



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on
Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7:30pm, held at Handforth Youth Centre,
Old Road, Handforth.**

Present: Cllrs Tim Hardy, Elizabeth Hindle- Newman, Peter Moore, Susan Moore (Chair of Handforth Town Council), Sharon Murray, Tim Royle & Roger Small

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
One member of the public

23/15/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Samson, John Smith, Julie Smith & Sullivan.

Cllr Susan Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Small to accept the apologies received.

Resolved: Unanimously

23/15/2 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).

Cllrs Peter Moore and Susan Moore declared a pecuniary interest in item 23/15/7 and would leave the room and not take part in any discussion or vote on the item.

Cllr Small declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 23/15/8 as a committee member of friends of Handforth Station (FoHS).

Cllr Susan Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Peter Moore to grant dispensation to Cllr Small to discuss and vote on the item.

Motion Carried: Six in favour with One Abstention.

23/15/3 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 enquired as to whether HTC had made any progress with the microphone system.

The Chair assured the resident that the matter was in hand.

A resident enquired as to future streaming of meetings.

The clerk noted that the legal requirement to stream meetings had ceased and since it was originally a government statute that had now expired the Town Council had never originally debated the item, therefore it could cease without debate.

The Chair felt it was appropriate to add a motion for debate at the next meeting, provided a more convenient way could be found to record the meetings.

23/15/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council AGM meeting of 16th May 2023.

Cllr Small noted his removal from the Christmas working group.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Susan Moore to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council AGM meeting of 16th May 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/15/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 16th May 2023.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Royle to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 16th May 2023.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/15/6 To receive a report from the PCSO.

The PCSO provided the following report:

Below is a break down of incidents in Handforth (Not including Colshaw) since the last meeting. The level of detail provided depends on what GDPR will allow & not compromising ongoing investigations.

- Burglaries – 0
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 2
Both from the Handforth Dean area, motor bike & moped. Believed to be a group of teenage males using mopeds & bolt cutters.
- Shoplifting -2
1 at Handforth Dean & 1 in the village.
- Hate Incident – 2
1, anonymous text & the other was shoplifters after being confronted by staff.
- Domestic – 14
3 – Not domestics but mental health related.
2 – Not domestics but civil court issues.
2 involving parent & child.
2 threats via digital media.
2 involving violence or threat of violence.
- Criminal Damage – 0
- Concern For Safety – 11
3 of these incidents were involving the same person. The rest were all separate individuals or locations, ranging from mental health, drugs, suicide. When a member of the public or agency has a concern for an individual & calls the police.
In almost all incidents this is not a police matter or certainly not wholly a police matter and involves officers needing to get one or multiple agencies involved.
- For those of you that are not aware, Wilmslow Beat Management Team conducted successful drugs warrant on the 24th of May in Handforth. This was made possible by information I (Gareth) had received from several different sources in the area. I would like to take this opportunity to not only thanks those that contacted me directly with information but also highlight the fact that if people give us information, we will take positive action whenever possible.
This warrant stopped £150,000 worth of cannabis being sold, this figure is not arbitrary but has come from our drug experts, who look at both the quality & quantity of what has been seized.

23/15/7 To approve and sign the order of payments for June 2023.

Cllrs Peter Moore & Susan Moore left the room before debate on the item.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Murray to approve and sign the order of payment of accounts for June 2023 totalling £8,997.31.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/15/8 MOTION: To approve and adopt an open letter to be published in conjunction with Friends of Handforth Station which invites Network Rail to provide definite timings for the installation of the new lifts at Handforth Station.

Cllr Small provided an update that was received by FoHS indicating that work on the oil filled live electrical cable was due to commence in June/July. ENW have approved an outage date for this. Following its disconnection, borehole testing on the South Bound platform can commence.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Susan Moore to defer the item.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/15/9 General discussion RE: HTC website.

Some councillors felt that the website lacked content and links with CE services, they felt it should involve the public more and include a Calander of events etc. Cllr Peter Moore suggested some informal Zoom meetings to discuss all councillors' thoughts in further detail and he would look at some proposals. Cllr Small gave a small presentation on changes that he would like to see made including an updated history section.

Noted that HTC does already have a Facebook page, the clerk invited councillors to join it, use it, provide content for it.

23/15/10 MOTION: To review the Town Councils project list and to invite suggestions from councillors about any other initiatives they would like to add.

A number of projects were suggested, and the clerk will update the projects list accordingly for distribution / publication.

Cllr Susan Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Small.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/15/11 To discuss HTC's involvement with the Time Out Group's Summer Fun Day.

It was agreed without a vote that councillors would like HTC to have a presence at the Time Out Group's Summer fun Day, possibly a gazebo and the opportunity to speak to residents. It was also agreed that they would be willing to provide some modest financial support and that a motion for this would be added to the July agenda.

23/15/12 To receive notices and correspondence.

- Cllr Susan Moore noted that she had received correspondence from the technical officer at ANSA, and that she was meeting with him on site on Tuesday 20th June to discuss further improvements as part of the Hall Wood path. She noted that the installation of the path had cost £66,458.79 from the allocated S106 funding and that £22,280.40 remained to be spent on the project and that this would be discussed at the site meeting. Suggested improvements included:
 - Access Improvements from Hall Road (Widening Entrance)
 - Bat Boxes / Bird Boxes
 - Fenced off Childrens Woodland Educational Site
 - Potentially if funds remain – Two Lecterns at Entrances

However, there is concern about disabled access because of the levelling of the path at the Lower Meadow Road entrance.

23/15/13 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 18th July 2023.

It was agreed without a vote that the next HTC meeting would be held on 18th July 2023 at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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