

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Bolsover Town Council
Held at 6.45pm on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at Bainbridge Hall, Carr Vale
Road, Bolsover S44 6JD

Present

P	Cllr. D. Adams	P	Cllr. C. Jeffery (Chair)
P	Cllr. A. Clarke	P	Cllr. R. Reed
P	Cllr. R. Clarke	P	Cllr. J.M. Rushby
A	Cllr. M. Cresswell	P	Cllr. A. Taylor
P	Cllr. P. Goodwin	P	Cllr. R. Tooth (Vice Chair)
P	Cllr. D. Hales	P	Cllr. J. Woodhead

In attendance: Charlotte Taylor - Town Clerk
County Councillor – Joan Dixon, Derbyshire County Council (DCC)
Representative from Bolsover Boots on the Ground, Chesterfield
Football Community Trust
Jo Taylor – Events Co-ordinator
18 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cresswell.

2. To consider a Variation of Order of Business

There was a request for a variation of order of business to deal with agenda item 19 following agenda item 4 due to a representative from Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust being in attendance, to provide an update on Bolsover Boots on the Ground.

3. Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Woodhead declared an interest in agenda item 14(b).

4. Public Speaking

Matters raised:

- A group of residents raised concerns about a planning application for a change of use and extensions to a property on Elm Close. They reported issues with the assisted living property that is already on the close and requested that the Town Council support their objections to the application – it was confirmed that the item is on the agenda for this evening’s meeting, and that the application has already been called into the planning committee.
- A resident queried what calling a planning application means and what more residents and the Town Council can do to object to applications – advice was offered, including support from Councillors when residents attend planning committee.
- Thanks were offered to everyone for the Christmas market, along with the offer of support for any future events.
- Request for an update on the plans for a community building at Moor Lane – it was confirmed that the Council are continuing to look at options and affordability of the project.
- Request for the Town Council to consider actions to ensure Thomas College House and its vital services are not lost – Cllr Joan Dixon responded to advise that the County Council plan to sell this as a going concern, along with anticipated timelines.

19. Review of Bolsover Boots on the Ground

Council received an update report from Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust on Bolsover Boots on the Ground.

The scheme has been operating since April 2024 on Thursday evenings.

- 1,127 young people have been engaged with – averaging 32.2 young people per shift.
- 5 incidents have been escalated to other authorities and 3 safeguarding concerns reported.
- Premier League Kicks relocated to Hornscroft Park in September following low numbers attending at the Castle Leisure Park, this has seen a significant increase in numbers attending, including the young people who previously attended sessions at the Castle Leisure Park.

The team have established links with local police, enforcement teams and the Designated Safeguarding Lead at The Bolsover School, enabling them to deal with, and report issues promptly.

A meeting was held with Bolsover District Council and other local providers on Friday 6 December to discuss how more support can be put in place for young people, along with effective signposting to the many activities already taking place in the town.

115/24-25 RESOLVED to note the verbal report from Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust on Bolsover Boots on the Ground.

5. Chair's Announcements

The Chair thanked everyone who had supported the Christmas events, lights switch on, festival and the lantern parade.

Congratulations were also offered to Cllr R Clarke who has been appointed to the Board of Directors at the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils.

6. County Councillors' Report

There were no County Councillors present.

County Councillor Joan Dixon reported on the following:

- Following concerns raised about speeds on the rampa and surrounding roads, a consultation on speed limits is due to take place.
- There is a new system for using the recycling centres, including Markham Vale, requiring residents to register online before attending.
- A meeting is due to take place next week to discuss providing transitional support following cuts to Bassetlaw CVS, which serves Bolsover.
- Highways developments including the resurfacing of Woodhouse Lane, and a request for the resequencing of the traffic lights in Bolsover town centre.
- The following issues were reported by members:
 - Issues with potholes around the town, particularly along Oxcroft Lane.
 - Lack of notification for emergency road works at the Markham Vale roundabout.

Finally, Joan offered thanks to the Town Council for the Christmas Tree at Whaley.

7. District Councillors' Report

Councillor Donna Hales reported on the following:

- A meeting was held with Bolsover Boots on the Ground and local partners to look at facilities and services for young people, and funding for activities.
- Next stages are to speak to young people to identify what they would like to see in their town, and to continue to share information with other service providers and authorities effectively.
- Bolsover District Council have appointed two enforcement officers designated to work with young people.
- It is expected that details of the projects to be delivered under the £15m regeneration funding, along with commencement dates, will be available in the new year.
- Attended a meeting regarding tree planting throughout Bolsover district.

Councillor Anne Clarke reported on the following:

- As part of national tree planting week, tree planting took place throughout the district which included participation from schools. 11 winners won a competition, and their artwork will be displayed on a plaque in Bolsover District Council Reception.
- Attended a recycling centre to view the process of recycling bins.

Councillor Cathy Jeffery reported on the following:

- The empty homes council tax premium which could reduce need for new housing.

8. Police representation

There was no police representation at the meeting, November crime statistics were reviewed.

9. Confirmation of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 12 November 2024.

116/24-25 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Council held on Tuesday 12 November 2024 are approved as a true and accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.

10. To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

117/24-25 RESOLVED that In view of the confidential nature of agenda items to consider a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss item 16.

11. Payments for approval

Payments were presented to the Council for approval.

118/24-25 RESOLVED that payments made by the Council in November totalling £71,915.91 are approved.

119/24-25 RESOLVED that the schedule of payments presented for authorisation totalling £48,225.88 are approved for payment.

Payments for November Meeting			
1	Nal Plant	Building Materials	£308.70
2	BDC	Environmental Health visits	£515.04
3	Level Up Access	Service - Vehicle	£354.00
4	N.T. Killingley	Landscaping - Hornscroft Park	£31,108.16

5	Premier Security	Stewards - C. Festival	£1,038.64
6	Chloe Boulton	Entertainment - CF/C Lights	£475.00
7	Simon Cresswell Joinery	OBY/Town Hall joinery	£180.00
8	A Plus Medical	First Aid/Fast response - CF	£666.00
9	Cloudy IT	IT Support	£330.78
10	Vault Security	Intruder Alarm - Bainbridge	£540.00
11	Portcullis Global Ltd	Hornscroft - Solar Tower	£337.74
12	Leighton Hendon	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£50.00
13	River Hopkins	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£160.00
14	Pierrpont Settlement	Christmas Trees	£240.00
15	First Tunnels	Polytunnel	£1,423.00
16	James Scanlan	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£160.00
17	Matthew Alsop	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£50.00
18	Creative Five	FSMA - December	£1,738.80
19	Creative Five	Advertising	£1,044.00
20	Andy Gilbert	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£345.00
21	Paul Greveson	Landscaping	£220.00
22	Inside Chesterfield	Advertising - CF	£180.00
23	Rachel Modest	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£80.00
24	Andiloos	Toilets - CF	£720.00
25	Kevin Goodall	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£150.00
26	Bolsover Assembly Hall	Rent - CF/Visit Bol/Baby Beats/50+	£548.83
27	Mole Country Stores	Timber	£108.59
28	Local Asbestos Removal	Asbestos removal - Cemetery	£3,178.20
29	AMA Supplies	Bainbridge cleaning materials	£115.16
30	Vaughtons	Kangaroo wrap for chain of office	£97.64
31	Whitwell Community Choir	Christmas Festival Entertainment	£300.00
32	Dronfield Band	Christmas Festival Entertainment	400.00
33	Nal Plant	Equipment hire - CF	349.14
34	Hollinsend Fire	Fire extinguisher service	£713.46
		TOTAL	£48,225.88

12. Meeting Reports

The following meeting reports were presented for consideration:

- (a) Finance Committee
- (b) The Oxcroft Committee; Action Plan
- (c) Visit Bolsover Meeting Notes
- (d) Notes from Meeting to discuss Medical Provision at Events
- (e) Meeting with St Sebastian Archers

120/24-25 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting reports are noted.

13. Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report and the Council Action Plan were reviewed.

- I. Hornscroft Park Update – landscaping work is now complete; contractors will revisit the site in March to reseed ready for 2025 events. The National Grid – connection is due to be completed on 15 January 2024, a quote for

- repainting the park railings is pending.
- II. Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) Board of Directors approved the co-option of Cllr Rowan Clerk to the Board on Friday 15 November 2024.
 - III. Keepmoat Development S106 Obligations - Following a query at the November Council meeting regarding the S106 obligations for the Keepmoat Development; Bolsover District Council have confirmed that the developer opted to pay a contribution in lieu of providing an on-site play area. This is £72,443 for the provision of equipping a play space and must be spent by 20 December 2028.
 - IV. Visit Bolsover Dates 2025 – dates were circulated for 2025 meetings.
 Christmas Events – the Events Co-ordinator provided an update on the events and thanked everyone for their support throughout 2024.
 The first Christmas Light Switch On, along with late night shopping in the town, took place on Friday 22 November 2024. Despite the cold temperatures the event was extremely well supported and will become an annual event.
 The annual Christmas Market and Lantern Parade took place on Saturday 30 November 2024. The event was hugely successful, and numbers appeared to be significantly up on the previous year with some traders selling out of stock before the end of the day. As with any large event, there are always minor issues and last-minute changes (the reindeer and snowboard simulator were unable to attend) but the Events Co-ordinator has contingency plans in place and social media posts were put out promptly to advise people of changes.
 The Events Committee and Junction Arts have a meeting scheduled for 16 January 2024 to review what went well and areas for improvement for future events.
 - V. Council Plan 2023-2027 Action Plan
 - a. Complete a Survey of Council Buildings; to include a five-year maintenance plan – no further updates.
 - b. Purchase of Old Bolsover Yard; provision of public toilets – no further updates.
 - c. Complete the Transfer/Lease of Land at Stratton Gardens from the District Council – no further updates.
 - d. Installation of Bollards on the Pedestrian Area on Cotton Street and Cenotaph – included in BDC plans for £15m regeneration funding, pending further details and timelines.
 - e. Provision of a Community Building at the Moor Lane site – feasibility plans reviewed by Council continuing to review options and requirements.
 - f. Work with the District Council to support the delivery of the Bolsover North Development – no further updates.
 - g. Extend CCTV coverage around the Town – Council approved costs for monitoring at September meeting, pending agreements from Bolsover District Council.

121/24-25 RESOLVED to note the Clerk's Report and Council Action Plan.

14. Requests for grants

The Council considered the following grant applications:

- (a) Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre – request for grant of £1,500 for room hire and expenses at Bolsover Assembly Hall to cover a period of 50 weeks.

122/24-25 RESOLVED to approve a request for grant funding of £1,500 from the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre for room hire and expenses at Bolsover Assembly Hall to cover a period of 50 weeks.

Cllr Woodhead left the meeting for agenda item 14(b).

- (b) Friends of Bolsover Parks – request for grant of £2,500 to support Bolsover Gala.

123/24-25 RESOLVED to approve a request for grant funding of £2,500 from the Friends of Bolsover Parks to support Bolsover Gala 2025.

15. Planning applications

The following Planning Applications were considered at the meeting.

- (1) 24/00413/TCON 50% crown reduction at 39 New Bolsover, Bolsover by Sue Hill.
(2) 24/00480/FUL Change of use from C3 to 6 bedroomed assisted living property, single storey extension to front and 2 storey side and rear extension at 1 Elm Close, Bolsover by Mr Benson Osejindu and Mrs Hope Osejindu.

124/24-25 RESOLVED to submit an objection to planning application 24/00480/FUL.

- (3) 24/00535/OUT Demolition of existing factory and construction of 6 no. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping at former vehicle maintenance workshop, Mill Lane, Bolsover by Dianne Bates.

125/24-25 RESOLVED to submit an objection to planning application 24/00535/OUT.

- (4) 24/00537/LAWEX Lawful Development Certificate for the change of use of units to the rear of dwelling to industrial/business use at 38 Oxcroft Lane, Stanfree by Mr Jack Wootton.
(5) 24/00556/LAWEX Lawful Development Certificate for the residential use of (C3) of Farnsworth Bungalow without complying with condition 2 of BOL/364/2 which restricted occupation to persons employed or last employed in agriculture or forestry at Farnsworth Bungalow, Marlpit Lane, Bolsover by Mrs E M Swain.

126/24-25 RESOLVED to note the planning applications.

16. Town Council Premises Report

Agenda item 16 was dealt with under exempt items.

17. War Memorial – Refurbishment of Plaques

Council considered costs of £1,600 for the second phase of the war memorial restoration, to include the removal and repainting of the existing plaques and painting of the sword.

127/24-25 RESOLVED to approve expenditure of £1,600 for the second phase of the war memorial restoration.

18. Review of Council Decisions – May 2024-November 2024

Council received an updated report on progress against Council decisions made during the first six months of 2024/2025.

128/24-25 RESOLVED to note the report on progress against Council decisions made

during 2024/2025 along with outstanding actions.

19. Review of Bolsover Boots on the Ground

Agenda item 19 was dealt with following agenda item 4.

20. To note the date of the next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14 January 2025 at 6.45pm at Bainbridge Hall.

129/24-25 RESOLVED *That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.*

16. Town Council Premises Report

Council received updates on The Oxcroft Centre, Old Bolsover Yard, Bolsover Assembly Hall, the transfer of the Town Hall and to consider requests in respect of Bainbridge Hall from Kingdom Ambassadors Bolsover and The Oxcroft Centre from Oxcroft Bowls Club.

130/24-25 RESOLVED to defer the request for Oxcroft Bowls Club to lease the garage at The Oxcroft Centre to CISWO, due to the Council not being in a position to offer a long-term lease.

131/24-25 RESOLVED to retain Bainbridge Hall as a Council maintained community building for the residents of Bolsover and to decline the request from Kingdom Ambassadors Bolsover for a long-term lease or sale of the facility.

132/24-25 RESOLVED to note the Town Council premises report.

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed

Dated