

# WHALEY BRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Mechanics Institute, Market Street, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, SK23 7AA  
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**Meeting:** Town Council  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Mechanics Institute  
**Present:** Councillors Pritchard (Chair), Bowden, Gilmour, Goldfinch, Lomax, Swift, Thomas, Wild and Anne Winter. Revd Margaret Jones and PCSO Rogers

## MINUTES

### **C14/124 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Linda Leather, Susanne Lomas and Taylor.

### **C14/125 Declarations of Members' Interests and Dispensation Applications**

Cllr Thomas	Agenda Item 17	Chair WB Community Trust
	Youth Provision for WB	

### **C14/126 Community Police**

PCSO Rogers reported local crime statistics and that quite a few vehicles had been stopped and checked and drivers strongly advised during the speedwatch exercise at Furness Vale.

### **C14/127 Open Forum**

Mr David Lees explained his concerns about planning application HPK/2014/0546 for land adjacent to 21 Cotton Close which was similar to application HPK/201/0613 granted on appeal, noting the shape of the roof had been changed and the position was now closer to number 21, which would cause lack of amenity. He also expressed concern about damage to existing properties from pile driving, problems and confusion regarding drainage provision, potential damage to the unadopted road and lack of knowledge regarding the land owner. He requested support for addressing these issues from the Town Council comments to HPBC.

Mr Terence Chaisty addressed members in support of an item of correspondence he had sent with his complaint and concerns relating to an incident at the bottom of Canal Street, Whaley Bridge. He described the frightening experience of narrowly avoiding being hit into the end property by a very long HGV entering Canal Street from the Canal Basin as he was jogging down the narrow footpath on Canal Street. He requested safety measures for pedestrians, restrictions and an alternative route for large HGV's before a serious accident occurs.

He confirmed that the vehicle was too large to negotiate the corner safely and he had been unable to obtain its registration or any clues about where it was from or which company it might have visited, only that the driver did not speak English.

The Chair advised him that the matter would be discussed by Council in Item 9 on the Agenda.

#### **C14/128 Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

#### **C14/129 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's Report was received.

#### **C14/130 Accounts for Payment**

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

<b>Chq</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2625	DCC	WW1 Cabinet Hire	74.75
2626	RBL	Donation	100.00
2627	LITE Ltd	Xmas Tree Lights	774.00
2628	DCC	WW1 cabinet return	24.75
2629	PM Robinson	Xmas Trees for Shops	1760.00
2630	MAP	Newsletter Distribution	126.00
2631	Stanway & Hallows Ltd	Xmas Lights	483.72
2632	Discover Buxton	WW1 event display	75.00
2633	Keith Hufton	Lantern Parade expenses	100.00
2634	Mechanics Institute	December a/c	650.67
2635	HMRC	PAYE & NI December	575.91
2636	DCC (Supn a/c)	Superannuation	529.11
2637	F Frodsham/Piranha	Grit bin filling	430.00
2638	Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Bus shelter cleaning	60.12
2639	HP CVS	WW1 copying/display boards	28.50
2640	SLCC	Subscription 2015	187.00
2641	Bella's Coffee Shop	WW1 event cakes	100.00
2642	Cash	Petty Cash December a/c	29.49
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£6109.02</b>

## **C14/131 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**HP & HV CRP** – Cllr Pritchard reported the retirement of Mr Rose at the end of December. Announcement of his successor from the candidate shortlist is awaited imminently.

**DALC** – Cllr Pritchard reported re-appointment of members to the executive, proposals for president being sought and the success of the Christmas drop-in.

**W4W** – Cllr Goldfinch reported on the success of the varied and interesting WW1 Exhibition attended by 450. There had been a small overspend of £16.34 over the £650 funding and the refreshment donations of £400 -96, currently held in the Town Council account would be split equally between Help for Heroes and towards reinstatement of names missing on the War Memorial. A second hand projector for hiring out and 2 large 6 panel display boards for community use were now available.

**Christmas Switch On/Lantern Parade** - Cllr Thomas reported a greatly increased footfall, with 350 participating in the Lantern Parade and over 70 volunteers assisting. A claim for £100 towards workshop materials had been submitted by Keith Hufton and he had been asked to submit request for future funding.

## **C14/132 Correspondence**

1. DCC – seeking assistance with Admissions to Infant/Primary Schools – 2015/2016 Academic Year awareness.
2. HPBC – HP Local Plan Examination, Inspector’s Draft Guidance Notes and list of Matters, Issues and Questions the Inspector proposes to address.
3. Andrew Bingham MP – response regarding de-trunking of A6 through Furness Vale. **(Circulated)**
4. DCC – notice of confirmation of public path order for FP55(part) Whaley Bridge at Walker Brow Farm.
5. Post Office Ltd – Furness Vale Post Office access update.
6. DCC – response from MAT manager regarding anti-social behaviour outside MI on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014.
7. Cllr Susanne Lomas – invitation to opening of PO Counter at FV Community Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 13.30 to 16.30.
8. RAD – invitation to AGM on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 commencing 2.30pm at United Reform Church, Hardwick Sq East, Buxton.
9. DCC – response from highways regarding Horwich End traffic signal timings and parking on Market Street, Whaley Bridge.
10. Whaley Bridge Band – Newsletter 2014

11. HP CVS – copy of Annual report.
12. Royal Mail – response to request for relocation of FV Post Box to new PO.
13. RAD – Rural Matters November 2014.
14. Andrew Bingham MP – response regarding A6 through Furness Vale.  
**(Agreed to place a copy of the letter on the FV noticeboard and to write, seeking discussion/support for re-trunking of A6, to Disley PC, New Mills TC, Chapel-en-le-Frith PC, Cheshire East, Stockport and HPBC and to DCC after raising support.)**
15. Footsteps – Footprint and update on Derbyshire Youth Service.
16. Nye Rowlands – raising issues with DCC regarding Youth Provision in WB.
17. Derbyshire Alert – Fire Brigades Union further action commencing 9am on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 for 24 hours.
18. RAD – notice of village hall consultation.
19. RAD – AGM invitation – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Buxton.
20. Derbyshire Alert – PhonepayPlus scam information.
21. David Cotton – comments regarding planning application HPK/2014/0546.
22. Cooper Son's Hartley & Williams – Mechanics Institute lease progress.
23. Planning Aid England – Up Front Neighbourhood planning news Nov 2014.
24. Cllr Pritchard – copy of e-mail to HPBC regarding enquiries regarding agreement of lease with COGS for the FV field.
25. Derbyshire Pension Fund – Employer's Newsletter number 129.
26. Safe CIC – regarding Charity Commission safeguarding for charities.
27. NDVA – Network issue 98 Winter 2014
28. Derbyshire Alert – SNT home & Vehicle security awareness.
29. Andrew Bingham MP – weekly newsletter 03/12/14.
30. HPBC – response regarding WB Bring Site.
31. Derbyshire Alert – Christmas Drink Drive Campaign.
32. Cllr Susanne Lomas – FV film information 19<sup>th</sup> December 'Love Punch'.

33. **DALC Circulars -**  
 Important information about Quality Council Scheme.  
**No 24/2014** – DALC Copyright  
 Vacancies  
**No 25/2014** – How much holiday pay should you pay?;  
 Payroll & HMRC;  
 Delivery differently in neighbourhoods;  
 Vacancies  
**No 26/2014** – 2014-2016 National Salary Award
34. Discover Buxton – letter regarding experience gained through participation in WW1 event and reduced invoice. **(Copy of letter for Cllr Goldfinch)**
35. Post Office – response regarding relocation of FV post box and wish for extended hours for the Outreach Service, which has been noted.
36. HPBC – survey regarding service review. **(Completed)**
37. Open Spaces Society – ‘150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary’ appeal for donations.
38. Terry Chaisty – concerns and information regarding incident between HGV and pedestrian on Canal Street Whaley Bridge. **(Circulated x 2)(Agreed to send letters to: TASC0, as Bingswood Estate owner, making them aware of the dangers posed by vehicles at the top junction of Canal Street and also the blind corner at the bottom and request they consider a voluntary restriction to weight and length of vehicles; DCC re possible removal of last parking space at the bottom of Canal Street; and copy CRT into correspondence)**
39. HPBC – report on shop vacancy rates from Helen Pakpahan.
40. PPPF – minutes of AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014. **(Circulated)**
41. PPPF – request for numbers interested in attending a free evening event early next year on village websites which received interest at Parish Day.
42. Barrie Woodcock – notice of internal audit for 2014/15 fee increases.
43. DCC – response regarding Horwich End traffic lights and parking on Market Street. **(Agreed to write to DCC requesting extra illumination over the central refuge island on A5004, Buxton Road adjacent to end of FP 13 and address potential danger of conflict between red green and blue coloured Christmas lights at the Imperial Palace, Furness Vale and the pedestrian crossing lights causing confusion)**
44. Cllr Pritchard – copy of response to Alison Clamp of Midlands Rural regarding possible development at Bridgemont.
45. Midlands Rural – request to talk with members to gauge the level of support for possible development of housing for local people. **(Agreed to arrange a meeting with members of Midlands Rural at 7pm on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 prior to the Town Council meeting)**

46. Cllr Mrs Susanne Lomas – e-mail thanking members who attended the PO venture on 9<sup>th</sup> December and report to council. **(Circulated)**
47. DCC – response re: request for changes to Old Road parking restrictions.
48. Cllr Thomas – copy of response to Nye Rowlands from DCC Head of Services for Teenagers and Younger Adults Department – Bish Sharif regarding Youth Provision in Whaley Bridge. **(Circulated)**

#### **C14/133 Budget and Precept 2015/2016**

Members received budget details for previous 2013/14 and current 2014/15 years with actual year to date spend for current year and were asked to let the clerk have details of any items they wished to propose to be included in the 2015/16 with any associated financial information as soon as possible.

#### **C14/134 DCC – Proposed Cuts to Local Bus Services Consultation**

The meeting noted that DCC are looking for potential expenditure reductions of £157 million, with transport subsidies and school crossing patrols being included in the list of items for investigation and a consultation on bus usage had commenced in October and would end on 14<sup>th</sup> December. No direct notification had been received by the Town Council. Notices were now being displayed on buses and questionnaires were being made available on the 190 route, at Footsteps and the Library.

#### **C14/135 Goyt River Bridge**

Cllr Swift asked Borough Councillors Pritchard and Lomax if they had an update of new information about the Goyt River Bridge. They had none, so he appealed to members to take action. The problems that had been experienced were discussed and the expiry of the Tesco funding in 2015 noted.

**RESOLVED:** To write to MEP Andrew Lewer requesting he visit and advise on funding.

**RESOLVED:** To restart the project with formation of a working group comprising of Cllrs Swift, Goldfinch, Thomas, Gilmour and Lomax.

#### **C14/136 Installation of Defibrillator and Secure External Case at Sports Pavilion**

This item was deferred to January as there was no progress to report.

#### **C14/137 Grounds Maintenance Quotation 2015/2016**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the grounds maintenance quote for 2015/16 received from Piranha Country Gardens totalling £5692.00.

**C14/138 Grounds Maintenance for Shallcross Incline Greenway**

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote for cutting back vegetation on the Shallcross Incline received from M Appleby for £680.00.

**C14/139 Sunnybank Allotment Site Project – Quotation for Installation of New Paths**

It was agreed to defer this item to January meeting to allow for receipt of third quote and to ask Mr Whelan to re-quote to include membrane.

**C14/140 Youth Service Provision for Whaley Bridge**

Cllr Thomas declared an interest.

The meeting received information from WB Community Trust Chairman Nye Rowlands concerning youth service provision in WB. It was noted that the Thursday café bar was very successful but staffing problems had resulted in the local Multi Agency Team founding it necessary to withdraw its entire WB provision.

It was agreed that members of the Town Council needed to participate in discussions. Cllrs Pritchard and Swift volunteered to join Cllr Thomas who would advise on arrangements for a meeting.

**C14/141 January Meeting Date**

It was noted that the meeting in January would be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**C14/142 Part II – Matters to be discussed after the exclusion of the press and public.**

**Staff Salary Reviews 2014 – 2016**

The meeting received the 2014 - 2016 National Salary Award information and recommendations from NALC and SLCC, and details of the effect of these to Staff Salaries.

**RESOLVED:** To approve implementation of the recommended award of 2.2% for all employees based on the agreed rates from the National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services and recommended by NALC and SLCC, to apply from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and non-consolidated payments as applicable for December 1014 and April 2015.

**Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

.....Chairman

Date.....