

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
on WEDNESDAY 5th February 2025 at 19.00

Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, A Chapman, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck, B Troop, P Vickers, K Vickers, and A Watson.

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk)

Public Participation

None.

282. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Turner (Personal)

283. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Troop declared a personal interest in the Grant Application for Barton Carnival and Barrow & Goxhill Scouts.

Cllr A Watson declared a personal interest in the Grant Application for Barrow & Goxhill Scouts. All Councillors have a personal interest in the Assembly Rooms Windows Replacement Planning Application.

284. **Mayors Notice**

Mayor expressed disappointment that the recent Regeneration Meeting was cancelled. The new date is the 14th February 2025.

It was sad to hear the passing of former Councillor Martin Kirby. There will be an Obituary in the next Bartonian.

Congratulations to the Ted Lewis Centre for attaining Museum Accreditation. This makes 3 now in the town.

285. **Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2025**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 8th January 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

286. (a) **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th January 2025**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 27th January 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning

Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(b) **Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 27th January 2025**

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Community Committee of the Council held on 27th January 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Community Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Community Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pincheck

Members of the Community Committee present at this meeting approved the Barrow & Goxhill Scouts Grant Application of £1908.80 to be granted from next year's budget 2025/26.

(c) **Notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group held on 27th January 2025**

AGREED Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

That the previously circulated notes of the Assembly Rooms Working Group of the Council held on 27th January 2025 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Assembly Rooms Working Group Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Assembly Rooms Working Group.

287. **To consider Correspondence, Progress Report and Notices for information**

Members were encouraged to look at the correspondence related to Community Funding. There are several Environment Funding pots that may be worth applying to for local projects.

288. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council**

Cllr P Vickers

Air Fryer uptake has been fantastic. More will be distribute from The Hub next week and letters have been sent to prospective recipients.

The 1 millionth book has been taken out from the Imagination Library.

Half Marathon is in March. The route has been amended and a consultation on the road closures will take place.

S106 funding for the new equipment in Baysgarth Park is now due and further funding will be sought to ensure that the best equipment is purchased for the park.

It was disappointing that the Regeneration meeting had to be cancelled. It is hoped that representation from the town can be found for the new date on the 14th February 2025.

Cllr B Troop stated that the Marathon route is still be advertised as the original route.

Cllr L Bennet can attend the Regeneration meeting on the 14th February as representation for the town. She suggested that further dates are arranged so that they can be diarised for the rest of the year.

Cllr C Patterson

Trialling a new JCB potholer repair machine. This machine will be in the local area for 4 days next week.

Cllr K Vickers

North Lincolnshire Council are looking to install laser gadgets under the refuse vehicles that will automatically detect potholes.

289. **To consider reports from outside bodies**

Cllr L Bennet noted that Northern Power have informed the residents on Waterside Road that there will be a power cut next Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

290. **Finance Items**

- a) **To note Accounts for Payment already approved by Finance & General Purposes Committee** (Appendix II Attached) (Any urgent accounts received after making up the agenda to be submitted on the meeting day)
Cllr N Pinchbeck queried the salary cost centre which is over budget, Town Clerk explained that a journal will need to be carried out as part of the Handyperson salary was taken from Special Project reserves.
He also queried cost centres for the Office Equipment and Assembly Room Maintenance budget is over and this due to the requirement for a journal at the end of the year for the windows project which is in Ear Marked Reserve.
- b) **Income & Expenditure Report – 10 months – Noted**
- c) **Budget Report – 10 months - Noted**

291. **That Barton Town Council offer to North Lincolnshire Council to unlock and lock the public toilets in the Market Place when operationally possible, when NLC have staff leave or sickness and are unable to open the toilets – Cllr N Pinchbeck**

Cllr P Vickers informed members that North Lincolnshire Council have now employed a new member of staff to cover sickness absence.

Having a key would require a commitment to cleaning the toilets.

It was suggested that there is a requirement to ensure that the toilets will be open for the monthly markets and for confirmation to be made on the Friday that this will be the case. Possibly a key can be given to the Council for this purpose.

Cllr B Troop asked if the Town Council office staff can be informed when it is not possible to open the public toilets.

Cllr L Bennet will raise the option of Devolution of the Public Toilets at the next Regeneration Meeting.

292. **That we request North Lincolnshire Council take enforcement action on the owner of the former Reeds Hotel to clean up the site and secure it, as it is currently an eyesore from the Humber Bank walk and surrounded by the nature reserve – Cllr N Pinchbeck**

It was suggested that this should be raised at the next Regeneration Meeting. This building in the current state is a Health & Safety issue. It was suggested that the Town Council write formally to

North Lincolnshire Council to request that enforcement action be carried out on the owners to clean up the site.

Agreed **Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques**
Town Council to write formally to North Lincolnshire Council to request that Enforcement is carried out on the owners of the former Reeds Hotel to clean up the site and secure it.
Unanimous

293. **To consider nominations of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2025/2026 – Annual Town Council Meeting Wednesday 7th May 2025**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
Cllr B Troop be nominated for Mayor 2025/2026
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr P Vickers, Seconded Cllr K Vickers**
Cllr C Patterson be nominated for Deputy Mayor 2025/2026
Unanimous

294. **To elect one Member to the Personnel Committee and fill any vacancies on F&GP, Community & Environment Committees**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck**
Cllr C Patterson be elected onto Personnel Committee
Unanimous

295. **Town Council to adopt the General Power of Competence.**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**
To adopt the General Power of Competence. Criteria has been met with an elected council and a qualified Town Clerk.
Unanimous

296. **To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items:**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr B Troop**
To enter into closed session.
Unanimous

297. **Update from Personnel Committee**

No Updates.

298. **Update from Assembly Room Working Group and Recommendations**

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**
Barton Upon Humber Town Council to take on the Management of the
Assembly Rooms with effect from 1st April 2025
Unanimous

AGREED **Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr P Vickers**
Barton Upon Humber Town Council in principal to take on the Management of
the Maltby Lane Hub with effect from 1st April 2025. Town Clerk to negotiate
with North Lincolnshire Council the transfer of the Lease updating the
Assembly Rooms Working Group of progress to be followed up at Full
Council.
Unanimous

Meeting closed at 19:40

..... Chairman Councillor N Jacques
5th February 2025