

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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**Meeting:** Town Council

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Mechanics Institute

**Present:** Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bowden (from 8pm), Mrs Susanne Lomas (until 9.00pm), Lomax (from 8.15pm), Gilmour, Goldfinch, Pritchard, Swift, Wild and Mrs Anne Winter. PCSO Tracy Jones

## MINUTES

### **C13/53 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Linda Leather and Taylor

### **C13/54 Declarations of Members' Interests (3)**

Cllr Goldfinch	Agenda Items 15,18	Member of Sports Assoc. Management Executive
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Cllr Pritchard	Agenda Item 18	HPBC Representative on Sports Assoc. Management Executive
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Cllr S Lomas	Agenda Item 20	COGS Committee Member
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### **C13/55 Community Police**

PCSO Tracy Jones reported crime statistics for the previous month. Cllr Goldfinch expressed concern about reports of drug abuse at the skatepark and requested a visit from a sniffer dog and handler.

### **C13/56 Open Forum**

Karen Spencer (Youth Worker based at Footsteps) requested support for her application for a grant towards providing youth activities in Whaley Bridge.

### **C13/57 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the above meeting, held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013, were a true and correct record and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

## C13/58 Clerk's Report

The Clerk's report was received.

**RESOLVED:** To wait for HPBC to obtain permission from the National Grid, prior to installing the new interpretation board at the base of the Whaley Bridge Incline, due to the close proximity of a major gas pipeline.

It was noted that Piranha Country Gardens (current grounds maintenance contractors) would charge £50 per visit to carry out maintenance work at the top and bottom of the Shallcross Incline as requested.

Cllr Swift reported that Mrs Dorothy Shuker had been invited to view the George Shuker Memorial Seat at the top of the Shallcross Incline, accompanied by Cllr Swift and Arthur Slack.

## C13/59 Accounts for Payment

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

Chq	Payee	Description	Amount
2365	HMRC	PAYE/NI May & June 2013	1247.38
2366	Trusted IT	Printer ink cartridges	22.00
2367	Bentham Ltd.	Printer ink cartridges	70.59
2368	HP Marquees	Welldressing marquee balance	1398.60
2369	Design Everything	Graphics for panel	384.00
2370	Peartree Print	Stationery	69.60
2371	Arien Designs Ltd	Interpretation panel balance	413.50
2372	Andrea Joseph	Preliminary map illustration	30.00
2373	Mechanics Institute	July 2013 account	640.67
2374	DCC	Superannuation July 2013	485.75
2375	HMRC	PAYE/NI July 2013	625.49
2376	Cash	Petty cash July 2013	63.43
0431	Shorrock Trichem Ltd	SA – cleaning materials	74.47
0432	HPBC	SA – Rates Aug & Sept 2013	324.00
0433	Tameside FPS Ltd	SA – Fire equipment service	138.10
0434	S Drinkwater & Son Ltd	SA – Gutter materials	65.03
0435	Seton Ltd	SA – CCTV signs	60.42
0436	A Dewberry	SA – Pavilion gutter protection	304.00
<b>TOTAL £</b>			<b>6417.03</b>

## C13/60 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

**Cllr John Pritchard (High Peak and Hope Valley Community Rail Partnership)** reported that the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the extension of the railway line to Buxton in 1863 would be celebrated on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013 and a plaque will be erected to commemorate the event.

**Cllr Pritchard (DALC Executive)** reported that the DALC AGM would take place at Tissington Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

1. Friends of the Peak District – request for support to 'Take Back the Tracks'. **Agreed to support action to ban 4x4 quads and bikes from using Chapel Gate.**
2. Action for Market Towns – request for hosts for a 'Towns Alive' event.
3. RAD - One-off funding opportunity for community groups.
4. HPBC – media release about start of work at WB Memorial Park.
5. Antony Horne – e-mail requesting information on WB Memorial Park refurbishment.
6. Derbyshire Pension Fund – High Level briefing note for employers about Local Government Pension Scheme 2014.
7. Open Spaces Society –notice of AGM on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
8. Disley & Lyme Horticultural Society – re: 106<sup>th</sup> Disley Show information.
9. Derbyshire Police – reminder to use 101 for non-emergency calls.
10. HPBC – notice of extraordinary meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 re: Local Plan.
11. DCC – Derbyshire Pension Fund Employers' Newsletter No. 107
12. Mrs B Foxton – thanks to the Town Council and Organisers of the Water Weekend for continued organisation of the wonderful W3 event.
13. Mark Stores (MSSAS) – letter apologising for debris left by anglers at Brookfield Pond and confirmation that this will be addressed at the next meeting of the club.
14. HPBC – Report on recycling sites review and list of sites to be removed.
15. Derbyshire Alert – invitation to contribute to setting policing priorities.
16. Blueslipperclay – email regarding ongoing complaint about forum.
17. Preserva-CCS Ltd – Internal Waterproofing Guarantee for Library.
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No:	DALC Circulars and Information 2013 – Content
13	General Circular: DALC Website Members' Area; Free Software for Payroll; Press and Public Videoing and Tweeting at Meetings; Charles Arnold-Baker – Local Council Administration; Unlocking the power; DALC – Annual Executive Meeting and AGM; Training/Seminars; Wind Turbines; Council Annual Returns; Healthwatch Derbyshire – Launch Events; Vacancy



	<b>Correspondence cont'd – DALC circulars:</b>
14	General Circular: The Good Councillors Guide; Public Sector Mapping Agreement; Free Trees for UK's Community and Youth Groups; Business rates; Free Containers – suitable for Allotment use.

**C13/62      Mechanics Institute – Structural Survey Quotations**

A letter had been received from High Peak Architects stating that a full structural survey may not be necessary. Richard Hubble had carried out a visual general survey and quoted £150 to produce a Schedule of Works for small maintenance jobs which need to be undertaken.

Three quotations to carry out a structural survey were received and discussed.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain two further quotations from structural engineers who are members of the RICS and convene a working group to recommend appropriate companies.

**C13/63      Re-negotiating Lease for Toilet Area and Garage within Mechanics Institute with Frederic Robinson Ltd.**

The Clerk had met with Kate Proven from Cooper, Sons Hartley & Williams to request their services with negotiating the lease.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the terms detailed in a letter from Cooper, Sons Hartley & Williams dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to act on behalf of the Town Council to carry out legal work in connection with the above.

**C13/64      Report from the Bingswood Access and Canal Basin Regeneration Panel**

Cllr Goldfinch reported on recent BACBRP meetings. A meeting has been arranged with representatives from United Utilities, HPBC, WBTC and Andrew Bingham MP for 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 to discuss issues associated with constructing the Goyt River Bridge, the Canal Basin and Bingswood Industrial Estate, with a view to forming a new partnership and seeking European funding for a project to build the Goyt River Bridge to access the northern end of the industrial estate. Cllr Thomas reported that he would also shortly be arranging a meeting with Tasco, the main employers on the estate.

**C13/65      Producing a Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Thomas reported that a consultation by HPBC to confirm the designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area (Parish boundary) would run until 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013. There will be a meeting with Jo Bagnall (HPBC Planning Officer) to review progress to date and discuss the prioritisation of areas of greatest interest to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

- C13/66 Cromford & High Peak Railway Footpath**  
It was noted that the route had been safeguarded in the approved application for the development of Gisbourne Yard. Discussion took place on further opening up of the route of the disused railway line from Old Road to Fernilee along the original route wherever feasible.  
**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to DCC Countryside Service encouraging them to become actively involved in opening up the missing section of the route as a public footpath and removing the infill from the bridge at Gisbourne Yard to enable access from Old Road to Chapel Road along the route without diversion onto Buxton Road. Opening up this middle section would complete a continuous route from the Canal Basin to Shallcross Road.
- C13/67 Application for a Grant towards Youth Services in Whaley Bridge**  
A letter was received from Karen Spencer (Youth Support Worker based at Footsteps) applying for a grant of £60 on behalf of Footsteps Youth Club to support a programme of sporting activities at the AGP sports facility.  
**RESOLVED:** To grant £60 towards providing sporting activities for young people at the multi-use games area.
- C13/68 Sunnybank Allotment Site**  
Cllr Swift reported progress with the drainage and clearance project. Monica Gillespie (HPBC) had agreed to carry out agreed tree felling and pruning within six weeks. The boundary area for the new lease has still to be confirmed.
- C13/69 Sports Association**  
The minutes of Sports Association Executive Management Group held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were received. The Clerk confirmed that the council's public liability insurance covered the new AGP facility and the AGP surface insurance would cost £576 per year with Zurich Insurance. Maintenance matters listed in the minutes were being addressed.
- C13/70 Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve – Hedge along Reservoir Road**  
Two quotations had been received for cutting back the boundary hedge along Reservoir Road to prevent obstructing the pavement.  
**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation for £940 from Mark Appleby Forestry to cut back the hedge along the boundary of Brookfield Pond Nature Reserve with Reservoir Road to allow clear access for pedestrians and to replant the hedge where necessary.  
**RESOLVED:** To defer replacing the fence along the boundary between Brookfield Pond and Whaley Hall to early 2014 and include an appropriate sum in the 2014/15 budget for this work.



**C13/71      Application for Grant from Furness Vale COGS towards FV Field Project**

A letter was received from Furness Vale COGS requesting a grant of £1000 towards legal costs associated with land acquisition for the Field Project. It was noted that this sum had already been included in the WBTC 2013/14 agreed budget figures.

**RESOLVED:** To grant £1000 to Furness Vale COGS towards legal expenses.

**C13/72      Summer Newsletter**

It was agreed to include the following items in the summer newsletter:

1. Opening up the infilled bridge and route of the Cromford & High Peak railway to provide a continuous footpath from the Canal Basin to Shallcross Road.
2. Memorial Park refurbishment project.
3. Environment Agency information about flash flooding and community awareness.

**C13/73      Dog Fouling**

Cllr Wild requested more visits to this area from the Dog Warden to provide a visible presence and deterrent to constant offenders.

It was noted that HPBC would charge £209 to empty a litter bin per annum. Suggestions for locations for new bins included the top of the Shallcross Incline, the canal towpath at Furness Vale and Bridgemont. The HPBC Clean Team will usually clean up reported dog fouling within 24 hours when requested.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain statistics from HPBC regarding prosecutions and fines imposed for dog fouling over the previous year in Whaley Bridge and Furness Vale.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain information about any partnership funding from Sustrans for providing litter bins.

**RESOLVED:** To obtain information from Christine Latham (HPBC) about the provision of bins and prevention of dog fouling measures being taken as part of the new Memorial Park refurbishment project.


**RESOLVED:** To invite Bill Carr (voluntary Sustrans Ranger) to speak to members at the September council meeting regarding how Sustrans deal with dog fouling issues.

**DCC Winter Maintenance**

Cllr Lomax requested suggestions for improving DCC highway winter maintenance.

Cllr Bowden expressed concern about the lack of gritting along Long Hill until later in the day and during commuter times. Cllr Goldfinch suggested that grit bins should have better signage to indicate proportion of grit required for a specified area and a special measured shovel provided. It was agreed that farmers should be encouraged to continue with gritting side roads as this had proved a successful operation. Cllr Swift registered concern that blowers had been taken out of use as these were essential in certain snow conditions. Cllr Thomas stated that snow fences at the sides of roads had proved successful in helping to keep roads clear.

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

  
.....Chair