



Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Sam Milward, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr John Smith (Chair of Handforth Town Council), Cllr Julie Smith & Cllr Kerry Sullivan

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
Five members of the public

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

The Chairman asked that all present observe one minutes silence following on from the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second.

22/21/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Nisa & Samson.
Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to grant Cllr Nisa dispensation from attending both the September and October 2022 meetings.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss or discuss and vote on a matter in which a member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

22/21/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. Items not pertaining to the agenda may also be taken at this time at the Chairman's discretion. The Public

Forum is restricted to 15 minutes and strictly 3 minutes per person, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

A resident commented on item 22/21/11 and noted that the Town Council had not made any facts and figures available to the general public regarding running costs and income of the Youth Centre.

The Chairman noted that this information has been given to councillors, however, owing to the commercial sensitivity of user groups as well as GDPR concerns around employee salaries, this could not be made available more generally, except for the councillors making the decision on the item.

A resident and Chair of the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group spoke to item 22/21/10 and thanked the clerk to the council and steering group members who had given their time to do what he felt had been quite a difficult job given to them by the Town Council. There was no template form given to the group by CEC, and he noted that no CIL money had yet been received by the Town Council. However, he was pleased to present the Infrastructure Delivery Plan for Handforth in its current form and hoped that it would be adopted by the Town Council.

A resident commented on item 22/21/11 and noted that transferring the Youth Centre to the Town Council would safeguard its future as a facility for all the residents of Handforth.

22/21/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Finance Committee meeting of 12th July 2022.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Finance Committee meeting of 12th July 2022.

Motion carried: Four in favour with one abstention.

22/21/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 12th July 2022.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 12th July 2022.

Motion carried: Four in favour with one abstention.

22/21/6 To receive a report from the PCSO.
The PCSO provided the following report:

These figures are for the last 6 weeks (Summer Holiday period).

- 3 Burglary's, same method of entry via snapping the locks on the rear doors. A vehicle has been taken from one address, nothing from another & no entry was gained at the third. (all three occurred on the 28/08).
- 6 reports of Criminal Damage – No pattern, no repeat victims & not linked to any particular offender.
- 30 reports of "concern For Safety" involving Mental Health or Alcohol. These callers where not due to the 'regular' individuals which I have previously referred to in other reports.
- Over the Summer Holidays ourselves & youth services ran 4 sports & craft sessions for young people, which where funded by Onward housing & which took place in local parks. Thank you to both Cllr Samson & Cllr Julie Smith for coming along & helping us.

Over the Summer Holiday period we received 0 reports of anti social behaviour!!

As much as I would love to be able to say that this was directly linked to the fact we put on these summer sessions. As well as increased patrols in key area's we identified as potential issues & local residents/ Cllr's contcating me dirctly, usually before issues occurred!

I am very aware that the likelihood is that people have been unable or unwilling to report incidents to us. Can I please again ask that if people are having issues they need to let us know. If we don't know it's happening we can't help.

However even if we take the '0' with a pinch of salt the figures like this for ASB over the summer holidays is fantastic!! Especially when most other area's has seen the regular seasonal increase.

22/21/7 To approve and sign the order of payments for September 2022.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve, and sign the order of payments for September 2022 totalling £28,522.03.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/8 To receive a report from Ward Councillor Julie Smith.

Cllr Julie Smith deferred her report to the October 2022 meeting.

22/21/9 To receive the External Auditors Report.

No issues were arising from the External Auditors report and councillors received and unanimously accepted the report without a vote.

22/21/10 MOTION: To receive and approve the draft Handforth Infrastructure Delivery Plan from the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which recommends future CIL spending by HTC.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to approve the draft Handforth Infrastructure Delivery Plan from the Handforth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which recommends future CIL spending by HTC.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/11 MOTION: To agree the Draft Heads of Terms proposed by CEC regarding lease of the Handforth Youth Centre to HTC and to approve the execution of a lease to be reviewed by HTC solicitors.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to agree the Draft Heads of Terms proposed by CEC regarding lease of the Handforth Youth Centre to HTC and to approve the execution of a lease to be reviewed by HTC solicitors.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/12 MOTION: To provide a donation to Hope Central for an amount of up to £500.00.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to agree to provide a donation to Hope Central for £500.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/13 MOTION: To receive recommendation from the HTC Environment committee for the purchase of air quality monitoring equipment up to a maximum value of £600.00.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to defer this item until the next meeting whilst awaiting some further clarification on the strategy to be used whilst using the equipment and clarification of involvement by local schools.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/14 MOTION: To agree the traffic management costs of £1,795.00 plus VAT for Remembrance Sunday and to agree the cost for the Pipe Band of £500.00 for 2022.
Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to agree the traffic management costs of £1,795.00 plus VAT for Remembrance Sunday and to agree the cost for the Pipe Band of £500.00 for 2022.
Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/15 MOTION: To agree a spend up to the maximum budgeted value for the Christmas event 2022 to take place on Saturday 26th November 2022.
Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to agree a spend up to the maximum budgeted value (£2,000.00) for the Christmas event 2022 to take place on Saturday 26th November 2022.
Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/16 MOTION: To agree a spend of up to £700.00 for a new laptop for the office, as the existing laptop is coming to the end of its life.
Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to agree a spend of up to £700.00 for a new laptop for the office.
Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/17 MOTION: To agree a spend of up to £1,000.00 for the production of a HTC newsletter to be distributed in October / November.
Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Milward to agree a spend of up to £1,000.00 for the production of a HTC newsletter to be distributed in October / November.
Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/18 MOTION: Following the success of the previous HTC community skip days, to agree to fund a further three community skip days up to a maximum of £900.00.
Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to agree to fund a further three community skip days up to a maximum of £900.00.
Resolved: Unanimously.

22/21/19 To receive notices and correspondence.

Noted that Cllr Moore would attend the Wilmslow Civic Service on Sunday 09th October.

Cllr Julie Smith also noted that the Reverend Steve Burmester of St Chads Church held the CE book of condolence if residents wished to sign it following the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second.

22/21/20 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 11th October 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:42pm.

Chair..... Date.....