

Town Council Meeting

Kidsgrove Town Council
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30th October 2021

To: **Members of Kidsgrove Town Council**

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend a Council Meeting of Kidsgrove Town Council to be held at 7.00pm on Thursday, 4th November 2021. The meeting will be held in the Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sue Davies'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sue Davies, Town Clerk

Business to be transacted.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.**
- 2. To note declarations of members interests.**
- 3. Public Participation:**

A period not exceeding 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments.

- 4. To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Thursday, 9th September 2021. (Appendix 1)**
- 5. To receive and approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday, 14th October 2021. (Appendix 2)**

- 6. To receive and note the following draft minutes of Committee Meetings not previously presented to Council (circulated separately and available on the website):**
- a. Staffing Committee Meeting of the 5th August 2021.
 - b. Finance and General Purposes Committee 2nd September 2021.
 - c. Events and Community Committee 13th September 2021.
 - d. Finance and General Purposes Committee 28th October 2021.

- 7. Matters Arising – To receive updates on any matters arising from previous meetings not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

Note – these items are feedback only. Whilst questions from members are permitted, no further new action, position or decision can be resolved. (It is permitted to agree with the Clerk to pursue further information or previous actions agreed.)

8. Finances:

- a. To receive and approve the schedule of payments requiring approval. (Appendix 3)
- b. To receive any approve the Q2 budget report including resolving to agree any budget changes/virements. (Appendix 4)

- 9. External Audit 2020-2021: To note the completion of the external audit by Mazars (available on the website and circulated) and to note any issues arising and agree any actions.**

- 10. Policies: To receive and review a draft vexatious policy and resolve to approve or otherwise. (To be circulated separately).**

11. Quality Council Foundation Level:

- a. To receive an update report from the Clerk.
- b. To resolve the following:

The council confirms by resolution at a full council meeting that it recognises its duties in relation to biodiversity and crime and disorder, and that it has met all the criteria required for Foundation Level.

12. Grants and donations:

- a. To receive a request from Kidsgrove and District Pensioners Association to allow part of a grant allocated in March 2020 for a day trip which couldn't occur due to Covid, to be used to help the group function in the current climate. The epidemic has hampered fundraising and public liability insurance has recently cost £200. The group currently have the grant allocation earmarked.
- b. To receive a grant application from Thursfield Community Centre and to resolve or otherwise to approve payment. (Appendix 5)
- c. To consider and approve a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and to agree the amount.
- d. To consider and approve a donation to the Kidsgrove Rotary hamper appeal. (Appendix 6)
- e. To consider and approve a request for a donation from Aspire Housing (via S Battiste) to the Community Gift Appeal. To note that the event is to be held on the 22nd November at

Kidsgrove Tesco and that councillors are invited to support. The Mayor has been individually invited in her civic capacity.

- f. To review the current grant provision including the residual Covid fund and to resolve to agree any reallocation within the grants and donations budget line.

13. To receive and consider a request from Staffordshire County Council to consider their '20 is plenty for Staffordshire. (Appendix 7)

- a. To consider whether the Council would like to request a presentation and or question and answer session.
- b. To consider the request from Staffordshire County Council to resolve:
"This council would like to inform Staffordshire County council that it supports an approach of default 20 mph speed limits in existing 30 mph areas where people live, work, shop, play or learn subject to appropriate exceptions and where this has community support"
- c. To resolve to delegate any further action in respect of this matter to the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee.

14. To consider and agree a response to the proposed Police and Crime Plan and Fire Rescue Plan 2021-2024. Appendix 8 and following the link:

[Have Your Say - Staffordshire Commissioner \(staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk)

15. Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan Issues and Strategic Options Consultation: To consider the consultation and to agree a Town Council response.

<https://consult.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

16. Planning Applications to be considered: A summary table to be circulated.

17. To receive any feedback from NULBC and Staffordshire County Council and also the Town Council's representatives on other bodies:

Note – These are information items only although questions from members are permitted.

- a. Staffordshire County Council (Cllrs Burnett and J Waring)
- b. NULBC (all Borough Councillors present)
- c. Kidsgrove LAP (Cllr J Waring)
- d. Talke and Butt Lane LAP (Cllr K Robinson)
- e. Town Deal Board (Cllr Stubbs)
- f. SPCA (Cllr S Burgess)
- g. Kidsgrove Rotary (Cllr Dickens)
- h. Royal British Legion (Cllr Dymond)
- i. Go Kidsgrove (Cllr P Waring)
- j. Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Group (Cllr G Burnett)
- k. Talke Mining Memorial Group (Cllr S Dymond)

18. CCIN membership - to receive an update.

19. To receive Mayor and Clerk's reports and correspondence received.

Note – these are information items only.

20. To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Thursday, 13th January 2022.

Matters to be considered with the Press and Public Excluded:

21. Exclusion of press and public: To resolve under 1960 (Admission to meetings) Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

22. To receive a report from the interview panel set up by the staffing committee relating to the appointment of a Facilities Officer and to resolve to approve the recommendation. (Information circulated separately)

23. To receive a progress update on the bar contract.

Town Council Minutes of Meeting

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Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th September 2021, 7:00pm, Meeting held at The Victoria Hall, Kidsgrove.

21-22-FC4-01 Present

Cllrs Cooper (Chair), S Dymond, D Allport, A Cartwright, S Burgess, M Maxfield, H Maxfield, G Burnett, B Owen, K Johnson, M Stubbs, S Bowyer, E Wareham-Jones.

Attending: Sue Davies (Clerk), Elizabeth Norton (Assistant Clerk)

No members of the public present.

21-22-FC4-02 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Owen, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr C Dickens, Cllr P Waring, Cllr J Waring and Cllr L Dillon.

21-22-FC4-03 To note declarations of members interests.

None.

21-22-FC4-04 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

21-22-FC4-05 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 22nd July 2021.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of 22nd July 2021 were approved.

21-22-FC4-06 To receive and note the following draft minutes of Committee Meetings not previously presented to Council:

The following minutes were received by the Council:

- Draft minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee Meeting of the 12th July 2021.

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Appendix 1 Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2021

- Draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 15th July 2021.

Receipt of the following draft minutes to be deferred:

- Staffing Committee of the 5th August 2021.
- Finance and General Purposes Committee of the 2nd September 2021.

21-22-FC4-07 Matters Arising – To receive updates on any matters arising from previous meetings including:

The Clerk informed that a response has been submitted to the Boundary Commission, as part of their consultation, proposing that the constituency be referred to as Stoke-on-Trent North and Kidsgrove Districts.

It was also noted that the letter has gone to NULBC regarding the naming of Newchapel Recreation Ground and now awaiting a response.

21-22-FC4-08 Finances:

a) To receive bank statement and reconciliations dated 31st August 2021.

The bank statements and reconciliations dated 31st August 2021 were received. It was noted the Lloyds Credit Card Statement for August is not yet available to allow the bank reconciliation although a statement summary is included to demonstrate a zero balance at month end.

b) To receive and approve the schedule of payment requiring approval.

Pending payments were approved at the recent F&GP Committee meeting and therefore there were none to approve this evening.

c) To resolve to agree that the Clerk transfer £100,000 from the Barclays Bank to Unity Bank

Resolved: It was approved by a majority show of hands that the Clerk transfer £100,000 from the Barclays Bank to the Unity Bank.

21-22-FC4-09 To resolve, upon recommendation from F&GP Committee, to approve the Risk Assessment dated September 2021.

Resolved: The Council resolved to agree upon recommendation from the F&GP Committee.

21-22-FC4-10 Victoria Hall Issues:

a) To resolve, upon recommendation from the F&GP Committee, to approve lettings and concessions policy dated September 2021.

Resolved: The Council resolved to approve upon recommendation from the F&GP Committee, the lettings and concessions policy dated September 2021.

b) To receive a request from the Clerk to include Community Speed Watch as a partnership organisation to allow her to arrange free hall use for information/training sessions as required.

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Resolved: It was agreed by a majority show of hands to accept the Clerk's request to include Community Speed Watch as a partnership organisation to allow her to arrange free hall use for information/training sessions as required.

21-22-FC4-11 Defibrillators:

To note the theft of the defibrillator from outside of One Sure on Butt Lane and that the defibrillator had been funded by an individual from fund-raising and 'donated' to the community. There seems to be no specific ownership, responsibility, or insurance in place. To consider and resolve to agree that, if the defibrillator isn't returned, that the Town Council replace cabinet and defibrillator and retain ownership.

Resolved: The Council resolved to agree in principle, to fund and install a replacement, and to delegate the task to the Clerk in conjunction with Cllr S Dymond up to a maximum cost of £2000. It was also noted that a possible change of location should be investigated and considered, and the new defibrillator would be covered by the Council insurance.

21-22-FC4-12 Planning Matters

To be deferred to the Planning, Infrastructure & Highways Committee meeting next week, where they can be discussed in further detail.

21-22-FC4-13 To receive any feedback from NULBC and Staffordshire County Council and also the Town Council's representatives on other bodies:

a) Staffordshire County Council (Cllrs Burnett and J Waring)

Cllr Burnett updated in regards Highways work ongoing, and that Kidsgrove is having some of the roads resurfaced. There are ongoing issues with the A50 past the Town Hall which is believed to be the responsibility of Severn Trent Water. It was noted that the pot holes under the railway bridge have now been filled.

b) NULBC (all Borough Councillors present)

Cllr Stubbs updated in regards the air pollution problem at Walleys Quarry that has been affecting large parts of the Kidsgrove parish. As Walleys Quarry have put in an appeal, the issue is moving into a long-term process.

Cllr Burgess updated on complaints received by residents of Kidsgrove and Butt Lane regarding the quality of repair on the roads.

Cllr Burnett informed of complaints being made by residents near the layby on Kidsgrove bank that a nearby property owner is causing a nuisance by burning rubbish late at night. The Borough Council have been informed and they are going to send a letter to the individual.

Cllr Dymond updated regarding complaints of overgrown areas from Townfield Close and Old Butt Lane.

c) Kidsgrove LAP (Cllr J Waring)

As there have been no meetings during Covid, there was nothing to report.

d) Talke and Butt Lane LAP (Cllr K Robinson)

As there have been no meetings during Covid, there was nothing to report.

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e) Town Deal Board (Cllr Stubbs)

Cllr Stubbs provided an update on the meeting held at the Victoria Hall and thanks were expressed to the Clerk for arranging this. The structure is being changed slightly to allow individual projects to be focused on. There were a series of reports Chatterley Valley, Station project and the Shared Service Hub, Canal Planting project and the Sports Centre.

f) SPCA (Cllr S Burgess)

A meeting due to be held was postponed until the 20th September and an update will then be provided at the next meeting.

g) Kidsgrove Rotary (Cllr Dickens)

Cllr Dymond provided an update to say the Bonfire Night celebration will go ahead this year Saturday 6th November 2021.

h) Royal British Legion (Cllr Dymond)

Cllr Dymond advised the poppy appeal had started its preparations and she will be contacting local shops and schools. New to this year, there will be the option to donate via contactless card payment.

i) Go Kidsgrove (Cllr P Waring)

No update.

j) Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Group (Cllr G Burnett)

The roof repair is currently ongoing.

k) Talke Mining Memorial Group (Cllr S Dymond)

Cllr Dymond has spoken with the group who have reported the group have received some materials and tools by donation. The group are currently seeing quotes for the work and will call a meeting once they are available.

21-22-FC4-14 CCIN membership – to receive an update.

Cllr Stubbs advised a meeting was to be held the following day to discuss improving things for its members. He has been successful in the submission of an example of a 'Good Act', and the story of the Kidsgrove Ranger will be published into the reports. A copy, once received, will be sent across to the Full Council.

21-22-FC4-15 To receive Mayor and Clerk's reports and correspondence received.

The 'Local Plan' at NULBC are preparing their consultation, and the Clerk has also received a request to use the Victoria Hall for a public session. The Clerk has agreed this with the Borough, and we will also hope to have a stand alongside for the Neighbourhood Plan group.

Correspondence between the Council and the local MP Mr Gullis was received. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting for her and the Group Leaders, and invite Mr Gullis, so they can discuss about issues raised.

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The Mayor reported the new Veterans breakfast club opened in Kidsgrove last month at the Clough Hall Pub. Next meeting is this Saturday, and the Mayor attended the opening of the Reginald Mitchell Bar suite.

Tri services have been gifted some land in Harriseahead which is going to be turned into a bespoke Veterans rest bite outdoor facility.

21-22-FC4-16 To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Thursday 4th November 2021.

21-22-FC4-17 Matters to be considered with the Press and Public Excluded:

Exclusion of press and public: To resolve under 1960 (admission to meetings) Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Resolved: To move exclude the press and public for the following items:

21-22-FC4-18 To receive a report from the interview panel set up by the staffing committee relating to the appointment of a Facilities Officer and to resolve to approve the recommendation.

Interviews for the role have now completed. The recommendation is that Mr Michael Thompson is offered the post. The council approved by a majority show of hands.

21-22-FC4-19 To receive an update on the bar tender progression and to resolve to delegate agreement of the bar contract to the F&GP Committee. To resolve to approve associated solicitors' costs relating to the contract.

Cllr M Stubbs declared an interest.

Resolved: The Council approved the solicitors' costs relating to the contract by a majority show of hands.

21-22-FC4-20 CCTV: To receive updates on the SLA and to resolve to delegate approval or otherwise of the SLA to the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee. To resolve to delegate approval necessary Wayleave agreements to the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee.

It was proposed to hold an extraordinary Full Council meeting on 14th October to discuss any details and see final arrangements before delegating to Planning, Infrastructure and Highways. This was agreed by a majority show of hands.

Meeting Closed 20:38 pm

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 14th October 2021, 7:00pm, Meeting held at The Victoria Hall, Kidsgrove.

21-22-FC5-01 Present

Cllrs Cooper (Chair), S Dymond, D Allport, A Cartwright, G Burnett, L Dillon, S Burgess, M Maxfield, H Maxfield, G Burnett, B Owen, Cllr J Owen, K Johnson, V Jukes, K Robinson, M Stubbs, S Bowyer, P Waring, J Waring.

Attending: Sue Davies (Clerk); No members of the public present.

21-22-FC5-02 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Dickens, Allport and Burnett.

21-22-FC5-03 To note declarations of members interests.

None.

21-22-FC5-04 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

21-22-FC5-05 To receive a report for Christmas Tree and decoration provision and to resolve to agree the expenditure or otherwise.

The Council considered the report and resolved to agree the following:

a) Conifer opposite the Town Hall

Resolved:

- To authorise the expenditure of the purchase and installation of new lights at a total cost of £3586.00 by CMK Electric.
- To suspend financial regulation 11i to waive the need for three quotes due to the time factor and also that CMK Electric have been the preferred contractor for the

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Kidsgrove lights for several years. Cllr Dymond reminded that they were the only firm to agree to consider the Kidsgrove provision and return a quote at that time.

- To repeat a procurement exercise prior to the 2022 Christmas light provision with a view to establishing a contract.
- To consider alternative options for future years once these lights have come to the end of their life.

b) Electrical Supply provision to the triangle on Moorland Road:

▲ Resolved:

- To authorise expenditure for the work by Midland Power and CMK Electric at a total of £3022.55, subject to approval by the land owner, to provide a safe electrical point at Moorland Road in the location of the weather vane.
- To suspend financial regulation 11i to waive the need for three quotes for the same reasons given in point a.

21-22-FC5-06 **CCTV: To receive an update including agreement of an alteration to the original proposal put to Council.**

The Clerk raised that issues with the SLA raised by the Town Council's solicitor are currently being addressed.

21-22-FC5-07 **To receive a revised meeting schedule containing some committee date alterations.**

The Council approved the revisions. It was noted that the date of Full Council meetings hadn't been altered from the original schedule. It was further noted that it was proving difficult to reschedule the PIH meeting that requires moving from the 25th November 2021 to allow a private, commercial event in the hall to progress.

21-22-FC5-08 **To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Thursday, 4th November 2021.**

21-22-FC5-09 **Matters to be considered with the Press and Public Excluded:**

Exclusion of press and public: To resolve under 1960 (admission to meetings) Act to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Resolved: To move exclude the press and public for the following items:

21-22-FC5-10 **To receive a report regarding the appointment of a facilities officer and to agree any actions.**

The Clerk informed that the role is again vacant and that the staffing committee would review the role.

21-22-FC5-11 **To receive an update on the bar tender progression and to resolve to agree any recommendations from the tender review panel (members of the F&GP Committee)**

The tender panel updated the Council. The Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the panel to award the contract to M Stanier and his partner subject to contract. The Clerk informed that the contract is currently being drawn up.
Meeting Closed 20:10 pm

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Kidsgrove Town Council SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Small grants are defined as being those where money requested under 500 pounds.
The information contained on this form will help us process your application. Guidelines on the Kidsgrove Town Council Small Grants Scheme are available on the Town Council Website or on request from the Clerk to the Council.
We highly recommend that you read the available guidance documentation.

Contact Details

Name of Organisation: THURSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Address of Organisation:
CHAPEL WANE, HARRISBEANHEAD, STOLLINGTON-TRENT
Postcode: ST7 4JN

Name of Applicant: MRS M. COPE

Position: CHAIRPERSON (TRUSTEE)

Telephone Number: 01782 519962

Email address:

Facebook:

Twitter:

About your organisation

Type of organisation: Charitable Organisation / Unregistered Community Group / Club / Society *delete as appropriate
Other (please state): _____
Registered Number: _____
Do you have a constitution or governing document? Yes / No

Appendix 5 – Grant application from Thursfield

How will your project benefit the local community within the Kidsgrove town boundary?

Provides a venue for all residents in the 5 wards of Kidsgrove,

Why is this project needed?

Approximately how many people within the Kidsgrove town boundary will benefit from the project?

All residents and hirers

Project Costs and Finances

How much will your overall project cost? £200

How much are you requesting as a grant from Kidsgrove Town Council? £500

Who else have you approached for funding for this project? If applicable, have the applications been successful?

Appendix 5 – Grant application from Thursfield

When was your organisation founded? 1964
Approximately how many members does your organisation have within the Kidsgrove Town Council Boundary? ALL MEMBERS OF FIVE WARDS OF KIDSGROVE

What does your organisation do?
Provides a venue for clubs, societies, classes, young people's groups, party venue.
Provides a polling station for elections.

Who do you work with? All organisations

- Children under 16 Young people under 25 Older people over 55
People of minority ethnic origin Disabled people Women

Other (please state)

Details of Grant Requested

Title or Brief Description of your Request for Funding?
Supply and installation of 3 hand driers.

Details of the Project, Work or Equipment for which Funding is requested?
Replacement of 3 hand driers which are not very warm or up to an acceptable standard

Appendix 5 – Grant application from Thursfield

Have you previously applied grant funding from Kidsgrove Town Council?

Yes

No

If Yes, when did you apply? 14.07.2019

If you were successful, please briefly tell us about the project which was funded

Redecoration of hall and rooms

Declaration

I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation.

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct.

If the information in the application changes, I will inform Kidsgrove Town Council as soon as possible.

I give permission for Kidsgrove Town Council to record the details of my organisation electronically and contact my organisation by phone, mail or email with information from time to time.

I have read and agree to the Conditions contained within the Council's Community Grants Policy.

Signed:

M. G. C.

Date:

4.10.21

Checklist

Please enclose the following with your application. Applications will only be processed once all this information has been received.

- Quotations or other evidence of cost for any purchases for purchases over 100 pounds.

(Note – Other information may be requested)

Please send your completed application to:-

The Town Clerk
Kidsgrove Town Council
Town Hall
Liverpool Road
Kidsgrove
Stoke-on-Trent
ST7 4EL

Email: townclerk@kidsgrovetowncouncil.gov.uk
Tel: 01782 782254

Please ensure you keep a copy of this application form for your records

NiCELC

DOMESTIC INSTALLER

110 High Street

Newchapel

ST7 4PT

07971887545

Thursfield Community Centre

Harriseahead

September 2021

QUOTE

Supply and install 3 x hand dryers (3@£160 +VAT)

£700.00

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Good afternoon Sue

Once again, the Christmas season is fast approaching and Kidsgrove Rotary will be putting together a few hampers to help some of the isolated pensioners in our community, could I please ask as the Community Officer for Kidsgrove Rotary if the Town Council would support us with help towards this by making a donation to this seasonal project.

Regards Sylvia Dymond

Appendix 7 – SCC – 20 is plenty

Dear council

"20's plenty for Staffordshire" is the Staffordshire branch of the national "20's plenty for us" campaign - see [20's Plenty for Us \(20splenty.org\)](http://20splenty.org). We believe that 20 mph speed limits would greatly reduce road casualties in towns and villages in Staffordshire. Half of all road casualties occur in 30 mph areas and highway authorities across the UK are achieving big reductions in road casualties using just 20 mph speed limits signs in existing 30 mph areas. Lower speed limits also reduce traffic pollution and noise, help keep traffic moving more smoothly, provide a much better environment for the community to walk and cycle and are popular with residents. Using just 20 mph signs is effective in reducing traffic speeds and is much more cost effective than using "20 mph zones". 20 mph zones are legally required to have traffic calming such as "humps" that are not only expensive but also are unpopular with residents.

"20's plenty for Staffordshire's" want Staffordshire county council to formally adopt the principle that 20 mph should be the default speed limit in 30 mph areas where local communities want this.

Over the last 8 years the County Council has been using 20 mph speed limits as part of their approach to road safety. However there are no 20 mph schemes in their current programme. In September 2021 we presented the case for 20 mph to Staffordshire County Council Prosperous Staffordshire overview and scrutiny committee (see webcast at [.Prosperous Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Thursday, 16th September 2021 at 10:00am - Staffordshire County Webcasting \(public-i.tv\)](#)) and asked them to include, in their current work programme, a scrutiny of a 20 mph approach for Staffordshire. The committee declined to do this but did agree to consider reviewing the issue in future.

Earlier this year "20's plenty for Staffordshire" contacted a sample of parish and town councils across the county and have had positive interest in 20 mph speed limits from a number of them. We are now contacting all parish councils across Staffordshire because we think the county council needs to be made more aware of local community concerns about traffic speeds.

Here is a short video about the benefits of 20 mph limits - [20mphparishes presentation on Vimeo](#) - and I also attach a briefing note and slide presentation.

"20's plenty for Staffordshire would like your council to consider the issue of 20 mph limits at a future meeting and to pass a motion of support in principle, on the following lines, and submit it to your local county councillor and the cabinet member for highways, Councillor David Williams.

"This council would like to inform Staffordshire County council that it supports an approach of default 20 mph speed limits in existing 30 mph areas where people live, work, shop, play or learn subject to appropriate exceptions and where this has community support"

If you would like further information or a presentation plus a questions and answer session then please ring me on 01782 616243 or email barr48@btopenworld.com.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Thank you. Mike Barr

Appendix 8

Dear Stakeholder

As you are a key partner I would personally like to invite you to take part in a consultation to provide feedback on the key priorities in my proposed Police and Crime Plan, and Fire & Rescue Plan 2021-2024.

The plans set out my priorities for the next three years. How effectively the services perform against these plan priorities is a key part of how I hold the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to account on behalf of the public.

The plans highlight how important it is for Staffordshire Police and Fire & Rescue to work with health, councils, the wider criminal justice system and community groups to keep us safe while supporting victims.

Fundamentally, these plans should result in fewer victims of crime and anti-social behaviour, fewer casualties on our roads, and fewer people who suffer due to fire or the actions of others.

The services can't deal with these issues on their own. These plans emphasise the importance of strong relationships with partner organisations in delivering real, joined-up working across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

My challenge, and the challenge for the services, is to get the balance right between addressing the issues that make people feel less safe, day in, day out, with tackling the serious problems which most people will thankfully never experience, but cause significant harm.

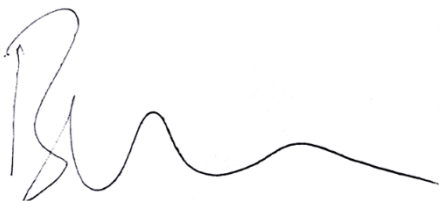
Have I got the balance right? Do these plans reflect your priorities, and the concerns of your community? Your views matter to me, and I want to hear from as many of you as possible.'

The consultation is available to complete online until 23 November.

Please visit [Have Your Say - Staffordshire Commissioner \(staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk\)](https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk) to share your views with the Commissioner, and see the full draft Police and Crime Plan, and Fire and Rescue Plan 2021-2024.

All responses will be collated anonymously and used to inform the plans' priorities.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. ...', written in a cursive style.