

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE
HELD AT BURNTWOOD LIBRARY, BRIDGE CROSS ROAD, BURNTWOOD ON
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 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

PUBLIC FORUM

No questions were raised by members of the public.

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Gittings.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None declared.

67. MINUTES

It was noted that Minute No. 60 - Community Engagement [page 21, paragraph 5] should read that the Earl of Shrewsbury was unable to attend the tree planting events but did make a private visit at a later date.

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Community and Partnerships Committee held on 22 March 2022 [Minute Nos. 56-64] be approved as a correct record.

68. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

There was no information arising from the minutes.

69. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Members were informed that Councillor D Ennis and the Town Clerk had visited Burntwood Memorial Community Association [BMCA] to explore ways in which the Town Council could best support them in this time of rising costs. Councillor Ennis had supplied some information that would help fund the capital costs for the installation of solar panels which would help their electricity bill. It was also suggested that they consider applying to the Town Council for a grant to cover the labour costs.

It was recognised that BMCA provide a valuable service for the Town.

Councillor D Ennis updated the Committee on work he has been doing to maintain the town's open access defibrillators. Councillor Woodward paid tribute to Councillor Ennis and Councillor Taylor for all the work they have put in to raise awareness of the defibrillator units and to check that they are constantly serviceable.

Councillor Woodward reminded Members to watch the recently released film highlighting the work the Town Council does particularly with Burntwood Be a Friend [BBAF], made by the Co-operative Council Innovation Network. The Town Clerk will circulate an easy-to-follow link.

Councillor Woodward update the Committee regarding BBAF.

- A new co-ordinator is now in post from 19 April 2022.
- A successful lottery grant ensures the Community Shop can continue.
- The shop is going to register as a Community Interest Company
- BBAF will incorporate as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Councillor Kirkham informed the Committee about her work on the Independent Police Advisory Group [IPAG]. This is a volunteer role to help the Police build insights into the needs, wants and assets of groups who are underrepresented in their normal decision-making process. Councillor Kirkham is looking for a local person who would be interested in joining the IPAG.

Councillor M Place advised that Betterway Substance Misuse Services are interesting in providing peer to peer self-help services in Burntwood and are looking for a venue for a few hours x 3 days a week.

Members were informed that Councillor Woodward and Councillor D Ennis had met with representatives of Hammerwich Parish Council and discussed the possibility of working in partnership to deliver a Play in the Park event in Coppy Nook Park. Councillors exchanged information about Jubilee events in both areas.

70. BURNTWOOD WAKES PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION EVENT 2022

It was reported that the planning for the Jubilee Wakes Festival was well advanced and on track. The working group continues to meet every Friday. Committee Members are welcome to attend.

71. MARKETS

Councillor D Ennis reported that the Market in April had been well received. The main negative comment was from people claiming they did not know it was on. It was noted that although it is difficult to get information out in the Town, and staff and Councillors worked hard to let people know, this is a legitimate comment, and it was agreed that we should try other methods of getting the message across.

To this end, Councillor Ennis proposed the production and distribution of a leaflet to be delivered to 13,000 households in the Town, and another 2,000 copies that can be handed out at events. Councillor Ennis had asked a graphic designer to draft a leaflet, explored printing and distribution cost. The leaflet contains information on the Markets, the Jubilee Wakes Festival, other events and contains a calendar.

The Committee agreed that time was critical. Councillor Ennis stated that distribution would take place in early May before the next market and well in advance on the Jubilee Wakes Festival.

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

RESOLVED That the Town Clerk order the print, and the distribution at a cost of £800.

72. BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND – BURNTWOOD COMMUNITY SEED SHARE

Members were informed that a small community group had applied to the Town Council for a small grant from the Better Burntwood Fund for people to engage in gardening.

It was proposed by Councillor Woodward and seconded by Councillor Evans and

RESOLVED That a grant of £250 be made to Community Seed Share.

73. BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND – BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Members were informed that BCMA had applied to the Better Burntwood Fund for a contribution of £500 towards the cost of three replacement doors. The remainder of the funding would come from a grant from Screwfix and their own funds.

It was proposed by Councillor Kirkham and seconded by Councillor Tapper and

RESOLVED That a grant of £500 be made to BMCA.

74. INFORMATION OR ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None reported.

[The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm]

Signed

Date