



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council
held at Hutton House, Chilton, County Durham, on
Tuesday 8th November 2022.

Chairman: *Councillor M. Young (Mayor)*

Present: *E. Bruce, J. Cairns, V. Collinson, P. Davies, J. Houlihan, S. Sutherland, P. Malpas, L. Rundle, K. Hornsby..*

In attendance: Mr. J. Robinson Town Clerk

Members of the public: no members of the public present

OM117.0/22. APOLOGIES

Cllr. A. Bruce (ill health), P. Herbert (ill health)

OM118.0/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. E. Bruce in regards to any matters appertaining to Allotments and S. Sutherland in regards to Durham County Council due to employment at DCC

OM119.0/22. MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

OM120.0/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No issue raised.

O121.0/21 REPORT OF MAYOR

Cllr. M. Young wished to place on record his thanks to all those who had been involved in the Firework Display and its success. He advised the remaining issues he wished to raise were covered by the agenda.

Cllr. V. Collinson asked if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor had regularly attended Civic events organised by other Councils. The Mayor advised he had been unable to attend any due to work commitments but the Deputy Mayor had

attended some on his behalf. The Mayor advised he had requested the Town Clerk to circulate all invites to every member to enable any of them to volunteer to attend on the Councils behalf.

OM122.0/22 MINUTES OF CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11th OCTOBER 2022

Cllr. V. Collinson queried the County Councillor report in respect of the Bus Stop in front of the new housing estate. He advised he and his labour colleagues could not recall Cllr. J. Cairns referring to her involvement in the provision of the bus shelter or that it would be completed by end of October. Cllr. J. Cairns advised she had specifically referred to this in her report as it had been a project she had worked upon since her election.

Cllr. S. Sutherland referred to the need to relocate the seat behind the bus stop to allow it to be used by residents. Cllr. S. Sutherland proposed and seconded Cllr. J. Cairns the Council write to DCC requesting same. This was agreed. The minutes were then agreed proposed Cllr. J. Cairns and seconded Cllr. P. Davies.

OM123.0/22 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2022

The minutes and recommendations therein were agreed, moved Cllr. J. Cairns and seconded by Cllr. P. Malpas

OM124.0/22 MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER 2022

The minutes and recommendations therein were agreed, with the following specific decisions:-

Freezing of Allotment rents deferred to December meeting

A final decision on water to be made at the December meeting. Cllr. J. Cairns and S. Sutherland agreed along with Town Clerk to lead on groups at the forthcoming tenants meeting on 19th November.

It was noted exclusion of the public had been seconded by Cllr. P. Davies and not Cllr. J. Houlihan.

Minutes were proposed Cllr. S. Sutherland and seconded Cllr. P. Davies and agreed.

OM125.0/22 MINUTES OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER 2022

The minutes and recommendations therein were agreed, moved Cllr. J. Cairns seconded by Cllr. M. Young.

OM126.0/22 MINUTES OF POLICY AND RESOURCES MEETING HELD ON 25H OCTOBER

The minutes and recommendations therein were agreed moved Cllr. M. Young and seconded Cllr. J. Cairns

Cllr. J. Cairns requested for future agendas specific decisions to be agreed from Committee minutes be highlighted next to the agenda item. This was agreed.

OM127.0/22 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Confirmation from Pension Regulator re-registering completed
- b) Information on DCC Wheels2Work Project
- c) Still no reply for LIVIN regarding Crystal Close garages, agreed to write to LIVIN Chief Executive
- d) CDALC report on London Bridge Survey, received.
- e) DCC consultation on ASB, received
- f) DCC form re being election polling station. It was agreed to be designated as a polling station for future elections.
- g) White Ribbon Day, agreed to participate.

OM126.0/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. J. Cairns advised members she had attended the normal series of meetings. She had recently Chaired the AAP Board meeting where the Towns and Villages allocation was agreed to move to stage 2.

Cllr. V. Collinson advised labour members had reported 8 street lights not working, and Town Clerk had also reported same. Lights have been repaired.

Cllr. E. Bruce asked if Cllr. J. Cairns would follow up issues regarding drains on Durham Road, Cllr. S. Sutherland advised the issue went all the way down to the new estates and offered to supply her with relevant photographs. Cllr. J. Cairns agreed to follow up.

OM128.0/22 PLANNING

No applications to be considered.

OM129.0/22 DCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

Details of DCC 2023 budget consultation circulated, it was agreed members submit any comments to Town Clerk who will forward onto DCC on behalf of members.

OM130.0/22 2023/24 BUDGET PLANNING

Members received draft 2023/24 budget for consideration. It was agreed to discuss at Policy and Resources meeting and to invite Mr. D. Shingleton to the meeting.

OM131.0/22 MONTHLY ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Members approved monthly accounts for payment, proposed M. Young seconded Cllr. V. Collinson.

The Town Clerk advised that an issue has arisen that means the Miners Welfare Charity have been refused a new current account. It was agreed to open a new account with Unity Bank.

OM132.0/22 APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS

The following applications were submitted and agreed:

- a. Chilton Academy Friends £500 towards Pantomime tickets
- b. Chilton Community Club £500 towards elderly Christmas party
- c. St. Aidan's Church £300 for purchase of projector.

The 3 were agreed on a proposal by Cllr. J. Cairns and seconded Cllr. M. Young. Cllr. E. Bruce declared an interest in item a.

OM133.0/22 CHANGE OF ALLOTMENT MEETING DAYS

Cllr. S. Sutherland advised members he is now working and unable to make meetings on a Thursday morning. It was agreed to change the committee day to 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30am

OM134.0/22 VIDEOING OF MEETINGS

Cllr. E. Bruce requested costings and practicality of videoing meetings be explored. It was agreed Town Clerk present a report to the January 2023 meeting.

OM135.0/22 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed Cllr. J. Cairns seconded by Cllr. S. Sutherland and carried to exclude press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

OM136.0/22 INSURANCE CLAIM

Town Clerk gave a report on recent correspondence in regards to the insurance claim. It was proposed Cllr. S. Sutherland seconded by Cllr. V. Collinson and agreed to supply all information as requested.

OM137.0/22 STANDARDS BOARD

Town Clerk advised Council has received notification of a complaint lodged against a member.

OM138.0/22 ADJOINING LAND TO HUTTON HOUSE

Site visit has been arranged, all members invited to attend.

OM139.0/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held 13th December 2022.

Signed:-

Mayor of Chilton
13th December 2022