**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL Agenda Item 4**

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

**24/52Tree 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**

1. **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**

1. 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**

1. **2024/2025 estimated out-turn**

**Resolved:** To note the estimated out-turn report.

1. **2025/2026 Budget Proposal**

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|  | 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 |
| CCTV | 17000 |  |  | CREDIT INTEREST | 6000 |
| CHAIRMANS 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

1. **To consider allotment rents for 2025/2026**

 **Resolved:** To increase allotment rents by £2 per plot

1. **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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