

Little Bollington with Agden Community Council
COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023, 6.00PM
At Little Bollington School

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Present and Apologies
2. Declaration of interests
3. Public participation
An opportunity for electors to address the Council
4. Minutes of last meeting P
5. Matters arising
6. Financial Report P
 - Balance of bank account
 - Draft budget and precept options for 2024-25
 - Update on Grants
7. Establishing LBACC - progress report and next steps
 - Explanatory note to residents re new Council
 - Recruitment of Clerk
 - Insurance
 - Website and email account
 - Storage of documents
8. Site of garages in Little Bollington
9. Communications with Agden residents
10. Correspondence
11. Next meeting / future meetings
12. Other Business

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AGENDA NOTES

Item 5: Matters Arising

Lymm Road Footpath

No response received from CEC on the problems reported.

Giant Hogweed on River Bollin

No response from the National Trust despite email reminder sent by the Clerk. Further email sent and enquiries made.

LB Community Orchard

Paul Barker is no longer able to act as Orchard Manager, but will help where he can. The Clerk will circulate an appeal for a new Manager. Brian Hurd will help using his ride on mower and he has the Council's strimmer. It may be necessary to use this first to shorten the grass prior to mowing. Andy Blackburn and the Clerk will organise a team of volunteers to undertake maintenance work, including strimming the grass and clearing the raised beds.

Former Site Compound

The Clerk has written to CEC Planners and to Tatton Group reminding them of the planning condition regarding restoration of the land and asking for an update.

Item 6: Financial report

Precept and outline budget for 2024-25

Following the decision to increase the precept the draft budget will be presented for consideration. The Council must notify CEC of the proposed precept in early January.

Grants

The grants information on the CEC website has been updated as follows:

The rural England prosperity fund has been created for councils to deliver as part of the government's levelling-up programme. Funding (capital grants) will be pledged via the Crowdfunding platform towards projects which demonstrate investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups. More information on [Cheshire East Crowd webpage](#), or email communitygrants2@cheshireeast.gov.uk CEC has launched a crowdfunding platform, Cheshire East Crowd, in partnership with crowdfunding platform Spacehive. This will enable the council and other organisations to undertake crowdfunding campaigns for community projects.

CEC can help with funding searches as they have a licence to use GrantFinder, one of the largest and most comprehensively supported databases giving a user-friendly, accurate and continuously updated package that helps secure funding support.

Item 7: Establishing LBACC– progress report

Explanatory Note to Residents re New Council

Do Councillors intend to add their email addresses?

New Clerk

Draft job advert prepared by RP

Next steps include promoting the advertisement, reviewing applications, shortlisting, interviews, selection, appointment and induction.

Bank Account

Change of account name and change of signatories completed. Precept payments received. Funds from the former Agden Parish Meeting account now being transferred.

Insurance

Requests for quotations submitted

Communications, email account and website

The Council decided to retain the existing LBPM email and website account. Remaining issues are:

1. The website name is littlebollington.org. The email address is clerk @little bollington.org. Do these names need to be changed?
2. The email storage capacity is 2GB and is always close to being full. Many emails must be retained. It requires constant effort to identify and delete insignificant emails. Should we obtain increased capacity which will incur an additional monthly charge?
3. The website does not have any information about Agden. This needs to be added.
4. There is a need to extend email and other communications to residents of Agden.
5. An email address is needed for each councillor to enable them to communicate with each other and with residents.

Storage of documents and information

Agden have arranged to pass over any paper documents that need to be retained. The Clerk will sort LBPM papers to identify any to be retained. These will be passed to RK for scanning.

Item 8. Site of garages in Little Bollington

A report will be provided at the meeting.

Item 10. Communications with Agden residents

There is a need to establish communications with residents of Agden. Suggestions include:
A letter sent to each household announcing the new Council and inviting residents to use the website and sign up for emails from the Clerk, which circulate local news and information.

A “meet your Councillors” event in a local pub in Agden and in Little Bollington.

Item 13: Other business

Other items requiring attention by LBACC include:

Community Infrastructure Levy funds received from CEC. It is proposed to bring a paper to the next meeting setting out the funds and options for using them.

CEC Local Plan 2030

NB Papers are provided for all agenda items marked P