



TO ALL ELECTORS OF **BURNWOOD**
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
AND PARTICIPATE IN THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AT
BURNWOOD MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
RUGELEY ROAD
BURNWOOD, WS7 9BE
ON
TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021 AT 6.00 P.M.

THE TOWN MEETING MAY DISCUSS ALL TOWN
MATTERS AND PASS RESOLUTIONS ON THEM

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 13 May 2020 [ENCLOSURE NO. 1]
2. Chairman's Report [ENCLOSURE NO. 2]
3. Financial Statement/Precept [ENCLOSURE NO. 3]
4. **Public Participation and Resolutions to be decided by the meeting**
To receive questions and comments from registered electors within the Burntwood Town Council boundaries on any matter which affects the Town. (Note: So that the Members at the meeting can be properly briefed in order to enable them to provide a considered response to your question, please advise the Town Clerk of the question(s) you wish to ask the Council at least three working days before the meeting).

Councillor D Evans
Chairman of the Council

18 May 2021

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2020 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Evans [in the Chair]
G Hunt, Town Clerk
Ms J Minor, Deputy Clerk

15 Town Councillors
2 Members of the public

Councillor Evans welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Norman, seconded by Councillor Woodward and

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 15 May 2019 were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Evans made the following statement:

"This year as Chairman has been rewarding, but very different to what I envisaged when I was elected to the role. The commencement was excellent and I was visiting many organisations in Burntwood, both in the voluntary and paid sector, who have been doing a sterling job to provide opportunities for the community to participate in. It is very humbling to realise how many people devote a considerable amount of time on a voluntary basis, to help others and I would like to thank them most sincerely.

My charity was in aid of dementia as the Council is working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Town. We know there are numerous sufferers of this awful disease around us and often the carers also have a very difficult time attending to them. I arranged a number of fund raising events and one had taken place already in conjunction with St Anne's Church, for which I was very grateful. Unfortunately, then came the awful Pandemic which we are sadly still experiencing and so other ventures have had to be put on hold.

However, I was lucky enough between last May and March this year, to be invited to attend many groups, care homes and civic functions on behalf of the Council. This allowed me to observe the wide variety of facilities that are available for people of all ages to be involved with if they wish.

As this council year comes to an end in very difficult circumstances for all of us, I am reporting in my capacity as Chairman to let you know what the council has achieved during the past

year. Last May, after the elections, the Labour Group took control of the Council and from the start we declared we were going to make it much more inclusive for the public to be involved and also to ensure that we would make our great town a Better Burntwood. Over the year, the whole council has worked hard to achieve this and our Full Town Council meetings have been held at various locations across the town. We have also expanded the time that the public can speak during the meetings, so that they feel more involved in the activities of the Council for their benefit. By notifying the Town Clerk of their question a few days before the meeting, it allows their question to be adequately answered. We have also reorganised the committee structure, which is now much more successful and we will continue to improve as time goes on.

Finally I would like to thank my Vice Chair, Councillor Rob Birch for all the support he has given me over the year, my fellow Councillors, especially the Leader, Councillor Sue Woodward and the staff at Burntwood Town Council for all their help. I am indebted to you all."

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis, seconded by Councillor Woodward and

RESOLVED That the Summary Budget for 2020-21 as circulated, was received and noted.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Evans informed Members that there had been no notifications received/questions raised from registered electors within the Town Council boundaries on any matter which affects the Town.

[The Meeting closed at 6.02 pm]

Signed

Date

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As this council year comes to a close, it is time for me to reflect on the achievements in Burntwood over the past difficult year, as the Pandemic has taken hold and caused all of us to adjust our lives accordingly. For me and I am sure for many others across Burntwood, the most positive action we have witnessed is an amazing upsurge in the community spirit in our town. So many volunteers and groups have pulled together to ensure there is help, support and advice for anybody who requires it. For all who have contributed towards a more united, helpful and clean Burntwood and have given generously of their time during the past year and are continuing to do so, I give my sincere thanks.

The past year has been particularly harrowing for us in Burntwood in many respects and as Chairman I want to thank you for the way the majority of you have conducted yourselves in these unprecedented times. Nobody could have envisaged the difficulties that were to lie ahead for all of us.

Unfortunately once again I was unable to raise contributions for my charity in aid of dementia, particularly as the council is continuing to work towards a Dementia Friendly Town. Dementia is a dreadful disease that is causing problems for many families in the area, so the council considers it to be vitally important to assist the sufferers and their carers by making Burntwood easier to access for shopping etc. We hope that during the next few months we will have the opportunity to do this.

The work of the Town Council has continued despite the difficulties and regular meetings are held virtually via Zoom, which have been open to the public and time is set aside if anyone wishes to ask questions as long as prior notice is given, in order to prepare a suitable answer. This pledge was made when the Labour Group took control in 2019. Councillors are committed to working together towards making this great town into a Better Burntwood. This is why we are grateful that the numerous volunteer groups are working with us to achieve this aim. Consequently we hope that eventually we may come together to assist in delivering some of the community activities enjoyed by so many in the not too distant future. To this end we are willing to listen to what the public think we should be achieving, that is within our remit as a town council. We hope that the approved Neighbourhood Plan will bring a positive result for Burntwood, which will enable us to acquire more funding for the community as well as other advantages.

Finally once again I would like to thank my Vice Chair, Councillor Rob Birch for all his support, all my fellow Councillors, especially the Leader of the Council, Councillor Sue Woodward and the staff at Burntwood Town Council for all their help. I am indebted to you all.

In the meantime please remember Hands, Face and Fresh Air and Keep Safe.

Together we will build a Better Burntwood.

Councillor Di Evans
Chairman
Burntwood Town Council

BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL 2020/21 BUDGET SUMMARY

(Provisional 18/5/21, subject to audit)

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET 2020/21	ACTUAL 2020/21	BUDGET 2021/22
OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE	59,505	55,253	61,307
MEMBERS' TRAVEL COSTS	50	0	50
BTC SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	185,690	155,755	156,830
STREET LIGHTING	2,646	934	2,646
BUS SHELTERS	7,215	4,221	4,120
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREES	2,500	2,684	2,500
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	15,291	0	20,000
TRAFFIC ISLANDS	8,232	7,602	8,232
HANGING BASKETS & PLANTERS	1,600	351	1,600
FLAGPOLE	110	0	110
COULTER LANE BURIAL GROUND	3,330	887	3,330
TOWN STRATEGY	25,750	0	20,984
EVENTS	5,000	607	26,000
COMMUNITY PROJECTS, GRANT AID, BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND AND STEPHEN SUTTON BURSARY	29,000	12,924	29,000
EXTERNAL GRANTS EXPENDITURE	5,000	5,000	0
SCAMP	545	0	545
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	2,500	0	2,500
CIVIC EXPENSES	700	93	700
ELECTION EXPENSES	10,000	23,028	10,000
BURNTWOOD CEMETERY	25,091	19,571	25,183
CHURCH STREET CAR PARK	50	35	50
OMCC REFURBISHMENT	40,000	14,138	35,233
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	429,805	303,083	410,920

INCOME			
PRECEPT	349,016	349,016	344,734
INTEREST	3,300	3,781	3,250
CIL MONEY	0	14,694	0
OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE	36,581	36,301	27,478
SPONSORSHIP OF TRAFFIC ISLANDS	8,158	7,432	8,158
BUS SHELTER - INSURANCE CLAIM	3,095	3,095	0
EXTERNAL GRANTS RECEIVED	5,000	5,500	0
CIVIC FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS	0	45	0
BURNTWOOD CEMETERY	27,300	34,530	27,300
TOTAL INCOME	432,450	454,394	410,920

SUMMARY			
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENDITURE	2,645	151,311	0