

# Town Council

## Minutes of Meeting

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7:00pm, Meeting held at The Victoria Hall, Kidsgrove.

#### 21-22-FC7-01 Present

Cllrs A Cooper (Chair), K Robinson, S Dymond, A Cartwright, C Dickens, H Maxfield, J Owen, B Owen, J Waring.

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

No members of the public present.

#### 21-22-FC7-02 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Waring, M Stubbs, D Allport, M Maxfield, V Jukes, G Burnett and S Burgess.

The Mayor noted that resignations had been received from Cllr S Bowyer and E Wareham-Jones since the last meeting.

#### 21-22-FC7-03 To note declarations of members interests.

None.

#### 21-22-FC7-04 Public Participation

No members of the public present.

#### 21-22-FC7-05 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved.

#### 21-22-FC7-06 To receive and note the following draft minutes of Committee Meetings not previously presented to Council:

The following minutes were received by the Council:

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- Draft minutes of the Events and Community Committee meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.
- Draft minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Highways Committee meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- Approved minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- Draft minutes of the Environment and Allotments Committee meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. Cllr H Maxfield noted that she had been unable to attend due to a meeting with the

**Receipt of the following draft minutes to be deferred.**

- Draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

**21-22-FC7-07 Matters Arising – To receive updates on any matters arising from previous meetings:**

None raised.

**21-22-FC7-08 Finances:**

**a) To receive and approve the schedule of payments requiring approval.**

The schedule of payments, both retrospective and those due for payment, were received and approved by the Council, including the payment of a £250 grant to the Pink Sisters Charity which is currently being processed. (appendix 1)

**b) To receive and approve the Q3 budget report including resolving to agree any budget changes/virements.**

The Council received the Q3 budget report and with provision of the date being added to the headings of the front sheet, approved the following virements:

- To vire £500 from 4021 (members training) to 4011 (ICT software and support.)
- To move £3000 from General Reserves and vire £3000 from 4093 (External Contractor Security) to 4090 (Victoria Hall – Repairs/Maintenance)

**21-22-FC7-09 Budget and Precept for 2022-2023:**

**a) To consider the recommendation from F&GP and to resolve to approve (subject to any agreed changes) the budget for the 2022 to 2023 financial year.**

The Clerk presented the draft budget as recommended by the F&GP Committee. The Council resolved to approve the budget as recommended.

**b) To consider and resolve to approve the precept requirement for 2022-2023.**

The Council resolved to approve a precept request of £233,283 which results in no change to the band D rate for the Kidsgrove element of Council Tax.

**21-22-FC7-10 Grants and donations: To receive an update from the F&GP Committee on the recent application received from the Kidsgrove Sports Centre and to outline the next steps.**

Cllr Cooper provided an update and details on the grant application received from Kidsgrove Sports Centre Group. Further details have been requested from the group applying for the

grant and a meeting has been arranged with the trustees of the Kidsgrove Sports Centre, and the F & GP Committee to discuss this further on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Following this, a further F&GP meeting will take place to then present to full council recommendations.

Cllr K Robinson expressed support and gave thanks to F&GP Committee for giving the time and consideration to this application.

**21-22-FC7-11 Victoria Hall Matters:**

**a) To consider work needed and agree action around emergency lighting in the Victoria Hall.**

Council received a report from the Clerk regarding the annual testing of the emergency lighting that had recently taken place by a local electrical firm who have proved reliable in previous work for the council. It has been found that some of the lighting needs replacing to meet the standard required. A quote has been received from this firm at a cost of £1797. It was resolved to waive the financial regulations to obtain 3 quotes due to the urgency of the work due to health and safety regulatory issues and to progress the work with the contactor.

**b) To consider issues around LOLER testing and repairs needed to an inertia reel and electric cable in the roof space and to agree any actions.**

The Clerk provided details in relation to the LOLER testing, and potentially a malfunction with an inertia reel/electrical cable above one of the lighting units in the main hall roofing cavity. Discussions were had and it was agreed to take the matter to the next F&GP Committee Meeting. The Clerk was asked to try and ascertain that the reel is definitely the cause of the malfunction.

**21-22-FC7-12 Crown Bank Allotment Fencing:**

The Assistant Clerk provided an update in relation to the quotations ongoing for fencing at Crown Bank Allotments. Quotations received so far have not exceeded the budget provision of £20,000.

The council resolved to delegate the consideration of quotes and authorisation of the expenditure to the Environment and Allotment Committee on the proviso that the budget isn't exceeded.

**21-22-FC7-13 Planning Applications to be considered:**

Discussions were had regarding a planning application for 5x 3 storey dwellings on Whitehill Road. Cllr J Waring has raised concern with the space and requested a response to be sent on behalf of Kidsgrove Town Council. Cllr Robinson offered support for this.

Discussions were also had regarding an enforcement appeal from the owner of a site on the corner of West Avenue and Linley Road. Cllr Robinson provided details of the situation that the condition set by the Planning Authority had not been kept, which was to install large trees as a form of screening light pollution from the site, and to keep in the residential nature of the area. Cllr Robinson advised he has put an objection in and requested Kidsgrove Town Council take a formal position on the matter.

It was noted the Clerk would carry the comments made, along with the other planning applications received to the Planning, Infrastructure & Highways Committee.

**To receive any feedback from NULBC and Staffordshire County Council and also the Town Council’s representatives on other bodies:**

**a) Staffordshire County Council –**

Cllr J Waring updated regarding Second Avenue, Hardingswood and informed that the report came back and was presented to the residents. There will be a meeting arranged regarding the recommendations.

The roundabout on the A34 has seem some progress with the overgrown trees being cut back. The regular work on gulleys has been ongoing.

Cllr Waring also advised on a Euro grant that is available to apply for online from the Staffordshire County Council for up to £750 in order to make Staffordshire sustainable, ie waste recycling, improving nature and the environment.

**b) NULBC –**

Cllr Dymond reported there is plenty of work on Potholes currently being undertaken.

The ranger has been actively clearing fly tipping that has been reported.

Cllr Dymond also raised concern on the gulleys around Talke and Butt Lane and is pursuing this the County Council.

Cllr Robinson updated in regards the planning issues as discussed on the previous agenda item. He has also received a lot of requests off residents looking to move into bungalows.

**c) Kidsgrove LAP –**

Cllr J Waring advised that the Kidsgrove LAP have not yet met since restrictions have eased revolving the pandemic. Zoom meetings have unfortunately been unsuccessful. The group are looking to arrange a meeting face to face as soon as possible.

**d) Talke and Butt Lane LAP**

Cllr Robinson reported the group had had a meeting just before Christmas with a mental health speaker, who is wanting to do return to do more with them. They are looking to arrange another meeting as soon as possible.

**e) Town Deal Board –**

No representees present to provide an update.

**f) SPCA –**

No representees present to provide an update.

**g) Kidsgrove Rotary –**

Cllr Dickens updated that over £10,000 was raised from the Santa Runs at Christmas. With the additional £16,000 raised on Bonfire Night, there will be a cheque and presentation night in February where half the money will be donated and the other half to fund the rotary projects going forward. Cllr Dickens also updated on 3 new projects. One is a food hub at the Labour club, where Tesco will be donating their non-used perishable food that need to be used the next day. Secondly, there has also been a large

amount of medical aid been donated such as walking aids, hoists etc, that will be available free of charge to those in need. Thirdly, one day a week at the food hub there will a soup kitchen.

**h) Royal British Legion –**

Cllr Dymond reported on a successful Remembrance Day and thanked all the volunteers. It has been requested that an all year-round Poppy Box can be available to continue to raise money over the year.

**i) Go Kidsgrove**

Cllr J Waring provided an update on behalf of Cllr P Waring. The group will be producing a calendar where the images will be obtained via an art competition through the schools, of paintings of Kidsgrove. There are plans to do a Valentines Window Competition and an Easter Lamb Trail. The group are also starting to work on plans for Christmas 2022.

**j) Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Group –**

No representees present to provide an update.

**k) Talke Mining Memorial Group –**

Cllr Dymond updated the quote for the work had now been received and passed to Cllr Stubbs to progress the grant application.

**21-22-FC7-15 CCIN Membership – to receive an update.**

No feedback provided.

**21-22-FC7-16 To receive Mayor and Clerk’s reports and correspondence received.**

The Clerk updated on the ‘20 is Plenty’ scheme. Staffordshire County Council are now able to provide the presentation. It was discussed and agreed it would be beneficial to be available to all Councillors, and to request an in-person presentation.

The Clerk advised of correspondence received via Cllr Robinson, where a resident is looking to set up a ‘Repair Café’ scheme. People will be able to bring item in for repair or restore, rather than items being thrown away. It was agreed the scheme fits well with the Council’s pledge of sustainability and would provide an opportunity for those who feel isolated to reach out and connect with others. It was agreed any further dealings with the project would go under the Environment and Allotment Committee.

The mayor provided an update of events recently attended including the Christmas Market ad Light Switch On event at the Town Hall, as well as the Rotary Santa Run. All the festive events were well attended, and a successful amount of donations were made to support the Mayor’s Charities. Other events attended included the Biddulph Male Voice Choir and the Veterans dinner evening. The mayor mentioned that Tri Services who are opening the veteran retreat at Harriseahead, are looking for volunteers this coming weekend. The mayor will also be attending the Rotary presentation evening in February.

The mayor closed the meeting with well wishes for Cllr Wareham Jones and Cllr Bowyer after their resignations as councillors.

**21-22-FC7-17 To agree the date and time of the next meeting: Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.  
Meeting Closed 20:10pm**

15/01/2022

14:36

**Kidsgrove Town Council 2021/22**

Invoices totalling £0.00 or more  
for the period 31/12/2021 to 15/01/2022

<u>Ledger</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>A/c Code</u>	<u>Customer Name</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Vat Amnt</u>	<u>Invoice Total</u>
1	9	31/12/2021	07/01/2022		512041340	ZUR01	Zurich Municipal	3481.23	0	3,481.23
1	9	31/12/2021	14/01/2022		101947554	RIC0H01	Ricoh	93.41	18.68	112.09
1	9	31/12/2021	31/12/2021		N202504825	NBC01	Newcastle Borough Council	9500	1900	11,400.00
1	9	31/12/2021	31/01/2022		KLE-1086	CLS01	Kleenscape The Specialists	356.5	71.3	427.80
1	10	31/12/2021	07/12/2021		2345	NETWISE01	Netwise uk.com	300	60	360.00
1	9	31/12/2021	31/01/2022		401738	FORDMAIN	Ford Mainwaring Ltd	112	22.4	134.40
1	9	31/12/2021	31/01/2022		401754	FORDMAIN	Ford Mainwaring Ltd	336.13	67.23	403.36
1	10	01/01/2022	31/01/2022		INV-07416	SPSLTD	Shires Pay Services Ltd	35	7	42.00
1	10	01/01/2022	01/02/2022		15486	MIC01	Microshade Business Consultants	256.5	51.3	307.80
1	10	05/01/2022	21/01/2022		16836	WATER01	Waterman Environmental Services	315	63	378.00
1	10	15/01/2022	31/01/2022		73993	V2V01	Voice 2 Voice	10.5	2.1	12.60

15/01/2022		<b>Kidsgrove Town Council 2021/22</b>		
14:40		Cashbook transactions totalling £6,000.00 or more for the period 30/11/2021 to 31/01/2022		
<b><u>Payments</u></b>				
<u>Cb No</u>	<u>Bank Account Name</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payment Ref</u> <u>Payee Name</u> <u>Amount</u>
4	Unity Current Account T2	8	30/11/2021	PAYROLL   Payroll November   6,924.48
4	Unity Current Account T2	9	31/12/2021	CB78   Payroll December   7,700.97

payment of a £250 grant to the Pink Sisters Charity