

Minutes of the meeting of Bampton Town Council held on Wednesday 25th May 2022, 7pm in the LARC building.

Present – Cllr. Fouracres (Chairman); Cllr. Williams; Cllr. White; District Cllr. Moore; Adam Paget; Cllr. L. Bull; Cllr. N. Bull; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Whiteway. County Cllr. Chesterton. Cllr. McHenry. Apologies accepted.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Mid Devon District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Standing Order 3 (e,f.) refers.

A reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

4) Chairman's Report (for information only) – Platinum Jubilee is 4 days of events and huge thanks to Sam Thomson for organising this – apologies for being away for 3 of these days. The Jubilee is rather more representative of Bampton than the vandalism recently reported to the police.

Bampton has been credited with Walkers are Welcome status nationally. This is excellent news and could well bring more visitors to the town and the surrounding area.

The newly formed band of litter pickers have had their successful first pick; they would not be needed if everyone took their rubbish home.

5) County & District Councillor reports-

District Cllr. Moore – a peer review was initiated on Mid Devon District Council some months ago and a good report has been received. Recommendation on the corporate plan which is due for review. Finance; accounts now finished for the last year and the district are within £25K of the final budget: good targeting. Mid Devon are working on the Government's energy scheme and have so far paid out £3.4 million pounds to those who qualify. Cllr. Moore also mentioned the ideas for Cullompton's garden village. County Cllr. Chesterton's monthly report is attached to these minutes.

6) Minutes – to approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th May 2022. Approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Request from Cllr. L. Bull to receive minutes with the next meeting agenda in future.

7) Charter Fair update – Cllr. White to report. Finalised the new logo; verification is being sought to find out if Bampton is the oldest charter fair still in existence.

8) Bampton Hall update – Cllr. White to report. Continuing with no definitive outline. Agenda a hall committee meeting June 29th 6pm.

9) Jubilee Planning – The Sunday road closures for Brook Street have been agreed by Highways. All is in hand for a weekend of local festivities.

10) Open Spaces updates –

- i. Teen facilities at the Millennium Green – clerk has written to Planning to request assistance with a pre-planning application. Adam Paget submitted the architect plan from an experienced company regarding a pump track for part of this area and has also talked to Sam Thomson about grant funding availability. Cllr. L. Bull asked for evidence that the people of Bampton wish to have a pump track, (the wider demographic). Cllr. Williams stated that the costs for this would be coming from the S106 monies due to Bampton area. Cllr. White considers there should be a wider consultation of the local community as does Cllr. L. Bull. Cllr. White considers that a stall in the street for an in-person consultation as well the use of social media, would help to provide evidence of need.
Cllr. L. Bull proposed that the architect, whilst in Devon, does initial works including drawings that can be used as a part of the consultation, thus splitting the costs. All agreed and Cllr. Williams will arrange the consultation with Adam Paget.
- ii. Possible extension to the recreation field for car parking – assistance requested from Planning with a pre-planning application. This has not been forthcoming so the Clerk will proceed with a planning application. A base with costings for the table tennis table has been agreed – Cllr. Williams will arrange a start for this.
- iii. Vandalism at the recreation field; to receive an update if available. Cllr Fouracres has notified the police regarding vandalism both at the toilets and the recreation field, plus the new bench in the Millennium Green has been scorched on the arms. This is a considerable nuisance value – the reply from the PCSO indicates CCTV in the concerned areas may help. Details of the individuals involved would be helpful. Cllr. White considers that the amount Council are having to spend on repairs should be reported both online and in Signpost. Cllr. Fouracres will continue to press for action and every incident **will be** reported to the police.
- iv. Availability and cost of tarmac for the potholes at the entrance to the car park, Station Rd. Cllr. White is requesting the lengthsman purchases the tarmac and completes the repairs to the potholes.
- v. Lengthsman activities – to be updated. The Shuttern is running freely. Benches are awaiting repair. Suggest that the weeds around the playpark need to be removed.

11) PLANNING:

Planning Applications - Mid Devon District Council has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following planning applications:

- a) 22/00528/TPO Application to reduce the length of 1 oak tree by 1.5m, protected by a tree preservation order 94/00003/TPO, 8 Meadow View, West St., Bampton
No objection.

Planning Decisions:

- a) 22/00626/CAT fell 4 birch trees within conservation area, Bowdenhays, Bampton
NO OBJECTION
- b) 22/00253/FULL Erection of replacement dwelling, Ringwood, Old Tiverton Rd, Bampton.
APPROVED

12) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Bullfinch – Jubilee beacon	£588.00	BACs 06/05
	Safe Fence – barriers Jubilee	£851.76	BACs 18/05
	Viking Direct – toilet supplies	£44.84	BACs
	LARC – rental May/June	£120.00	BACs
	Four Seasons – April grass cuts	£527.99	BACs
	J. Caunter – toilet cleans May	£310.00	BACs

Employment May	£785.64	BACs
Exmoor Loos – Jubilee	£240.00	BACs
SCM Carpentry – fitting radar lock	£75.00	BACs
S. Fouracres – assorted expenses	£142.07	BACs
ICO Data Protection subscription	£35.00	DD

Income:	Wayleave W. Power	£4.64	Cq
	CCLA Dividend to 01/04/22	£34.15	Reinvested.

Bank Reconciliation will not be available until after the 1st June and will be circulated as soon as possible. Council resolved to accept the receipts and payments account. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres. All agreed by show of hands.

13) Council’s Investments – to consider an additional investment account for Council monies in order to maximise interest availability. Report as follows –

- i. To re-open a savings account with Unity Trust Bank to maximise on the current account. This has been done.
- ii. To put additional funds into the CCLA towards the new hall project.
- iii. To consider Hampshire Trust Bank as an alternative. This bank has been considered and an intital investment into a 1 year bond £50K was proposed paying 1.61% interest. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Fouracres, all agreed by show of hands.

14) Clerk’s report –

- i. All papers for the external audit have been forwarded to PKF Littlejohn 9th May.
- ii. The exercise of public rights to examine Bampton’s accounts runs from 5th June to 15th July.
- iii. Reminder clerk’s annual leave from 15th July to 5th August inclusive.
- iv. Clerk is attending the SLCC training seminar on 25th May – brief report will be summarised and circulated to all councillors.

EXTERNAL MEETINGS ATTENDED: reports from Councillors

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on 6th July at 7.00pm 2022 in the LARC building.

THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm

Signed..... Date.....

Email circulations during the past month

DALC Newsletter 22 (sent 06/05)	ConnectMe Devon (sent 09/05)
NALC Newsletter (sent 09/05)	DALC Newsletter 23 (sent 13/05)
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