

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA
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Meeting: Town Council
Date: 13th December 2012
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute
Present: Councillors Mrs Anne Winter (Chair), Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.00pm), Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax(from 7.45pm), Pritchard, Swift, Taylor, Thomas and Wild (until 9.10pm). PCSO Karen Green.

MINUTES

C12/128 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bowden and Linda Leather.

C12/129 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)

Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Items 15,16 & 17	Member of HPBC
Cllr Wild	Agenda Item 14	Network Rail Employee
Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 15 & 16	Member of Sports Association Executive

C12/130 Community Police

PCSO Karen Green gave crime statistics for November. It was noted that there was an 80% increase in the detection rate compared to the same period last year.

Although a recent burglary in Whaley Bridge was similar to previous crimes for which arrests had been made, there was a slight difference and prevention advice had been given.

C12/131 Open Forum – None

C12/132 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th November 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 8th November 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

C12/133 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

Regeneration Grant – notice of payment to the Town Council of the £4000 Regeneration Grant was received from High Peak Borough Council.

January 2013 Meeting Date

RESOLVED: To move the date of the January meeting to 17th January 2013.

C12/134 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2265	Hall's Mica Hardware	Xmas lights and keys	134.00
2266	RBL Poppy Appeal	3 Wreaths	75.00
2267	CCMA Services Ltd	Payroll charges Oct – Dec	29.16
2268	Peartree Print	Posters & Stationery	84.36
2269	LITE Ltd	Xmas light covers	14.10
2270	David Ross Ltd	3 x trees for Shallcross Incline	270.00
2271	Mechanics Institute	December Account	584.17
2273	Trusted IT Ltd	PC Health Check/Printer/Ink	137.00
2274	SLCC	Subs	181.00
2275	Shelter Maintenance Co	Bus Shelter Cleaning	59.33
2276	HMRC	PAYE & NI December	564.85
2277	DCC	Superannuation Nov & Dec	971.50
2278	Cash	Petty Cash December	51.42
0404	Paul Wragg	SA – Key cutting	60.00
0405	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – Cleaning Materials	40.58
0406	Southern Electric	SA – Electricity Aug/Nov	302.65
0407	Stanway & Hallows	SA – Electrical goods	11.58
0408	Bywater LP Gas	SA – 2 x Gas cylinders	104.00
0409	HPBC	SA – Rates Jan	158.00
0410	Cash	SA – Petty Cash - repairs	2.38
TOTAL £			3835.08

C12/135 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

HP & HV Community Rail Partnership - Cllr Pritchard reported on emails and discussions about the changes to the Manchester/Buxton railway timetable to remove two commuter train calls at Furness Vale station, as a time saving measure. Also a £250 grant had been approved from the small projects fund towards the Town Council BT Kiosk project.

DALC/NALC meeting – Cllr Pritchard reported representing Derbyshire, as a member of the DALC executive, at a NALC meeting where Cllr Chater retired as Chair. The new Chair is Cllr Browse with Vice-Chairs Cllrs Parry and Nash.

W4wards – Cllr Thomas reported that designs for the BT Kiosk had been drawn up by Mr Phil Lomas but costs were not known as yet. He had received a request from Mary Nother for 200 leaflets for the Shallcross Trail.

RESOLVED: To approve expenditure of £50 for the 200 requested leaflets.

C12/136 Correspondence

1. RAD – information about the governance of the Mechanics Institute and Village Hall information sheet No 36.
2. Peak District NPA – Consultation into issues and preferred approaches for development management policies as part of the peak District National Park Local Development Plan.
3. Cllr John Pritchard – information for HP & HV CRP meeting on Wednesday 28th November.
4. Field Turf – Maintenance package for 3AGP.

5. DCC – Parish and Town Council newsletter October 2012.
6. DALC – request for nominations for NALC Smaller Councils' Committee. **(Circulated)**
7. HPBC – request for information about unauthorised felling of trees.
8. Cllr Jon Goldfinch – email about the need for HPBC contribution to Pavilion running costs to be confirmed and the new lease to be signed to enable finalising the grant from the Football Foundation.
9. DCC – notification about update of information on the website following the Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum on 25th October 2012.
10. Open Spaces Society – Growth & Infrastructure Bill update.
11. Derbyshire Fire Service – notification of the Annual Report 2011/12 now available online.
12. Northern Rail – response to Mr Wild re: cuts in service to Furness Vale.
13. Peak District NPA – Web link to Policies and Guides section on PDNPA website and reminder of 17th December deadline for consultation into Issues and Preferred Approaches for Development.
14. Open Spaces Society – request donation for 'We Fight Back' appeal - attack on greens.
15. Bill Newton Dunn MEP – November report for Derbyshire.
16. DCC – New Library Lease.
17. HPBC – meeting papers for Ordinary Meeting on 12th December 2012.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2012 – Content
45	General Circular - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Dispensations and Precept Setting and Legal Topic Note 80; Clerk/RFO Vacancy.
46	General Circular – Inquiry Asks:What Next For Localism?; New PAYE arrangements; Improving Local Government Transparency; Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals; Roundup of Funding Opportunities; Clerk/RFO Vacancy.

19. East Midlands Ambulance Service – acknowledgement of receipt of letter dated 25th November detailing the view New Mills Town Council has arrived at regarding Being the Best consultation. **(Cllr Pritchard reported that very strong letters of protest had also been sent by Whaley Bridge Amenity Society and High Peak Borough Council)**

C12/137 Mechanics Institute – Damp Issues in the Basement

Cllr Winter reported on a site meeting with William Robinson and his Director of Properties, a representative from Meller Braggins, Ezra Garside, Stephanie Raybould and herself to investigate damp issues in the Mechanics Institute basement and lease for the area used as toilets within the building.

It was noted that there was no damp in the garage and the probable cause of damp in the Library cupboard was attributed to condensation caused by the heating system and lack of air circulation. Recommendations had been made that the Library staff be instructed to leave the cupboard door open whenever possible, the heating system be changed to an electrical one and the walls required tanking. A company from Derby had quoted, but the Clerk requested suggestions for a local contractor to carry out the tanking work.

William Robinson looked at the toilet situation and is now much more aware of the need to provide a long-term lease for this area. He will consider a long lease, but possibly not including the garage.

Various reasons for the damp problem and approaches to a solution were discussed. It was suggested that advice from a heating and ventilation engineer is needed and informal discussions with DCC through the Library may prove useful. Cllr Gilmour agreed to get information about a heat recovery extraction fan system that had solved a similar problem in a hall in Buxton. Cllr Lomas agreed to investigate a Furness Vale company Trace Basement.

C12/138 Report from the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel

The meeting received notes from a Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel meeting held on 30th November 2012. It was noted that the date in note 2 should read 20th November and not 20th December 2012. Cllr Thomas reported on the meeting and action requested and presented the members with collated information of the story so far and a draft letter to United Utilities from HPBC and WBTC.

RESOLVED: To proceed with setting up a meeting with the United Utilities Chief Executive – Steve Mogford and representatives of both Whaley Bridge and High Peak Borough Councils using the letter and documents presented.

C12/139 Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Pritchard reported that a meeting of the working group had taken place and requested that a letter be sent to HPBC FAO Perry Wardle, Head of Regeneration, inviting him or Joe Bagnall to attend a meeting with members of the Town Council to tell them what officer and financial support High Peak Borough Council will be able to give during 2013/14.

RESOLVED: To write as requested in the New Year.

C12/140 Budget and Precept 2013/14

The meeting received information about a recent Government decision concerning the Localism Support for Council Tax scheme and the lack of information on how the consequences of this will be handled by HPBC, as the billing authority and the effect this will have on the Band D equivalent figure for the Town Council. However the Clerk required the Council's desired items for inclusion and budget % increase figure to enable a start to be made on preparation of the budget figures.

It was noted that negotiations were scheduled for Local Government Staff Salary increases for 2013/14 following three years of frozen rates.

The possibility of contributing towards dedicated Central Area Dog Warden services to address dog fouling was also noted.

Members suggested items and amounts to be included in the budget and it was felt that the precept should not be increased if possible

RESOLVED: To write to High Peak Borough Council explaining that, because of the confusion caused by Government, WBTC would not be in a position to advise them of its precept requirement until after this is resolved and to defer discussion of budget details until information was received about mitigation compensation for any loss in tax base.

RESOLVED: To budget for £1500 towards addressing Dog Fouling.

C12/141 Northern Rail Train Services at Furness Vale Station

The meeting received information about changes to the Manchester/Buxton timetable and the consequences to Furness Vale commuters of the removal of two calls per day at Furness Vale station.

It was agreed to write to Mark Baker at Northern Rail requesting that the two stops at Furness Vale be reinstated at the next timetable revision, as their removal is unfair to the Furness Vale parish and would appear to be in breach of the service level agreement.

C12/142 MUGA Floodlights – Light Pollution

Cllr Goldfinch reported that he had spoken to Mr Whitworth following installation of cowlings to lights as agreed and these had made a substantial difference. However a small amount of residual light pollution remains. He recommended 6 more visors at £75 each and hire of the lift for installation at a cost of £210 per day to address this for a total cost of £660.

C12/143 Sports Pavilion Lease Extension

Members were advised that arrangements for a meeting to discuss the pavilion lease with HPBC early in the New Year were progressing. It was agreed that the Borough Council should contribute financially towards their use of the facility and only receive notice for structural changes.

C12/144 Sunny Bank Allotment Site

Cllr Swift reported that inroads had been made into clearance of vegetation from the site and a successful channel had already been dug. He and Cllr Thomas would be carrying out a survey of the site as requested by Les Latham and Monica Gillespie of HPBC and drawing up a plan of proposals to include raised beds, two channels with a fixed pipe with water butt for watering facilities and the additional adjacent area to the eastern end.

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