

Barnoldswick Town Council
The Civic Hall, Station Road, Barnoldswick, BB18 5NA
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Minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on 15th April 2026 at 7PM.

Present: Chair John Spencer, Cllrs Leanne Barrett, Gillian Robinson, David Whipp, Callum Hird, Angela Moran, Chris Church, Lola Whipp, David Greaves & Jodie Greaves

Members of the public: 0

This meeting will be streamed on the Town Council's YouTube Channel

25/116 To appoint a Proper Officer

RESOLVED: To appoint Diane Nowell as Proper Officer for the meeting.

25/117 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Steven Szostak, Mandy Boardman

25/118 Declaration of Interests

Code of Conduct – Localism Act 2011 To record any councillor's disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda. To consider any changes in members' register of interests & to consider dispensations.

Callum Hird declared a pecuniary interest in Item 18.

David Whipp declared a registerable interest in Items 10 & 17 as a member of Pendle Borough Council and Item 11 as a member of Barnoldswick in Bloom.

Chris Church declared a registerable interest in Items 11 & 17.

Gillian Robinson declared a registerable interest in Item 11 as a member of Barnoldswick in Bloom.

Lola Whipp declared a registerable interest in Items 11 & 17.

25/119 Open Forum

No requests from members of the public.

25/120 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Amendment to 25/113 (i) – change 'BT' to HAF

Amendment to 25/113 – change proposer to CH

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the minutes after requested corrections effected.

25/121 Finance

Considered the nominal activity report. Recorded a note to review gas costs for youth club.

RESOLVED: To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: To email the longer-form report and print a summary for each agenda pack.

25/122 Register of Assets

A new register has been issued. No assets have been written off. Note to check with auditors regarding the recording of the purchase price of assets. **Action JS.**

RESOLVED: To agree the Register of Assets dated 1st April 2026.

25/123 Grant Application

RESOLVED: To approve the application from Barnoldswick Town Juniors for £1000.

25/124 Events Calendar

To consider a schedule of events for 2026/2027 with dates

Family Fun Day – 11th July 2026 – budget £8000 (revised to £10,000)

The Beach – 17th July to 14th August 2026 £8500 (revised to £10,500)

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November £500

Switch On – 14th November £13000

Ice Festival – 30th January £11000 (£18000 with no sponsorship)

March Family event – 27th March £12000

Other costs – general event expenditure - £6000

Regarding event dates:

July Family Fun Day may clash with Colne Food Festival – could this be moved to 4th

July? The Beach – start date of Fri 17th July may cause logistical problems. Proposal to run instead from Tuesday 21st July to Friday 28th July which would carry an additional running cost of £2000 (making £10500 total). The March Family Event would clash with Easter 2027 and the run-up to Town Council elections. Could be re-scheduled for 20th March.

Proposal that event costs be uplifted by £7000 to include first aid/security costs and that BOTS bar budget be allocated to consultancy costs and general events (Total budget £70000).

RESOLVED: To approve the schedule, at a cost of £70000 with the dates of the March Family Event and The Beach changed as suggested and the date of the Family Fun Day to be reconsidered.

25/125 Wildflower Scheme

RESOLVED: To contribute £400 towards the 'Town Green' Scheme.

25/126 Barnoldswick in Bloom

Proposal to use £100 of its budget allocation towards the wildflowers on The Green. No need for approval from the Council.

25/127 Marie Brewster commercial request

RESOLVED: To approve the request from Marie Brewster to sell beverages at Letcliffe Park for a provisional six-month period.

25/128 Town of Culture bid

The bid document will be circulated to the committee. **Action Sam Stuart.** Theme: 'You Can Make it in Barnoldswick'. Need to consider the evolution of the town through new generations. Engaging with schools and clubs as part of this. The Chair thanked the working group for their hard work. Thanks to Kirsty Rose Parker (The Evaluator) for her help.

25/129 Barnoldswick Together

'Barnoldswick Together' is an initiative designed to create momentum for youth projects with Pendle Education Trust, whatever the outcome of the Town of Culture bid. Projects could include supporting startups (via Rainhall Centre) and signposting opportunities for collaboration. Could also look at other ways of increasing council activities that have social value.

RESOLVED: To support Pendle Education Trust with their initiative.

25/130 Council email addresses

Nine out of twelve councillors already set up with new email addresses. Draft usage policy distributed. Comments will be taken on board when finalising the policy.

25/131 BOTS

RESOLVED: No further action needed as BOTS 2026 is no longer on the events calendar.

25/132 Pride in Place

PiP Consultation carried out by Pendle Council raised issues about the condition of the toilets on Wellhouse Road - noted. Considerable support for the Pump Track and Tree Nursery. Work upgrading pavements on Newtown has been welcomed. Desire to see more youth projects. Mixed views about a permanent performance space on Town Square. Officer at Pendle will send an application form to complete for specific projects. The area committee has allocated match funding for the schemes. £285000 impact fund; £59000 match funding from the Town Council and West Craven Area Committee. Next steps to set up working group and engage with Hope re Pump Track. A suitable site will need to be agreed and a design drawn up. The Tree Nursery would be

on Town Council land which would need allocating for the purpose. Gather information for Tree Nursery. **Action AM, GR, CC.**

RESOLVED: To set up a working group for the Pump Track.

25/133 Correspondence/Items for Information

Minutes from the BOTS working group clarify that BOTS 2026 will not go ahead.

Email to CH re the re-dedication of the war memorial. Royal Yorkshire Regiment – want to present a silver salver to the Town Council.

25/134 Exclusion of Public and Press

The Chair requested the exclusion of the public per Schedule 12A of the Local Govt Act 1972, owing to the confidential nature of the business (Data Protection Act 1998).

RESOLUTION: Exclusion granted.

25/135 Vote on urgent HR matter

RESOLVED: To implement the agreed course of action.

The meeting closed at 9.35PM

The next meeting of the Full Council is on 13th May 2026 at 7PM.

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