

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL HELD
on WEDNESDAY 4th December 2024 at 19.00

Councillor N Jacques (Chairman)

Councillors L Bennet, N Pinchbeck, C Thornton, B Troop, A Chapman, A Watson, J Evison, P Vickers, K Vickers, C Patterson and N Turner.

Also in attendance T Davis (Town Clerk) & Fiona Chapman

Public Participation

None.

223. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

224. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Chapman declared a personal interest in Corn Exchange Agreement.

225. **Mayors Notice**

There are a few places left on the Mayors Greek theme fund raising evening at The Ropewalk. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Remembrance Day Parade. Next year the Church have asked for it to be considered to have the service at the War Memorial due to fewer Clergy being available. The Fallen Names can be read out at the War Memorial.

The Humber Rescue Gala Dinner was a huge success raising around £100K.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Christmas Festival. There has been lots of appreciation from many people. There will be attendance from the Mayor at a Bowmandale School Assembly next week to present the final Christmas Card competition winner.

There is a Christmas drink with staff proposed for Friday 20th December between 12-2. All are welcome.

226. **Minutes to receive, approve and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th November 2024**

AGREED Proposed Cllr C Thornton, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

That the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record.

Unanimous

227. **To approve as a correct record minutes of the following meetings of the Council**

(a) **Minutes of the Environment Working Group meeting held on 8th November 2024**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Working Group of the Council held on 8th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Environment Working Group Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Environment Working Group Members.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(b) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 11th November 2024

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques , Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Environment Committee of the Council held on 11th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Environment Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Environment Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(c) Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 11th November 2024

AGREED Proposed Cllr A Chapman, Seconded Cllr L Bennet

That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Council held on 11th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Finance & General Purposes Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(d) Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th November 2024

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Pinchbeck, Seconded Cllr C Thornton

That the previously circulated minutes of the Planning Committee of the Council held on 25th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Planning Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(e) Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25th November 2024

AGREED Proposed Cllr A Chapman, Seconded Cllr B Troop

That the previously circulated minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the Council held on 25th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Finance & General Purposes Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

(e) Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 25th November 2024

AGREED Proposed Cllr B Troop, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

That the previously circulated minutes of the Community Committee of the Council held on 25th November 2024 be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record by the Community Committee Members present and signed by the Chairman of the Community Committee.

Unanimous of those Committee Members present at the meeting

Noted.

229. **To consider reports from Barton Representatives serving on North Lincolnshire Council**

Cllr P Vickers

Relief Road – Tender process is undergoing and looking to have contractor in place and on site in February/March 2025.

Cllr C Patterson

It has been arranged for the next Regeneration Meeting to take place on 31st January 2024 between 2 and 3.30pm.

North Lincs Council is giving away free air fryers to families and pensioners in need. These will be available from the Hub.

Cllr K Vickers

Covered above.

230. **To consider reports from outside bodies**

Cllr L Bennet

Barton Tourism Partnership has been shorted listed in the Pride of Yorkshire Awards as a Destination in Lincolnshire. Ropewalk has been shortlisted in the Culture Category.

231. **Finance Items**

- a) **To note Accounts for Payment already approved by Finance & General Purposes Committee** (Appendix II Attached) (Any urgent accounts received after making up the agenda to be submitted on the meeting day) APPROVED.
- b) **Income & Expenditure Report – 8 months - NOTED**
- c) **Budget Report – 8 months – NOTED**
- d) **Consideration of draft 2025-2026 budget**
 This has been discussed at Finance & General Purposes Committee. Councillors were asked to submit their suggested amendments to the budget 2025-2026 for a decision at the Full Council meeting on the 8th January 2025.
 A Member queried the level of General Reserves.
 Town Clerk explained to members the reasons for her draft budget that has been presented. Suggested amendments specifying which budget line and by how much should change to be forwarded to the Town Clerk and amendments to be submitted prior to the Christmas break to enable time for options to be clearly presented on the 8th January 2025.

232. **Speed Indicator Device Grant Scheme – to identify match funding - Cllr P Vickers**

Cllr J Evison declared a personal interest.

Cllr P Vickers stated that Barrow Road and Caistor Road would benefit from a Speed Indicator Device. There is grant funding via the Police Crime Commission grant funding scheme. Cllr P Vickers requested consideration be made to match funding from the Town Council grant fund budget.

One member was not convinced that there is much evidence of meaningful effect from the Speed Indicator Device and therefore is this good use to Town Council funds? He would not support this due to the recent proposed 2025-2026 budget.

Cllr J Evison

Speeding devices effects reduce if in place for more than 12-16 weeks and require moving around. Speed devices contribute towards notifying public response. Number Plate Recognition devices are being rolled out over the Humberside region.

It was suggested to wait for more information on the Number Place Recognition devices.

Mayor is not clear as to the exact costs of the proposal and the resources to move the devices around in order to gain maximum effect.

AGREED Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr C Patterson

It was agreed to postpone the decision to the January 2025 Full Council meeting with more detailed information to be available.

11 In favour 1 Abstention

233. **Corn Exchange Agreement for land rental space for the Market Storage Unit**

AGREED Cllr L Bennet, Seconded Cllr B Troop

To accept and thank the Corn Exchange for the Agreement and for the use of their land for the Market Storage Unit.

Unanimous

234. **To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following confidential items**

AGREED Proposed Cllr N Jacques, Seconded Cllr N Pinchbeck

To enter into closed session

Unanimous

235. **Update on Progression of Youth Hub and sustainability of the Youth Hub**

Cllr J Evison declared a personal interest.

Town Clerk gave an update. Due to further advertising recruitment of more paid staff and volunteers is taking place with Personnel Committee having authority to make the final decision.

Town Clerk to apply to the Tesco Grant funding scheme and it is hoped that more funding will be available to apply for through the Police Crime Commissioner Fund.

St Johns is developing more Hubs in the area.

Last Youth Club Session is 13th December and will re-start on the 10th January 2025.

236. **Update from Personnel Committee**

Chairman Cllr L Bennet gave an update of the recent meeting. All Staff appraisals are now complete.

Meeting closed at 19:32

..... Chairman Councillor N Jacques
4th December 2024