

**BARTON – UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING held
In the Assembly Rooms on Monday 26th January 2026 at 18:25**

Present: Councillors L Bennet, N Jacques, C Patterson, N Pinchbeck & B Troop

Also Present: C. Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) & A Symonds (Marketing & Events)

Cllr C Patterson arrived at 6.35pm

385. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Watson (Personal)

386. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

387. **To view event feedback form to be sent out to the public to gain feedback**

Members considered the event feedback form sent with the agenda and were happy for this to be used. Initially for feedback on town council events in 2025 – VE & VJ Day, Picnic in the Park, Remembrance Parade, Christmas Festival. Then to be used after each event occurs in 2026.

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques
To use the event feedback form as discussed above.
Unanimous

388. **To Review Email from Chelsey Everatt about community groups and schools**

Members considered the proposal by Rooted Arts CIC presenting A Passing Tale a participatory arts programme across The Viking Way trail. They are looking to get local community groups involved in the programme. It was agreed this was a good project and to get further information for discussion at an Events Working Group meeting.

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck
To get further information for discussion at an Events Working Group meeting.
Unanimous

389. **Grant Applications**

No grant applications have been received.
It was agreed the grant application form needs reviewing at a special F&GP meeting, with the form sent to councillors in advance.

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

To hold a special F&GP meeting to review the grant application form before it is used in 2026/27

Unanimous

390. **Events**

Members discussed the Events report sent with the agenda from the Events and Marketing Officer with suggestions for events in 2026.

- a) The Big Lunch in June is an initiative brought about by the Eden Project and aims to get people together for a meal and activities. 5 – 8 June 2026 in The Assembly Rooms, possibly having curry from The Bengal Village rather than an afternoon tea.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

To pursue the idea between 5 – 8 June 2026, for further report at the next Events Working Group.

Unanimous

- b) A Community Fridge in the Assembly Rooms had been suggested. It was agreed to speak with Cllr A Watson before any further consideration as this is her field of expertise.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr B Troop

To discuss with Cllr A Watson before any further consideration for report at the next Events Working Group.

Unanimous

- c) It was agreed to hold the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 2 August 2026 in the same format as previous years. To include Barton Athletics Club suggestion of wellie throwing. When sorting ice cream concession need to advise of Baysgarth House café with ice cream. Barton Lions Club to provide cakes, but for this year only could have additional cakes in Baysgarth House exhibit rooms for afternoon tea. Entertainment suggestions to be considered at Events Working Group meeting.

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

To arrange Picnic in the Park on Sunday 2 August 2026 as discussed above for report at Events Working Group.

Unanimous

- d) Holding a Teen Day during school summer holidays in The Assembly Rooms on a date when no performance in the park was discussed. Concern if sufficient events budget to cover additional events.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To further discuss holding a Teen Day in August at Events Working Group.

Unanimous

- e) October harvest/planting competition was considered. It was noted not much to harvest in October. Something to discuss involving Barton Allotment Society.

Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To further discuss this event after Cllr N Jacques has liaised with Barton Allotment Society.

Unanimous

- f) Remembrance Parade was discussed and possibility of starting from the Market Place. It was noted people at the back of the crowd at the War Memorial Service could not hear what was spoken. Looking into funding for a more powerful PA System via North Lincolnshire Council Community Fund was suggested.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To keep start of Remembrance Parade at The Assembly Rooms on Queen Street, anyone wanting to join from other locations was fine. Funding from North Lincolnshire Council Community Fund to be pursued, for further update.

Unanimous

- g) Christmas Festival to be organised on Saturday 28 November 2026 in same format as previous years. Need to register on Stallfinder and send out interest for stalls as soon as possible. The upstairs at The Assembly Rooms to be used as a craft market. Councillor L Bennet will send details of any crafts unable to attend The Ropewalk Christmas event. Stalls on High Street between Queen Street and Finkle Lane to be trialled on south rather than north side of the street. Use of drama students from local colleges as entertainment to be pursued. During discussion for the Christmas Festival it was agreed to donate £100 to Lindsey Lodge Hospice in lieu of NLC removing the town Christmas tree, as suggested by NLC.

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To arrange Barton Christmas Festival on Saturday 28 November 2026 as discussed above for report at Events Working Group.

To give £100 donation to Lindsey Lodge Hospice as above.

Unanimous

- h) Additional event funding to be looked into at Fuelled (HAF) for the summer holiday events and considered for the Youth Club. It was noted Cllr N Jacques still has funding available from his term as Mayor in 2024/25 for youth environment projects.

Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

To apply for Fuelled (HAF) for any of the events that meet the criteria before the deadline date. Barton Youth Club to apply for funding from Mayor 2024/25 youth environment fund for a raised bed at Barton Youth Club.

Unanimous

391. **Bartonian**

It was noted the advertising revenue this financial year would not cover all expenses as regular advertisers have either stopped or reduced their advert size. Many small businesses are struggling in the current financial climate. Articles on different local businesses has received positive feedback. Agreed to contact NLC if their Rewet, Rewild consultation would be suitable for the March 2026 Bartonian.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To note advertising revenue is down this financial year. Contact NLC if their Rewet, Rewild consultation would be suitable for the March 2026 Bartonian.

Unanimous

392. **Fees and Charges 2026-2027**

Members considered the current fees and charges for Barton Market, Bartonian and Christmas Festival stalls, which they agreed should remain the same for 2026/2027

Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Jacques

Fees and charges for Barton Market, The Bartonian and Barton Christmas Festival to remain the same for financial year 2026/2027. Agreed to continue with the 6 for 5 offer in The Bartonian from May 2026 – March 2027

Unanimous

393. **Review Proposal for Town Council to start a TikTok account**

The marketing and events officer gave a power point presentation on the merits and pitfalls of the town council having a TikTok account. Members agreed this was a good idea, all Town Council social media platforms needs to be kept up to date weekly with good content of all town council events and information. Having a standing agenda item at Full Council meetings for social media events and ideas was agreed.

Proposed Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr B Troop

Barton Town Council to set up a TikTok account. A standing agenda item to be included at Full Council meetings for social media events and ideas. Councillors to support this by sending ideas to possibly be included

Unanimous

Meeting closed at 19:30

..... Chairman Cllr B Troop 26th January 2026