



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
WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022 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 25 May 2021** [ENCLOSURE NO. 1]
2. **Chair'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
Chair of the Council

04 May 2022

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
HELD AT BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, RUGELEY ROAD, BURNTWOOD ON
TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

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

18 Town Councillors
2 County Councillors
3 Members of the public
Reverend R Westwood

Councillor Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the virtual Annual Town Meeting held on 13 May 2020 {Minute Nos. 1-4} were taken as read and approved as a correct record.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Councillor Evans made the following statement:

"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.”

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT/PRECEPT

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 6.05 pm]

Signed

Date

CHAIR'S REPORT

During the past year, my time as Chair has been very mixed due to the Pandemic, although I have been able to conduct some functions. However, we are now hopefully moving more towards the normality we knew before this awful problem struck. With this in mind, the council is now going forward to ensuring we become a Dementia Friendly Community where people with dementia and their carers can know that people recognise the correct way to treat and look after sufferers and respect them.

So far a sensory garden will soon be commenced at the Old Mining College, in conjunction with MHA and this can also be used by others seeking a quiet sanctuary if they wish. An exhibition produced by sufferers of dementia has been held in the library and the plans are to move it to different venues around the town to aid understanding. We have also had hundreds of forget-me-nots, the flower of dementia, produced by members of the community in many different formats, but particularly in knitting and crochet. Forget-me-nots plants and seeds have also been given away.

In January we welcomed a new Chief Officer, Mr Steve Lightfoot and he is working hard to make sure our vision for Burntwood can move ahead to improve the quality of life for residents. Some of the planned functions such as the Picnic in the Park and the Christmas Event had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather, but this year we are looking towards a great event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, where a large variety of exciting things are planned. The Play in the Parks, enjoyed by so many during the school holidays are once again being organised after a break due to covid. We have listened to requests from the community and the monthly markets are now up and running and are proving to be very successful.

Despite all the difficulties we have encountered we have continued to work towards a Better Burntwood to improve the town, but this has only been possible with the tremendous support we have had from community groups and voluntary organisations. This has enforced and demonstrated the amazing community attitude that exists here and for all those who have given up their time to help others in numerous ways, my sincere thanks go to them. It is important that we continue to link up with these groups as together we can achieve improvements. Please be assured that if anybody has any ideas or concerns Burntwood Town Council is willing to listen and this can be done by contacting us at the Old Mining College or by attending any meeting of the council.

Once again I am indebted to a number of people for their help and support over the past year. Firstly to the Vice Chair Councillor Rob Birch, my fellow Councillors, especially the Leader Councillor Sue Woodward and all the staff at Burntwood Town Council. I am proud to be a resident of Burntwood as the generosity of spirit is so evident.

Councillor Di Evans
Chair
Burntwood Town Council

BURNTWOOD TOWN COUNCIL 2021/22 BUDGET SUMMARY

(Provisional, subject to audit)

EXPENDITURE	BUDGET 2021/22 (Approved July 2021)	ACTUAL 2021/22	BUDGET 2022/23
OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE	66,489	62,767	76,413
MEMBERS' TRAVEL COSTS	50	0	50
BTC SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	159,173	158,496	174,272
STREET LIGHTING	2,646	1,676	2,751
BUS SHELTERS	4,120	0	3,000
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TREES	2,500	3,123	2,600
PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	14,000	0	20,000
TRAFFIC ISLANDS	8,232	8,228	8,561
HANGING BASKETS & PLANTERS	1,600	419	600
FLAGPOLE	110	30	114
COULTER LANE BURIAL GROUND	3,330	2,232	3,463
TOWN STRATEGY	20,984	0	22,240
EVENTS	26,000	11,655	27,040
BETTER BURNTWOOD FUND	27,000	9,052	27,000
COMMUNITY PROJECTS INCL. REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS	2,000	9,970	7,080
SCAMP	545	0	567
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	2,500	303	0
CIVIC EXPENSES	700	12	700
ELECTION EXPENSES	10,000	0	10,000
BURNTWOOD CEMETERY	26,353	23,215	31,084
CHURCH STREET CAR PARK	50	25	0
OMCC REFURBISHMENT	35,233	47,749	36,642
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	413,615	338,952	454,179

INCOME			
PRECEPT	344,734	344,734	358,523
INTEREST	3,250	3,249	3,250
CIL MONEY	0	22,363	0
OLD MINING COLLEGE CENTRE	35,331	46,625	60,514
SUNDRY	0	7	0
SPONSORSHIP OF TRAFFIC ISLANDS	3,000	4,742	3,500
EVENTS	0	5,325	0
EXTERNAL GRANTS RECEIVED	0	1,200	0
CIVIC FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS	0	386	0
BURNTWOOD CEMETERY	27,300	30,822	28,392
TOTAL INCOME	413,615	459,453	454,179

SUMMARY			
EXCESS INCOME / EXPENDITURE	0	120,501	0