

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 15th January 2025 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

Present

Cllr Callum Hird - Chair

Councillors David Whipp, Jodie Greaves, Chris Church, Gillian Robinson, Angela Moran, Emma West, David Greaves & Tom Whipp

24/48 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Marjorie Adams, Mick Strickland, Mandy Boardman & John Spencer

24/49 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

24/50 Open Forum

No members of the public present

24/51 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 6th November 2024 be approved as a correct record

Due to members of the public being present that were interested in item 13 the following item was brought forward

24/52 Tree Planting Weets

Cllr Church advised that Ian Wright was due to speak on this item but due to traffic issues had sent his apologies.

Resolved: To form a working group which would include Treescapes. Membership be open to groups outside the Town Council. The following councillor expressed an interest in being part of the group: Angela Moran, Gillian Robinson, David Whipp, Tom Whipp and Chris Church. Cllr Church to ask Ian Wright for a date for the first meeting of the working group.

24/53 Committee/Working Groups

a) General Purposes 11th December 2024

Resolved: To formally thanks all the people who took part in taking down the Christmas trees on the 4th January.

Item 24/21 Hedge planting – offer from Filtrox to provide staff for planting. Plants are expected soon.

Events programme – need more volunteers for the Ice Festival

24/54 Financial Matters

- a) To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council 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: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. To approve the payments as presented.

24/55 2024/2025 Estimated Out-turn & 2025/2026 Budget

a) 2024/2025 estimated out-turn

Resolved: To note the estimated out-turn report.

b) 2025/2026 Budget Proposal

TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET 2025/2026 BUDGET			
ALLOTMENTS	3500		
BANK CHARGES	1200	INCOME	
BARLICK IN BLOOM	1000	BOTS BAR	65000
BARLICK PRIDE			
ENVIRONMENTAL	16500	CIVIC HALL	35000
BENCHES	3000	DONATIONS	2500
BAR BOTS23	35000	MARKET	10000
BUS SHELTERS	2000	PARKS/LAND	3000
BUTTS STORE	2500	ALLOTMENTS	6500
		CREDIT	
CCTV	17000	INTEREST	6000
CHAIRMAN'S EXPENSES	100		128000
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS	20000		
CIVIC HALL	24000		
Countryside Access Subs	1500		
EVENTS	110000		
GRANTS & DONATIONS	5000		
TREES	5000		
HANGING BASKETS & PLANTING	16500		
INSURANCE	7000		
Market	3000		
OFFICE RUNNING	2500		
Parks	75000		
Parks - Projects & Renewals	20000		
Play Areas/MUGAS	5000		
PROFESSIONAL FEES	4000		
PROV FOR TRF SERVICES	7000		
PUBLIC TOILETS	20000		
ROOM HIRE	60		

Salary Costs Clerk & Add Staff	105000		
Support to CAB	1000	OUTGOINGS	541460
Town Meeting	200	INCOME	128000
Town Crier	1000		413460
TRAINING	1500	USE RESERVES	
Free Swimming	4200	PRECEPT	
Buildings R & M	20000		
Website	1200		
	541460		

Resolved: To agree the budget as stated

c) To consider allotment rents for 2025/2026

Resolved: To increase allotment rents by £2 per plot

d) Setting of precept 2025/2026

Resolved: To take £42000 from reserves and set the precept at £371460. The request form was duly signed.

24/56 Grant Application Rolls Bowling Club

Resolved: To award a grant of £500 for the purchase of a toilet – this is the amount left in the grant budget for this year.

24/57 Request to use the town square for an Iftar

Resolved: To approve this request

24/58 Town Centre Seating Options

Resolved: To defer this to the next GP Meeting and delegate consent for the committee to make a decision

24/59 PSPO

Resolved: To defer this decision to a later date

24/60 Request from CAMRA

Resolved: To decline this request as insufficient funds left in the budget and due to the small number of people/businesses this would benefit

24/61 To consider the implications of local government re-organisation

Resolved: To express to the Government that there needs to be a fairer way of funding services that Town & Parish Councils provide. The borough and county council are being recompensed but no subsidies to us. The role of the Town & Parish Council needs to be highlighted and acknowledged and planned for in the re-organisation. We need a share of business rates.

24/62 Correspondence/Items for information

Cllr Mike Whittingham has resigned from the Town Council. The Council would like to show our appreciation of Mikes work on the town council and wish him well for the future.

Members agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the following item of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

HR Panel Meeting 15.1.25

Resolved: That the recommendations in this report are approved.

Approved as a correct record of the above meeting

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr Callum Hird - Chair

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 12th March 2025

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