

**Little Bollington with Agden Community Council**  
**COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2023, 6.00PM**  
**At Little Bollington School**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Present and Apologies
2. Declaration of interests
3. Approval of agenda
4. Minutes of last meeting P
5. Matters arising
6. Financial Report P
  - Draft budget and precept options for 2024-25
  - Update on grants from Cheshire East Council
7. HS2
  - Issues arising from briefing by HS2 Ltd
8. Establishing LBACC - progress report and next steps P
  - Explanatory note to residents re new Council
  - Recruitment of Clerk
  - Bank account
  - Insurance
  - Website and email account
  - Storage of documents
9. Correspondence
10. Next meeting / future meetings
11. Other Business

**LBACC MEETING, 12 SEPTEMBER AUGUST 23**  
**AGENDA NOTES**

**Item 5: Matters Arising**

Lymm Road Footpath

The access problem has been reported to Cheshire East Council via our Eard Councillor. Other than an acknowledgement there has been no response to date.

Giant Hogweed on River Bollin

This problem was reported to the National Trust by the Clerk. There has been no response to date.

**Item 6: Financial report**

Precept and outline budget for 2024-25.

The paper considered in July shows two possible options, one with a high precept and expenditure and one with lower precept and expenditure. These now require detailed consideration and discussion. The Council will need to consider and decide on optional expenditure items, the salary for the Clerk, and the level of precept required next year. The Council must notify CEC of the proposed precept in early January.

Grants

CEC do not offer general grants for local councils. CEC and the VCFSE sector deliver a grants programme aimed at improving physical and mental wellbeing and reducing health inequalities; and a cost of living grant, funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Government Levelling Up Fund.

Other grants which may be available include: Manchester Airport Community Fund, Coop Local Community Fund, Calor rural community fund – for areas not on the gas grid

**Item 8: Establishing LBACC– progress report**

Explanatory Note to Residents re New Council

The draft note prepared by the Clerk was revised and circulated to Councillors. Details of the Council's website and email account need to be added. The note requires Council approval before it can be circulated to residents.

New Clerk

The Council is now working to progress the appointment, making use of the documents provided by ChALC (see June minutes) and their offer of further advice and assistance. Next steps include preparing and promoting an advertisement, reviewing applications, shortlisting, interviews, selection, appointment and induction.

Bank Account

Forms were completed and submitted to the Coop Bank for a change of name and change of signatories to the existing account used by LBPM. There was a long delay with no response, and the Clerk experienced great difficulties when he called the bank to ask for progress. He

then submitted a formal complaint. The bank responded by promising action and £50 compensation and has now confirmed approval of the changes.

The Clerk has informed Cheshire East Council of the new account details and payment of the precept into the account is expected soon. The funds from the Agden Parish Meeting account will be transferred and that account will be closed down.

#### Insurance

Zurich Insurance decided that it could not apply the existing policies for LBPM and Agden to the new Council as this is a new body. Details have been submitted to Zurich and to Abbeystone to obtain quotations for a new insurance policy.

#### Communications, email account and website

The Council decided to update the website used by Agden Parish Meeting which is operated by Hugo Fox, and to test a new email account with gmail. It was hoped that these steps would enable these services to be obtained and used free of charge. However advice from ChALC suggests that a charge will apply for use of the Hugo Fox website. There are issues to resolve regarding access to past email records when the current systems are closed down. The website will need updated information about the new Council.

#### Storage of documents and information

The Council is looking at the option of scanning documents from the former LBPM and APM.

### **Item 11: Other business**

#### Other items requiring attention by LBACC include:

Reaching out to Agden residents / communicating with all residents

Use of Community Infrastructure Levy funds received from CEC

CEC proposal to transfer land around garages in Little Bollington to LBACC

Site compound by Bowdon roundabout - restoration to farmland, future of this area

Travelers on land near Nags Head.

CEC Local Plan 2030

Liaison with National Trust

NB Papers are provided for all agenda items marked P