

Barnoldswick Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on the 12th February 2025 at The Civic Hall.

Cllr David Whipp, Chair
Present

Councillors: Chris Church, Gillian Robinson, David Greaves, Jodie Greaves, Callum Hird, John Spencer & Tom Whipp

24/28 Apologies for Absence

Received from Angela Moran & Mick Strickland

Resolved: To note this information

24/29 Open Forum

No members of the public present

24/30 Declaration of Interests

None declared

24/31 Minutes of the Last Meeting (*Attached*)

To approve and accept the minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th December 2024

Resolved: That the minutes be approved

24/32 Environmental Schemes / Town Centre Planting

To thank Filtrox who sponsored and provided a small army to plant 100 metres of hedging and 7 trees. To also thank Pendle BC, Bloom, Eco Barnoldswick.

To contact Pendle regarding the community orchard.

Gledstone will need to refurbish the hanging baskets before the 2025 season.

Resolved: To formally thank Filtrox, Bloom, Eco Barnoldswick and Pendle BC.

To contact Pendle regarding the community orchard. To note the information about the refurbishment of the hanging baskets.

24/33 Events Programme 2025/2026

To discuss the events programme for 2025/2026

To consider date and format of the Ice Trail event.

To consider altering the date of the July family fun day due to a clash with a similar event being run in Colne the following day

A discussion took place around the number of events we currently hold and the pros and cons of removing some or moving dates.

Resolved: To not hold the Christmas markets in 2025. To still hold the ice festival at the end of January 2026, to not hold an event in February, to hold an event at the end of March 2026. To get quotes for removing the marquee after the Switch On and then put up again at the end of January. To move the family fun day to the 5th July 2025 to avoid a clash with a similar event in Colne on the following weekend.

24/34 Town Square Seating

To consider use of picnic benches in town square

Resolved: To purchase 2 recycled & 2 wooden tables and see which we prefer

24/35 To consider a request to borrow 2 gazebos

To consider a request to borrow 2 town council gazebos by Three Peaks Brewery for use at Salterforth Fun Day

Resolved: To bring back a policy/scale of charges to the Full Council for consideration

24/36 Fire Alarm Pavilion, Victory Park, Barnoldswick

To receive a quote for work needed to the fire alarm system at the pavilion at Victory Park. This is to replace the existing panel which is 17 years old. Total quote £1765.57 + VAT.

Resolved: To order the new panel as stated.

24/37 To consider a request to fund a wild flower display on the town green

To consider a request by Pendle Borough council to fund a new wild flower display on the town green. The cost of this would be £649 and this would fund a 1.8m x 75m area.

Resolved: To agree to the scheme. Ensure this accommodates pathways for dog walkers. Review at the end of the season

24/38 To look at applying for funding to install a pump track

To discuss and consider applying for external funding to create a pump track at a location to be decided

Resolved: That we indicate to funding bodies that we would be interested if grants became available

For further information contact: Joanne Geldard

The next meeting of the Committee will be set at the Full Council meeting on the 14th May 2025