



MINUTES OF ANNUAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING OF LITTLE BOLLINGTON with AGDEN

held at 7:00pm on **Tuesday 24th June 2025**

In the sports hall at Little Bollington C of E Primary School, Lymm Rd, WA14 4SZ

Present Cllr T Britton Cllr R Khajeh Cllr R Taylor Cllr W Blackburn

Also in attendance: Lucy Merry – Clerk

Public 6 members of the public were in attendance.

1. To elect a Chairman for 2025/26

Cllr R Palmer was nominated by Cllr T Britton and seconded by Cllr W Blackburn and was duly elected Chairman. The Acceptance of Office was not signed at the meeting due to the absence of Cllr R Palmer.

2. To elect a Vice Chairman for 2025/26

Cllr T Britton was nominated by Cllr R Khajeh and seconded by Cllr R Taylor and was duly elected Vice Chairman. The Acceptance of Office was signed.

3. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr R Palmer, Cllr A Blackburn, Cllr, P Cassidy, and K Hague sent their apologies.

4. To approve and authorise the signing of the minutes from meetings held previously.

The minutes from the November 2024 meeting are still to be drafted. Signing to be deferred until the next meeting.

5. Declaration of Interests - None

6. Public forum

A resident asked the Council which Councillor was going to investigate getting a 40mph speed zone at the junction of Spodegreen Lane on the A56/Lymm Road. The resident detailed ongoing traffic accidents that have occurred there regularly. The Clerk will chase this with Cllr K Hague.

Another resident stated concerns of non-action by the Council on the planning of the compound.

The Council advised that Cllr K Hague has been chasing Cheshire East and has raised concerns on the upcoming deadline. Clerk to contact Cllr K Hague for further updates.

The same resident wanted an update on the new M56 service area plans. The Council have submitted objections and have no updates currently.

7. Report form CE Ward Cllr K Hague

A brief report was sent ahead of the meeting.

Cllr K Hage has written to CEC to ask where they are up to in determining the remediation plan which was due to be completed by the 8th April.

Regarding the Canal, Cllr K Hague has raised concerns regarding poor communication from Peel holdings. A message has been sent to the CE director involved in discussions asking them to ask Peel for more clarity with their communication on their plans.

8. To consider adopting NALC Model Standing Orders (England)

All **AGREED** to approve adopting The Model Standing Orders. These will be uploaded on to the Finance section of the website.



9. To consider adopting NALC Model Financial Regulations (England)

All **AGREED** to approve adopting The Model Financial Regulations. These will be uploaded on to the Finance section of the website.

10. To agree dates for meetings of the Full Council for 2025/26

The following dates were **AGREED**. Provisionally all meetings being held at 7:00pm in the Sports Hall at the School. Clerk to confirm bookings.

23 rd September 2025	9 th December 2025
18 th February 2026	19 th May 2026
22 nd September 2026	8 th December 2026

11. Finance

11.1 To note current financial position. (Please see Appendix)

The transactions from November 1st 2024 to 16th June 2025 made (Appendix Table 1) were **NOTED**.

11.2 To authorise new payments

The following payments were **AGREED**:

Payee	Description	Cost
Clerk salary	June pay hours	£200.00
Buxton Accounting	Monthly Payroll	£10.00

11.3 To consider adding L Merry as a signatory on the bank account, and to remove M Reed from the accounts.

It was **RESOLVED** to update the bank signatories, adding L Merry and removing M Reed

11.4 To resolve to pay the following for 2025/26:

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following subscriptions for 2025/26:

Payee	24/25 Amount
Cheshire Community Action	£20.00 (to be reviewed in 2026)
ChALC	£126.00
ICO – data protection fee	£52.00
Donation for burial grounds	£500.00
External Auditor fee	£252.00

11.5 To resolve to delegate the following budgets for 2025/26:

The following budgets were **APPROVED**. All invoice payments will be brought back to full council.

Description	Proposed Amount
Stationery	£50
Clerk Training	£35.00

The Councillor training budget to be reviewed at the next meeting.

11.6 To resolve to continue to pay the following expenditure by direct debit or standing order for the financial year 2025/26:

It was **RESOLVED** to continue to pay the following
1 & 1 Website and email hosting



11.7 To receive and approve the internal audit report for 2024/25

The internal audit report was approved

11.8 To consider and resolve to approve the Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounting Statement for 2024/25

The statements were **APPROVED** and signed by the Acting Chairman and RFO.

12 Planning matters

13.1 To consider planning applications received and other planning matters - none

13.2 To note updates on planning applications received –

[25/1213/PIP](#) - Permission in Principle for residential development for between 1 and 6 dwellings

- Land Off Agden Park Lane, Broomedge - **Pending Consideration by CE**

13 Reports from the Clerk and the Councillors

13.1 Canal update

Cllr T Britton gave an update on the canal breach situation as it currently stands. Councillors attend a weekly online strategic meeting that involves representatives for Cheshire East and Peel Holdings. Little Bollington with Agden Community Council (LBWACC) Councillors can ask questions and state their concerns providing 'the voice' of Local residents and representation of any concerns. LBWACC Cllrs are happy to report back 'high level information' to residents on the decisions being made. LBWACC have no authority on the rebuild of the canal however, they are the voice of the residents and report back to residents on the decisions being made. Respecting the residents during the rebuild is always a priority for LBWACC in these meetings. Councillors have stressed to Peel that the rebuild plans should be considered appropriate for a tourist and beauty spot, whilst also considering the longevity of any build, so that residents are not left with a similar situation in another 50 years.

The silt and debris from the canal breach that spilled on to agricultural land has been tested however, National Trust are in the process of externally validating the results before they share the information with LBWACC, CE and Peel.

At present National Trust has advised that no agricultural practices of the 48 hectares that were impacted be used until the results are confirmed. The results are overdue and will be shared as soon as available.

Many residents may or may not be aware that during the breach the main sewage pipeline out of Little Bollington was broken, initially contaminating the surrounding areas. This has been temporarily rectified with the 24/7 use of a tanker collecting and taking the sewage out of the village. Unfortunately, this tanker does cause some disruption (albeit minimal) and its positioning has raised concern, as it could prevent emergency service access to fields, public footpaths and the canal. This concern was highlighted by the recent health emergency on Warf Lane, which required residents to instruct tanker drivers to support ambulance and paramedic access. Since the incident, the fire service have carried out a review and instructed the tanker drivers to be in attendance at all times (otherwise removing their vehicle)

Please note that there is a Heart defibrillator at the school which can be accessed. The cabinet is locked but if you call 999 and tell them the box number (on the cabinet) they will give you the key code to open. A further defibrillator can be found at Costcutter at the Broomedge junction.

14 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7:00pm in the Sports hall at Little Bollington C of E Primary School.

The date was confirmed as Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 7:00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm



Appendix

Table 1 Current Account Income and Expenditure November 1st 2024 to 16th June 2025.

Transaction date	Bank reference	Amount (GBP)
05/11/2024	Website and email	-£18.00
04/12/2024	Website and email	-£18.00
18/12/2024	External audit	-£252.00
06/01/2025	Website and email	-£18.00
05/02/2025	Website and email	-£18.00
06/03/2025	Website and email	-£18.00
19/03/2025	B&Q	-£58.50
28/03/2025	RETURN OF FUNDS	£58.50
31/03/2025	Clerk salary	-£575.00
31/03/2025	Donation - burial grounds	-£500.00
31/03/2025	Laptop	-£398.00
31/03/2025	Annual insurance 25/26	-£140.00
31/03/2025	Stationery - Clerk expenses	-£17.00
03/04/2025	Website and email	-£18.00
04/04/2025	Precept	£2,000.00
07/05/2025	Website and email	-£18.00
04/06/2025	Website and email	-£18.00

Balance brought forward - 01.11.24 - £19,877.60 Balance carried forward - 16.06.25 - £19,552.60