

Bakewell Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting held
at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th April 2017
in the Court Room, Town Hall, Bakewell

Minutes

1 **Present**

John Boyle, George Challenger, Janet Challenger, Cllr Steve Edwards, Cllr Helen Froggatt, Jeff Marsh, Sue Marsh, Paul Miller, Howard Moorby, Cllr Paul Morgans, Cllr Vivienne Parnham, Cllr John Riley, Cllr Bill Storey, David Surplice, Cllr Philippa Tilbrook, Mark Wakeman, Sharon Wakeman, Anne Wilson, Hilary Young
In attendance: Town Clerk.

2 **Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting**

Resolved: To appoint the Town Clerk as Clerk to the meeting.

3 **Welcome by Mayor of Bakewell**

Cllr Helen Froggatt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4 **Apologies**

Bernard Friar, Edwina Edwards, Cllr Alyson Hill, Pat Lunn, CCllr Judith Twigg, Jonathan Wicksteed, Dan Zamoyski, Julia Zamoyski

5 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2016 as a correct record.

6 **To receive Mayors Report**

The Mayor gave a report on activities undertaken by the Town Council during the last year. A copy of the report is at Annex A.

Resolved: That the report be received.

7 **To receive report on members attendance at meetings 2016/17**

A copy of the report is at Annex B

Resolved: That the report be received.

8 **The Bakewell Flood Warden Scheme – a progress report**

Cllr Steve Edwards gave a report on the Bakewell Flood Warden Scheme
Bakewell has three Flood Wardens, Steve Edwards, Bill Storey, Paul Miller.

Two community action plans have completed and form one document, covering Riverside Crescent, Granby Croft, The Recreation Ground, Wye Bank, Wye Bank Grove and Haddon Road.

A “table top exercise” took place on 4th April 2017 at Town Hall to test the plans; it was attended by Police, Fire & Rescue, County Emergency Planning, Environment Agency, Derbyshire Dales District Council, and the National Flood Forum.

The community action plan was worked through in “slow time” to ensure all the actions within it were valid and that any issues that arose could be addressed.

Ashford and Grindleford followed a similar exercise to test their plans.

We have taken delivery of 1000 empty sand bags for emergency distribution if required.

Each library in the County has flood packs to give on request, containing 10 empty sand bags and flood advice leaflets.

Cllr Steve Edwards then took questions from the floor

Resolved: That the report be received.

9 Neighbourhood Plan – a progress report

In the absence of Pat Lunn, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group the Clerk to the meeting, read Pat’s report to the meeting.

A copy of the report is at Annex C

Resolved: That the report be received.

10 Bakewell Town and Community Trust update

In the absence of Pat Lunn, Company Secretary to Bakewell Town and Community Trust, John Boyle, read Pat’s report to the meeting.

A copy of the report is at Annex D

Resolved: That the report be received.

11 Castle Hill – a Bakewell Landmark

Cllr Steve Edwards gave the following report:

“A survey was carried out to identify those tree protected by Tree Preservation Orders, which, along with a Health and Safety risk assessment, led to a tree management plan being drawn up.

Permission was gained from Historic England and PDNPA for site work to take place. This involved felling 5 trees, trimming boughs and removing shoots/suckers.

A group of Bakewell Historical Society volunteers and I carried out the authorised work which is now complete.

The path around the Motte is currently closed to allow surface regrowth and stabilisation. This will be checked early May and decision made on reopening. Alternative routes are available.

A QR code notice has been placed on the gate to the site by the Historical Society for information down loading by any visitor.

The view from the top of the Motte is much improved after the site work revealing the river, Bakewell bridge, the old town and the Church, looking towards the former Manor House, "Moor Hall". These three structures would have had visual communication when the Motte had a Bailey still in place on it to monitor movement through Bakewell.

The next stage is for an information board to be approved and installed close to the entrance to the site and for a finger post to be installed at Burre Close."
Resolved: That the report be received.

12 Annual Certificate of Merit Award 2017

The Town Council has made the awards from nominations received to the following:

Mark, Sharon and Becky Wakeman of Bakewell Pet Supplies

"Throughout 2016 and 2017 you have worked tirelessly to support Bakewell Infants School with fundraising and collecting vouchers for school donated by customers at your request. This greatly assists the school to be able to give the best available facilities to the pupils.

Further to this good work, through great perseverance you recruited voluntary Stewards to be available to control traffic on Remembrance Sunday November 2016, without which the event could not have gone ahead.

Your invaluable efforts are greatly appreciated in Bakewell."

Bryan and Sarah Moran of The Manners Hotel, Bakewell.

"At the Summer Fair in June 2016 at Bakewell Infant School, you worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a success and supplied food and staffing at your own expense to raise significant funds for the school.

This greatly assists the school to be able to give the best available facilities to pupils and is greatly appreciated"

Howard Moorby, Royal British Legion Bakewell Branch

"Howard Moorby has been the Royal British Legion Bakewell Branch standard bearer for several years. He has represented the Branch at many events in Derbyshire.

When the previous Parade Marshall retired, Howard stepped into the role. He has marshalled the Bakewell Remembrance Parade for the last few years, and has done so with authority and professionalism.

In 2016 there was a very real danger of, the men's section of the Bakewell RBL, having to close due to an ageing and inactive membership. They had failed to form a committee for two years. Howard would not let this happen and took to social media and local contacts, to raise awareness of this. As a direct consequence, at the Branch AGM a full committee was voted in and membership rose significantly. The Branch and especially the Remembrance Day Parade are now safe for the foreseeable future.

Howard is also instrumental in mustering volunteers from around the town to help tidy up and improve the RBL garden in Bath Gardens. This had fallen into a sorry state, but already his team have tidied it up, and he has organised a working party to carry out extensive work to bring the garden back to its rightful state.

Without Howard's enthusiasm and organisation, none of this would have happened. He has made the Parade what it is today, and is working with others to improve on it ready for next year's 100th anniversary."

13 To consider any other matter that may be brought forward by Council or Local Government Electors

No matters were brought forward.

The meeting closed at 7.36pm

Mayors Report 2017

25th April 2017

Good evening,

I would like to begin by thanking the council for its support over the last 12 months. I am pleased to report we have made some good progress on a number of projects in the course of the year.

I would like to thank our County Councillor, my fellow District Councillors and our Peak Park members for their often unseen work on behalf of Bakewell.

Thanks are also due to Hilary Young, who is no longer a councillor, for his knowledge, insight and work for Bakewell over many, many years.

Due to increasing commitments at District Council, and having thought long and hard about it, I have taken the decision to step down from my role as Mayor and will resign from the Council at the end of this meeting.

Therefore two Town Council vacancies will be advertised shortly.

Over the course of 2016-17 Council and its Committees met a total of 29 times. Meetings are open to the public and representations are welcome in Public Participation. Our Planning Committee meets on the first Monday of the month and Full Council meetings are on the third Monday. Finance and Staff Committees, representatives to various outside bodies, as well as our three working parties, further support the work and life of the Council.

The scope of Council business is wide and varied. We have responded to consultations on:

- Public Space Protection Orders,
- Off Street Parking Orders,
- a proposed withdrawal of County Council funding for voluntary groups,
- cuts to investment in public transport,
- the DDDC Leisure Centre review and the
- PDPA Development Management Plan proposal.

The Town Council has participated in Peak Park Parishes Day, Area Community Forums and the DALC Spring Seminar. We have commented on a total of 76 planning applications.

In total this year we have invested over £6250 in community groups and organisations benefiting the Bakewell community. Through grant funding we have supported:

- Eroica Britannia,
- The Bakewell Show,
- Bakewell Carnival,

- Day of Dance
- Community Heartbeat Trust.

We are also pleased to be supporting 2017 Welldressings, both in Bakewell and, through the RHS event at Chatsworth, to the wider community.

We have held meetings with our partners in local government and others to:

- Gain improvements to the maintenance of the churchyard,
- Secure up to four weekend community events at Market Place.
- Encourage improvements to the streetscene
- Resist the proposed closure, last year, of Bakewell Post Office.
- Address public concerns following the ill-fated “Winter Wonderland” event at The Showground

In addition we have voiced our opposition to the proposed closure of Newholme hospital and helped with the campaign to fight it.

The Town Council supports the flying of flags by businesses in summer and continues to offer discounted hanging baskets and Christmas trees. Town Hall participated in the “Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth” campaign and we continue to support Fairtrade with an annual event for Fairtrade Fortnight.

Our on-going work includes the

- Flood Warden Scheme
- Opening up of Castle Hill to a wider public
- Providing a path from The Square to Bath Gardens

On safety grounds we had six cankered poplars felled at Scot’s Garden; Bakewell in Bloom has very generously replaced them with the rarer native black poplars.

We continue to work with DCC for high quality pavement renewals, though it is disappointing to report that the latest estimate for the Bridge Street phase is late summer 2017.

We continue to support Bakewell Town and Community Trust and it is good to see them develop Town Hall an arts and entertainment venue.

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan moves on apace; we are currently at the “Pre-submission Draft Consultation stage”. It was gratifying to collaborate with the Manchester School of Architecture on a design project entitled “The Way We Live Now” which was displayed at Town Hall earlier this year.

Our accounts are currently being audited and will be published in due course. Finally, precept for 2017-18 remains at £105,000 and over the forthcoming year the Town Council proposes work on:

- Town Hall
- Yeld Road Play Area
- Ball Cross wood
- Improvements to Scot’s Garden Path

Thank you.

Bakewell Town Council Attendance Chart 2016-2017

Meeting Date	3rd May 2016	16th May 2016	6th June 2016	6th June 2016	17th June 2016	20th June 2016	4th July 2016	20th July 2016	1st August 2016	5th September 2016	19th September 2016	3rd October 2016	17th October 2016	7th November 2016	21st November 2016	5th December 2016	5th December 2016	19th December 2016	3rd January 2017	3rd January 2017	16th January 2017	6th February 2017	6th February 2017	20th February 2017	6th March 2017	20th March 2017	3rd April 2017	24th April 2017
Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Cllr Helen Froggatt	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cllr Alyson Hill	A	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y		A	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cllr Paul Morgans	Y	Y	Y	Y		A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	A	A	A		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cllr Vivienne Parnham	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		A	Y	Y
Cllr John Riley	A	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cllr Bill Storey	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	A	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		A	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y
Cllr Philippa Tilbrook	A	Y	Y	Y		A	A	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y		A	Y	Y
Cllr Hilary Young	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	A	A	A		A	A		A	A		A	A		A	A	C
Type of meeting key																	Attendance key											
AN; Annual Meeting of the Town Council																	A; Absent (apologies received)											
CX; Meeting Cancelled (e.g. insufficient business or inclement weather)																	C; Ceased to be a member											
EX; Extraordinary Meeting																	D; Disqualified											
FC; Finance Committee Meeting																	[Greyed] Not a member of Committee indicated or meeting was cancelled											
PL; Planning Committee Meeting																	L; Leave of absence (approved by Council)											
SC; Staff Committee																	R; Resigned											
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It should be noted that where a member is absent from an Extraordinary meeting the absence may be due to an interest in the main business items																												
Attendance records are extracted from the minutes																												

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT TO TOWN MEETING APRIL 2017

Following the Annual Town Meeting last year each of the Topic Groups considered they had sufficient information from which to draw conclusions on the questions posed through the public consultation process, specific surveys and evidence from published documents, to enable them to develop the Draft Plan and Policies.

It was recognised that any proposed policies needed to be cross-referenced to the PDNPA Management Plan. As a result meetings were held, and advice given, by officers of the PDNPA and drafting commenced in September.

The Draft Plan was submitted to the Town Council in December and is accessible through the Town Council website. The document, some 50 pages in length, puts forward 22 policies covering the development boundary, environment and heritage, housing, community facilities, the economy, and transport and communications.

The document was accepted and the statutory pre-consultation process commenced in January and closed mid-March. The responses have yet to be considered before the next stage of the process is commenced. That is the formal submission to the National Park Authority, independent examination, and if successful at that stage, goes forward for the electorate to consider via a referendum of all persons within the township registered to vote. The original timeline (though tight) had envisaged going to a referendum in May 2017. However that has slipped and it could well now be late summer/autumn 2017.

The working group would like to place on record their appreciation of the advice, support and material assistance given by officers of the PDNPA.

Finally, as Chair and taking a neutral position, I would like to record my appreciation of the commitment given by the Topic Group Leaders and all who have contributed in whatever way.

P. E. Lunn

23.4.17

BAKEWELL TOWN & COMMUNITY TRUST

REPORT TO ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 2017

The Trust has continued to improve facilities within the building over the past year and continues to recognise and plan for further improvements to be undertaken subject to funding being available. There are settled long term tenancies, e.g. DCC Registrar's Office, the Dorothy Vernon Lodge, DDDC, an accountancy business and a foot clinic – not forgetting of course the sub-tenancy to Town Council.

Improvements have included the rear staircase from the back of the stage to the caretaker's store, the ladies toilet, and further improvements to the stage area including energy LED lighting (grant from Derbyshire Foundation) and through funding from the British Film Institute a large screen, projection and sound system.

We have been driving forward initiatives to ensure the Town's greatest asset is a major focal point for community activities, updated our marketing strategy and made full use of appropriate media including tools for buying tickets on line. As part of the marketing strategy we refer to the Assembly Room Theatre and the Court Room Gallery.

Over the last year business has continued to grow and a wide range of particularly arts events have been held, including comedy and drama. The Film Friday evenings, offering the latest releases, has expanded and has now moved to the Assembly Room Theatre. Recently a new series of classical music concerts (which will be held over the next two years) has been launched in conjunction with musicians from the Halle Orchestra. It is pleasing to report that the Trust has recently been congratulated by the Derbyshire Arts Foundation on the range of arts events being staged.

The facilities on offer can meet the needs of a whole range of other uses from local groups and organisations to statutory bodies and private functions as a catering kitchen and bar facilities are available.

All this could not have happened without a tremendous amount of effort and commitment by the director/trustees, and in particular the staff and a band of volunteers.

Over the past year there have been some changes notably the retirement of 1 director and the appointment of 2 new ones, our business advisor stepped down last summer having greatly assisted with business development and marketing (which is now in-house).

The Trust continues to meet quarterly with representatives of the Town Council and we are most grateful for the continued financial support received which is much appreciated. This has been reduced year on year as we work towards break-even. That however can only be achieved by close monitoring of all activities and effective marketing; a full review is currently underway as part of our annual revision of the Business Plan.

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