

WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Meeting: Annual Town Meeting
Date: Friday, 26th April 2013
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Mechanics Institute – Meeting Room
Present: See attached Attendance Register (52 attendees)

MINUTES

The Annual Community Award for 2012/13 was presented to Joyce Shacklock, Frances Footitt, Loraine Coverley, Brian Jackson, Toney Mackey and George Tomlinson

T/2013/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Bowles.

T2013/02 Safer Neighbourhood Team

PC Ellen Barlow gave a report on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood Team on their achievements during the year.

T/2013/03 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 20th April 2012 were a true and correct record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

T/2013/04 Town Council Annual Report by Cllr Mrs Anne Winter - Chair

The Annual Report 2012/13 was received. (Copy attached) This had been circulated and a copy will be available on the Community Website.

T/2013/05 Report from Derbyshire County Councillor – Cllr Barrie Taylor

County Councillor Barrie Taylor reported on his last year as the County Councillor for Whaley Bridge following 28 years dedicated service. He had served on the DCC Planning Committee and also the Peak Park Planning Authority. The council tax had not increased but Cllr Taylor was concerned about inadequate spending on adult care, as the budget figure had been insufficient and overspent. A long-term review of provision was in progress and radical changes were happening for the better, as people would be able to make their own decisions about care.

Following an efficient consultation with the public, the proposal to turn off some street lights at night had been implemented thus saving a large amount of energy and money.

The snow clearance and road gritting had been successful during the bad weather this year with very few complaints received by DCC and the general feeling that the system worked well.

Cllr Mrs Anne Winter thanked Cllr Taylor for his services as County Councillor for this area over the past 28 years.

T/2013/06 High Peak Borough Council Reports

Cllr John Pritchard

Cllr Pritchard gave his report. (Copy attached)

Cllr David Lomax

Cllr David Lomax reported that he had served on various committees including the Corporate Select Committee. A Boundary Review consultation was taking place as to where ward boundaries should be in the High Peak. The recycling facilities had been very successful but further recycling was still required.

The Whaley Bridge Memorial Park refurbishment project was progressing and it was hoped to hear some positive news shortly.

The public toilets had been closed for some months for refurbishment due to structural problems but it was hoped they would be repaired soon when the problems had been solved.

Dog fouling still continued to be a nuisance and the source of complaints in the Borough. Part funding for an additional dog warden had been proposed by the central area Town and Parish Councils but this was not supported by HPBC so would not be implemented this year.

The Council Tax charge had remained the same and it was noted that regeneration had been concentrated in Buxton and Glossop.

Lack of convenient parking in Whaley Bridge continued to be a problem but pay and display parking charges for the Bingswood Car Park had been resisted.

An ambulance service provision consultation by the East Midlands Ambulance Service had prompted changes to their original proposals and now ambulance stations would remain in New Mills and Buxton with a mini-hub planned for the Chapel-en-le-Frith/Dove Holes area.

A new High Peak Local Plan (up to 2028) consultation was currently taking place.

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Questions and Resolutions

Mr M Renshaw discussed housing issues at Reddish Avenue. Cllr Pritchard stated that he would meet with Mr Renshaw following the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

.....**Chair****Date**