

**BARTON – UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING held
In the Assembly Rooms on Monday 13th October 2025 at 18:15**

Present: Councillors B Troop, N Jacques, N Pinchbeck, L Bennet, A Watson

Also Present: C Clark (Deputy Clerk)

190. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs A Chapman (Work Commitments) & C Patterson (Personal)

191. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor L Bennet - Personal interest - The Bartonian.

192. **To note the approved minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 2nd June 2025**

Noted they were approved at Full Council meeting dated 21st July 2025.

It was agreed for future committee meetings to add the latest previously approved minutes to the councillor information folder as a reminder.

193. **Grant Applications**

No grant applications have been received. It was noted £1842 is left in the Town Grant Budget.

194. **Market Update**

Market going well, October market well received using the Assembly Rooms but traders didn't want to go upstairs. Agreed to liaise with Wilderspin School for bad weather use in partnership with Assembly Rooms downstairs. 16 Town Council gazebos with 27 traders in total for the November market. New trader attending selling vegan products using a silent battery generator to operate a fridge. Coffee Medics, based in Barton want to attend but need a generator, they want to sell hot drinks & eventually packs of coffee. They know North Bar Roasting come every month & don't want to upset a long term trader. Agreed to send them details of battery generator. 3 stalls trading the same products was agreed to remain.

195. **Events**

a) **VJ Day 2025 Afternoon Tea**

VJ Day Tea went well, 64 people attended. 2 couples that came together left as they wanted to sit on their own and all tables had people seated when they arrived.

Everyone else who attended thanked the Council for organising, enjoyed the event and quality of the food.

Agreed to hold annual afternoon tea around June – August with a nominal charge to deter people booking but not attending.

b) **Picnic in the Park 2025**

Picnic in the Park well attended, the event created positive visibility for community groups including Lincs Wildlife Trust, Goxhill and Barrow Scouts, North Lincs Fostering Team and the BTC Youth Club. Barton & District Athletics Club organised the races which were well attended, having several heats of the age category races. They have suggested holding a Welly Wanging event put on from 12:00 - 14:00. Just need an area isolated/taped off for risk assessment. The Athletics Club have an UKA accredited throws official for javelin/discus etc so throwing rubber wellies would be safe.

Agreed to try Welly Wanging by Barton Athletic Club and to book the lawn games with volunteer supervision for 2026 event.

c) **Christmas Festival 2025**

Barton Primary Schools contacted, all three happy to participate in the Christmas card competition. Deadline for submissions is 7th November with a judging day to be arranged with the Mayor.

Snowman Shop Hunt is in the process of being organised with a map and instructions, shops need contacting.

Majority of community groups from last year have replied and would like to perform on the stage again. Bowmandale and Baysgarth Schools have been chased with no response as of yet, Alicia Bennet, Castledyke School, Duckegg Theatre Group, St Peters School have all replied to say yes to performing. The Salvation Army not able to play this year as they have other commitments. Agreed to ask Barton Community Band to play Christmas Carols for the Switch On ceremony instead.

36 traders attending, 4 stalls that are not for profit or charitable. Currently in the process of making site plans to make sure no similar traders are put too close together. We still some have space for additional traders but going well so far.

Security is by AB Security Solutions.

Medical Response Services is by Singleton Associates.

Implementing Road Closure is by Nationwide Traffic Solutions (NTS).

Stage is from T Mec Solutions.

Christmas tree selected from Peter Strawson's for delivery on Monday 17th November at 8am. Permission given by Orkidz for siting this year. AS Haulage installing with assistance from M Nettleton's team. Councillors needed to help monitor pedestrian/vehicle movements while tree being installed.

Mr S James is organising a tractor run again to coincide with the lights switch on, same as in 2024. They plan to go to The Tileries, then return back through Barton. Letters need sending to town centre businesses to check who is opening. Councillor Troop will put on Barton Business Forum social media page.

Christmas Wandering Performers

- **Dream a Little Dream** – 2 x Costumed Characters (3 x 30 mins within 5.5 hour window)
- **Joobleberry** – A Big Fat Santa (3 x 30 mins within 4 hour window)
- **Will Frow** - Magician & Juggler (4 hour roaming set)
- **Fools Paradise** – Joy Riding Reindeers (3 x 30 mins within 5.5 hour window)

d) **Remembrance Parade**

Remembrance Parade road closure letters need distributing. Salvation Army Band are liaising with own council office for the brochure. They would like to know what time the names of the fallen will be read out at the War Memorial. What are the timings for the March. Times for service at the War Memorial this year rather than the church due to low attendance numbers in previous years. The Parade will start at the Assembly Rooms with the Salvation Army band members who are able to march and play joining from Market Place and those who are not able will join at the Cenotaph. Committee have been asked to decide about the length of the march for next year's event as the band members are struggling more with age and most are not able to march and play.

So far, confirmed attending from Goxhill and Barrow Scouts, Barton Community Band (who will be joining from the Market Place), Army Cadets, Barton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Barton AFVBC and the Fire Brigade. Members felt reading the names of the Fallen should be after the 2 minutes silence. Any changes to be arranged with the Mayor for update at 3 November 2025 Full Council meeting.

e) **Town Events 2026**

Agreed Picnic in the Park on Sunday 2nd August 2026 and Christmas Festival on Saturday 28th November 2026. Work with Wilderspin School to hold joint indoor crafts at the Festival. Liaise with Trinity Methodists Church for Festival events. Liaise with local Knit & Natter group about making decorations for Christmas Festival. Afternoon Tea to coincide with an annual event, eg Big Lunch, McMillian coffee morning.

f) **Engagement with Community Groups and Events**

Need to contact local groups with low membership, eg Barton Lions Club, Bike Night etc to discuss partnership working with them. Meeting to be set up by Town Council Events Officer in January 2026.

Ideas put forward by Events Officer for next year include Art/ Photography/planting exhibition in Assembly Rooms with an awards ceremony and raffle to raise money for Mayors Charities.

Youth Event in Summer, for teens not families. Can be shaped using input from Town Council Youth Club, could have job fair aspects for those seeking employment, chilled zones and activities. Gives something positive for teens to do in the summer.

Town Council Disco/ Open Mic Charity Night at the Assembly Rooms.

Town Council to have a TikTok (educational but fun) to help engage young people with what we do at the town council, what town councils are for etc.

196. **Bartonian Review**

Currently down on advertising but this happened last year & things picked up in the last 3 editions. Not as much success with full page £300 ads which does make a big difference. Articles coming in for November issue, getting details sorted for Festival article.

Contacting new businesses in the town was suggested. Front page will be the Relief Road. Agreed the magazine needs an expenditure budget allocating to cover less expenditure over income to protect the magazine which is very well received around the town. **Action £3,000 was suggested.**

197. **Budget Summary 2025-2026 – Budget Review 2026-2027**

Members discussed the income & expenditure report presented up to 10 October 2025. Without knowledge of Committed Expenditure it was difficult to consider budgets for 2026-2027.

Agreed to hold a Community Committee Budget Meeting on 10 November 2025 with the Environment Committee Budget Meeting. Move the F&GP meeting scheduled for 10 November 2025 to 24 November 2025 after the Planning Committee Meeting. It was noted budget information including committed expenditure would be sent in advance of these meetings.

Meeting closed at 19:15

..... Chairman Cllr B Troop 13th October 2025