



**Minutes of the Meeting of Handforth Town Council held on
Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7:45pm, 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, Cynthia Samson, Roger Small, John Smith, Julie Smith & Kerry Sullivan

Also, present Mr Comiskey Dawson, Town Clerk
Four members of the public
One PCSO

23/12/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

23/12/2 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.

23/12/3 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 noted that a number of motions allowed the clerk to spend HTC funds, councillors noted that as the responsible financial officer it was his job to do this, and they were giving advanced authorisation.

A resident noted that item 23/12/13 mentioned CE Youth Services and would money be going to CE. It was confirmed that CE no longer provided Youth Services and the item would be amended to confirm that it would only be going to Handforth Junior Youth Clubs.

A resident noted his annoyance that HTC meetings would no longer be filmed and uploaded to YouTube. Councillors noted that the legislation requiring councils to film meetings was no longer in force following the Covid Pandemic and they hoped this would encourage residents to attend meetings in person. A resident enquired as to whether the lease for the youth centre had been signed, it was confirmed that at present, it had not.

23/12/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council finance committee meeting of 18th April 2023.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council finance committee meeting of 18th April 2023.

Motion Carried: Four in favour with seven abstentions.

23/12/5 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 18th April 2023.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council meeting of 18th April 2023.

Motion Carried: Five in favour with six abstentions.

23/12/6 To receive a report from the PCSO.
The PCSO provided the following report:

Below is a break done 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 -9
All 9 of these burglaries were shed breaks or attempted shed breaks, but still get classified as a burglary. Two bikes were taken from one address (later found and returned) & a couple of hammers from another. (No further items taken). They occurred on the same evening, but reported over a few days, it is believed the same group of 5 young males are responsible.
- Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1

Owner has left the keys in the ignition while parked outside the shops in the village, ongoing CCTV enquiries & ANPR checks. Ashley has been his usual amazing self & the Town Council CCTV shows the offender getting out of a vehicle that the ANPR has picked up. I will keep you all posted on our progression.

- Shoplifting -9
8 took place at Handforth Dean (no pattern or repeat offenders identified). The other took place in the village, due to a lack of CCTV in store unable to progress.
- Hate Incident – 2
Both isolated incidents, separate victims & offenders and took place in a domestic dwelling not in public.
- Domestic – 7
2 repeat victims/ offenders, arrests made. (Victims unsupportive) (Investigation ongoing).
2 involving parent & child.
1 is a case of mental health & not a domestic.
2 no threats or violence involved.
- Criminal Damage – 4
No repeat victims or locations and no noticeable trend in any of the incidents reported.
- Concern For Safety – 11
Apologies but this would be like writing war and peace to go into detail in this section.
But in short, no repeat individuals or locations involved, 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.

23/12/7 To approve and sign the order of payments for May 2023.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve, and sign the order of payments for May 2023 totalling £7,829.16.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/8 MOTION: To sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2022/23 of the year end 31st March 2023 Annual return.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to sign section 1 - the annual governance statement 2022/23 of the year end 31st March 2023 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/9 MOTION: To sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2022/23 of the year end 31st March 2023 Annual return.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to sign section 2 – the accounting statements 2022/23 of the year end 31st March 2023 Annual return.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/10 MOTION: Full council to ratify that for the lifetime of this council the clerk is authorised each year to use up to the maximum budgeted amount (set each year) to fulfil the Christmas Lights Switch on event.

Cllr Small proposed, seconded by Cllr Peter Moore that an amendment be made to items 23/12/12, 23/12/14 & 23/12/17 to read “set by the council each year”.

Resolved: Unanimously.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan that the full council to ratify that for the lifetime of this council the clerk is authorised each year to use up to the maximum budgeted amount (set by the council each year) to fulfil the Christmas Lights Switch on event.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/11 MOTION: To agree the purchase of CPR chests for the purposes of CPR training to be delivered by (a third party) at Handforth Community Centre on a number of occasions. – Each chest has a cost of £45.00 – current CPR budget 23/24 is £500.00.

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Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/12 MOTION: Full council to ratify that for the lifetime of this council the clerk is authorised each year to use up to the maximum budgeted amount (set each year) to fulfil the Remembrance Sunday event.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Small that full council to ratify that for the lifetime of this council the clerk is authorised each year to use up to the maximum budgeted amount (set by the council each year) to fulfil the Remembrance Sunday event.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/13 MOTION: To agree to ringfence £2,000.00 from the Youth Provision budget line for requests from CE youth support services / Handforth youth Club Volunteers for the continuation of youth activities. Requests higher than £500.00 to be referred back to full council. Amounts under £500.00 at the clerk's discretion.

Noted that CE Youth Services will not be receiving this money, only Handforth Junior Youth Clubs.

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Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/14 MOTION: Full council to ratify that for the lifetime of this council the clerk is authorised each year to use up to the maximum budgeted amount (set by the council each year) to fulfil all financial obligations incurred by running of the Handforth Community Centre including heat, light, power, communications, and all H+S requirements. And to authorise the clerk to negotiate all contracts in relation to the Community Centre.

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Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/15 MOTION: To agree the purchase and installation of 2 X lecterns to be installed at the two entrances to the new Hall wood path with descriptions of the old tank track as circulated. Up to a maximum of £750.00. – Only if there are no funds available from the residual S106 monies for this project.

Cllr Susan Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Small to agree the purchase and installation of 2 X lecterns to be installed at the two entrances to the new Hall wood path with descriptions of the old tank track as circulated. Up to a maximum of £750.00. – Only if there are no funds available from the residual S106 monies for this project.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/16 MOTION: To agree the use of funds from the climate change / environment budget to purchase trees to be planted in Handforth up to a value of £1,000.00.

Cllr Susan Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Small to agree the use of funds from the climate change / environment budget to purchase trees to be planted in Handforth up to a value of £1,000.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/17 MOTION: To suspend financial regulation(s) 10 & 11 and agree to appoint Oak Nurseries to continue to provide summer/winter planting services for the next four years to June 2027. As in previous years it has been impossible to obtain three quotations for this work as Oak Nurseries are the only provider for this service in the area. (Up to the maximum budgeted amount set each year).

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to suspend financial regulation(s) 10 & 11, and agree to appoint Oak Nurseries to continue to provide summer/winter planting services for the next four years to June 2027. As in previous years it has been impossible to obtain three quotations for this work as Oak Nurseries are the only provider for this service in the area. (Up to the maximum budgeted amount set by the council each year).

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/18 MOTION: To agree up to three community skip days in the forthcoming months up to a value of £900.00 plus VAT.

Noted – One skip to be provided on Spath Lane estate on a Saturday morning on a date TBC which Cllrs Samson & Moore will attend.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to agree up to three community skip days in the forthcoming months up to a value of £900.00 plus VAT.

Resolved: Unanimously.

23/12/19 To receive notices and correspondence.
Invitation from Garrett Motion. – Noted that Cllr Royle will attend and represent HTC.
Cllr Moore noted that the clerk will email out the good councillors guide to all members.

23/12/20 To agree the date of the next HTC meeting to be held on 13th June 2023.

It was agreed without a vote that the next HTC meeting would be held on 13th June 2023.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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