

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE HALL, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, 123 CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor D Ennis [in the Chair]

Councillors L Ennis, Evans, Kirkham, M Place, R Place, Tapper and Woodward

In attendance

S Lightfoot, Town Clerk

Two members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Westwood.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

49. MINUTES

With reference to Minute No. 39, it was suggested that a direct approach be made by the Town Clerk to Hammerwich Parish Council's Chair regarding working together, particularly on events such as the Wakes and to arrange to reinstate regular partnership meetings.

Councillor Woodward reported that the Dementia Friendly Community Exhibition "Through my eyes" was launched at the Library today [23 February] and would encourage all members to visit. It was noted that 913 knitted Forget-me-nots had been created and are available through BTC's office for a small donation. Councillor Woodward also would like to offer thanks to Susan Williams of Friends of Burntwood Library for her help and support.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 27 January 2022 [Minute Nos. 32-46] be approved as a correct record.

50. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information from the Minutes.

51. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members noted the following:

- The Exhibition – Dementia Friendly Burntwood – Through my eyes is live at the Library for 6 weeks and will tour the town in the coming months.
- Mercian Labels are hosting a reception at their premises for the Earl of Shrewsbury to mark the recent tree planting in celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, on 11 March. Members are welcome.
- International Women's Day 8 March. It is hoped that BTC will be able to mark this occasion. Councillor M Place will work with the Town Clerk to make arrangements.

52. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TOWN – APPOINTMENT OF EXPERIENCED ADVISOR

Councillor Evans has worked hard to promote and organise the local community over the last 2 years to become more dementia aware and friendly. The Town Council is seeking recognition of working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Community.

The Town Clerk offered a verbal report on the work done so far by the local Group, and steps that are being taken at this time, and plans for the future.

It was recommended by the Town Clerk to hire on a freelance temporary basis, the services of an expert professional to guide the Town Clerk, and Councillor Evans (as leader of the Dementia Group) and has identified a suitable individual.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Woodward and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the Committee approve the arrangement that the Town Clerk has made to hire the expert professional and to continue to work towards recognition.

53. BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND

The Town Clerk had received an application for a £500 grant towards the purchase of a defibrillator unit from Burntwood and Cannock Chase Community First Responders.

It was noted that the funds applied for would not cover the cost or purchase, installation or maintenance of the unit.

The Town Council has a plan to roll out more defib units to add to the over a dozen already in place and supported by Councillor D Ennis, who has raised many thousands of pounds for defib initiatives (including running a London Marathon and arranged for a significant donation to B&CCCFR to fund a vehicle). Councillor D Ennis reported that 4 more units are planned for this year. The Town Council have a budget to maintain defib units in place. Councillor R Place suggested looking at further increasing that budget to better support more defib units. Councillor R Place also commended Councillor D Ennis on his efforts and suggested that we engage with groups to determine suitable locations for more defib units.

It was proposed by Councillor D Ennis and seconded by Councillor Woodward and following a unanimous show of hands it was

RESOLVED That the application be declined on this occasion and to work together with this group to increase and improve the provision of defib units.

54. BURNTWOOD WAKES PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION EVENT 2022

Councillor D Ennis reported that event planning is well underway, and a working group is established that meets at noon on Fridays. All members are welcome to join. The meeting is a hybrid meeting via Zoom – members can get details from the Town Clerk.

There was a discussion about producing a Platinum Jubilee Calendar to promote all the events that are likely to be taking place in the town, and also how best to market the events.

A detailed report will be coming forward with detailed arrangements shortly.

55. INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Woodward noted that there will be several more Dementia Friendly events in the pipeline soon, including a memory walk, a Dementia Friendly film night, story-telling and awareness events. Dementia Awareness Week is in May.

It was also noted that the Great British Spring Clean event is in April, and the Town Council would be supporting and working with Burntwood Litter Heroes.

[The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm]

Signed

Date