

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 25th June 2025 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

Present: Councillors David Whipp, Jodie Greaves. David Greaves, Chris Church, Callum Hird, Mick Strickland, Emma West, Angela Moran & Leanne Barrett

25/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lola Whipp, John Spencer, Mandy Boardman & Gillian Robinson

25/20 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

Resolved: To note this information

25/21 Open Forum

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

25/22 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 14th May 2025 be approved as a correct record

Item 6 was brought forward as Ian Wright from Lancashire County Council Treescapes was in attendance to present to the Council

25/24 Barlick Bioscapes working group

The group started with the intention of looking at Weets Hill but the opportunities have widened. Ian Wright then gave a presentation to the Council on potential locations for micro forests. These included Valley Gardens and Victory Park.

Resolved: In principle happy to look at options for a micro forest in Barnoldswick. A further site meeting will be arranged for councillors to look at options.

25/23 Committee/Working Groups

- a) General Purposes 11th June 2025
- b) Allotments 4th June 2025
- c) Barlick Bioscapes working group 15th April 2025, 20th May 2025 & 16th June 2025

Resolved: To agree the minutes as presented.

23/25 Internal Audit

Resolved: To address all issues and update the Financial Regulations to take in to account the change in banking arrangements.

23/26 Finance

- a) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement

- b) 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**
- c) To receive and approve the accounting statement for the year ending the 31st March 2025**

Resolved: To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/2025 as presented and for the Chair and Clerk to sign this.

That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. To approve payments as presented.

To approve the accounting statement for the year ending the 31st March 2025 and for the Chair and Clerk to sign this.

23/27 To confirm the period of the Exercise of Electors Rights to inspect the accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2025

Resolved: To approve the 1st July to the 11th August as the period of the Exercise of Electors Rights.

Due to the timescales involved the Chair authorised the discussion of the following item.

23/28 To consider a request from Lancashire Police to use Victory Park for a series of diversionary activities during the summer holidays

Resolved; To allow the group to use the park during the summer holidays and to advise the rugby club that they will be using the pavilion in inclement weather

23/29 Correspondence/Items for information

To advise that the Town Crier will be resigning later in the year due to moving. This to be included in the next GP agenda for discussion.

Approved as a correct record of the above meeting

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr Mick Strickland – Chair of the Full Council

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 10th September 2025

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