

Minutes of Tattenhall & District Parish Meeting Held 21st September 2022 at the Barbour Institute.

PRESENT

Councillors

Chairman – Iain Keeping

J. Bailey P. Black R. Carden S. Chapman C. Elliott

P. Kerr J. Kershaw N. Matthews L. White

Clerk – Ann Wright

CW&C Cllr Mike Jones.

Public – approx. 50

Welcome

The Chairman Cllr Iain Keeping welcomed all to the meeting.

Words of commemoration for her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Diana Barbour of the Bolesworth Estate reflected on how the last couple of weeks have been sad, momentous, and deeply moving following the passing of the Queen on 8th September 2022. She emphasized the value of the TV coverage which has allowed those who could not go to London to pay their respects.

She reminisced on how she had watched the coronation in 1953 on a new black and white television with a tiny screen.

She confirmed she had been lucky enough to meet the Queen on several occasions when Anthony Barbour was High Sheriff in 1987 and when she was High Sherriff in 2010.

A short video was shown of the Late Queen's bodyguard telling a story illustrating the Queen's sense of humour.

Unveiling of Jubilee Portrait

Diana Barbour unveiled a portrait by Jon Clayton, of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June. The painting had been funded by the Arts Foundation & Cheshire Community Foundation.



Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave a summary of his report from the Council year 2021-2022 which can be found in the Annual Report¹.

Presentation of Awards

Cllr Iain Keeping presented a painting of the Spinney to Andy Walker, CW&C Streetscene for all his hard work in the village.

Village Cup

The following were nominated for the Village Cup and were presented with a certificate and Jubilee paperweight.

Martin Chalk (unable to attend the meeting)

For all his hard work in and around the village including works to address flooding in the village and supporting TWIG.

Yvonne Keeping (unable to attend the meeting)

For being a leading figure in both Tattenhall Together and the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, for obtaining funding from the Arts Council and finding many of the attractions which made the events such a success.

David Bish

For his work for Royal British Legion and support over memorial works including weed killing.

Robin Langford

For allowing public access through his land and clearing the permissive path all of which has contributed to helping residents and their dogs access the countryside.

The Letters Inn

For being the heart of the village, fund raising for good causes and for the support given to the community during the Covid pandemic.

Transition Tattenhall

For the ongoing hard work to tackle climate change and making Tattenhall more sustainable.

The Village Cup was presented to Noel Atkinson

For all his hard work setting up TOFs and tirelessly organising meetings, trips and speakers as well as being there to help the residents of Tattenhall.

Tarporley War Memorial Hospital

Richard Roberts a Trustee of the Tarporley War Memorial Hospital gave the following update on the Hospital.

He reported that over the last 2 years the hospital has faced the same difficulties of all hospitals and businesses during the pandemic, including staffing and recruitment issues. He confirmed that the hospital despite its size had to meet the same clinical governance as the large hospitals.

¹ <https://tattenhallpc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AnnualReport2022.pdf>

He reported that the Trustees has been forced to suspend services as its model of operation was not sustainable with it losing half a million pounds each year.

However earlier this year the Trustees have agreed a three-year lease with the Countess of Chester Hospital.

The first phase of this agreement has been the refurbishing of the upstairs of the Hospital to accommodate the Countess's Rapid Response and Hospital @ Home teams both of which work to keep people in their own homes rather than in Hospital.

Work is now taking place to convert the ground floor of the building to be used for diagnostic and therapy clinics which will mean patients will not have the travel to the Countess of Chester Hospital for their treatments.

It was confirmed that existing outpatient services are continuing to be provided.

Mr Roberts confirmed more information will be provided as the various services are being established.

It was confirmed the Hospital is now more sustainable and is no longer losing money. The Trustees are now planning to come out to the community to ask what services they would like to see being provided both health and social care and how to widen the scope of what can be provide locally.

It was noted that the old kitchen area and day-care room will be available for use to provide community services.

It was noted that previous fundraising had been used to keep the Hospital afloat but can now be used to deliver specific projects or services for the community. It was noted previously a third of the Hospitals funding had come from the clinical commissioning group/NHS, a third from respite care and the final third through donations.

Mountain Rescue

Parish Councillor Paul Kerr gave a presentation on his 30 years as a Mountain Rescue volunteer for North East Wales Search and Rescue. He confirmed that the volunteers will take part in rescues wherever the normal emergency services can't access the patient, so can rescue ordinary people doing ordinary things.

There are around 50 volunteers who make up the team. It was noted volunteers come from all backgrounds including teachers, plumbers, paramedics.

All volunteers are trained in a number of areas:

- 1st Aid
- Navigation
- CRAG (abseiling etc)
- Driving – Response (blue light) and offroad.
- Communication – including over a radio.
- Search Technics

The team also have dog handlers who use ground and air scenting technics.

It was highlighted that Mountain Rescue is funded purely by donations, more information including how to make donation can be found at

<https://www.newsar.org.uk/>

Council Vacancies

The Chairman reported that the Council currently has 2 vacancies and in May next year will have any all-out elections as such we need people to come forward as Councillors.

It was noted being a councillor gives you an opportunity to make a difference in the community as well as giving something back.

Community Speed Watch

Resident David Thompson highlighted that there was a need to do something about traffic speeding in and around the village. It was confirmed that a number of volunteers have been trained to use the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and Speed Gun and would be carrying out volunteer speed watches in different locations in and around the village. These sessions will collect evidence on the of speeding issues and help to educate drivers to slow down and take responsibility for their driving.

The Community was asked to consider what it wants to do to tackle speeding.

The Parish Council was asked to keep the issue of speed on the agenda.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Ann Wright 29/09/2022