incline Greenway**

Final documents were signed at Leathems Solicitors on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The greenway is now open to the public. The Clerk is progressing the provision of two interpretation boards. A Coal Board search had been undertaken with satisfactory results. It was proposed to hold an official opening event in spring. It was noted that the gas pipeline in the adjacent field is situated approximately 15 meters away at the closest point to the greenway and was not therefore perceived to pose any problems.

Thanks were given to Cllr John Swift for his hard work and time spent to achieve this project.

**C11/169 HPBC Regeneration Support Grant – Project Expenses**

A letter was received from Dai Lerner (HPBC) stating that the Borough Council would be providing a £4000 grant to support regeneration work in Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale for the 2011/12 financial year. It detailed the objectives attached to receiving the grant and stated that from 2012/13 onwards HPBC would require the grant to be matched by £4000 of local funding.

**RESOLVED:** That the £4000 grant plus £1000 from WBTC regeneration budget for 2011/12 should be allocated as follows:

	£
1. Refurbishing of BT Red telephone kiosk as a local/tourist information point	2000
2. 2no. interpretation boards for the new Shallcross Incline Greenway	1600
3. Painting sports pavilion (interior)	450
4. Route signage for Cromford and High Peak footpath	550
5. Filling pot holes	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£5000</u></b>

**C11/170 Grounds Maintenance Contract 2012/13**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation for £5840 from Piranha Country Gardens to provide grounds maintenance for 2012/13 as per the agreed specification.

**C11/171 Alterations to Sports Pavilion and Interior Repainting Project**

**RESOLVED:** Not to pursue a planning application for alterations to the sports pavilion at the present time.

**RESOLVED:** To approve expenditure of £450 for materials to enable interior redecoration work with labour supplied free of charge by students from Stockport College.

**C11/172 Traffic Issues at Junction of Canal Street, Bridge Street and Market Street**

Problems with large HGVs entering and leaving this junction were discussed together with the suggestion to undertake a traffic survey and count.

**RESOLVED:** To defer further discussions to the Town Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**C11/173 Winter Newsletter**

**RESOLVED:** That articles for the Winter Newsletter (February 2012 edition) should include:

- Neighbourhood Planning
- WB Station Refurbishment
- New BMX Pump Track and Skatepark
- Repainting interior of Sports Pavilion
- MUGA Resurfacing Project

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....Chair

## List of Abbreviations:

AMT	Action for Market Towns
CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau
Cllr	Councillor
COGS	Community Organising Green Space (Furness Vale)
CVS	Council for Voluntary Services
DALC	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
DALGS	Derbyshire Aggregates Levy Grant Scheme
DCC	Derbyshire County Council
DDEP	Derby & Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DDHPAP	Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Accessibility Partnership
DEP (now)	Derbyshire Economic Partnership
DRCC	Derbyshire Rural Community Council
EMDA	East Midlands Development Agency
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
HP&HV CRP	High Peak & Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership
HPBC	High Peak Borough Council
HPCH	High Peak Community Housing
MUGA	Multi-Use Games Area
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
PC	Police Constable
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
PDNPA	Peak District National Park Authority
PDSEG	Peak District Sustainable Energy Group
RAD	Rural Action Derbyshire
SA	Sports Association
SEMMMS	South East Manchester Multi Modal Study
SLCC	Society of Local Council Clerks
SNT	Safer Neighbourhoods Team
W3	Whaley Water Weekend
W4W	Whaley4wards
WBA	Whaley Bridge Association
WBFC	Whaley Bridge Football Club
WBTC	Whaley Bridge Town Council