



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

### Present:

**Town Councillors:** Councillor P. Haigh (in the Chair), Councillors K. Barsby, M. Duckworth, J. Harbour, M. Harrison, A. Lewis, P. McCann, D. O'Neill, C. Smith, A. Tatchell, P. Turner and M. Whittaker.

**Others:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PC Hayhurst and PCSO Falkingham.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Councillors.

### **TC/23/24/049 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor D. Alexander who was away, Councillor V. Pridden who was working and Councillor C. Turner who had relatives visiting. Borough Councillor Karen Ingham also sent her apologies as she was working.

**RESOLVED:** That the apology for absence and reason given is approved.

### **TC/23/24/050 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/23/24/051 Formally Adjourn the meeting to allow for Public Participation.**

**RESOLVED:** That the meeting is formally adjourned to allow for participation from the Public.

### **Police Report:**

The Police reported that Assaults had risen by 9, Burglaries had reduced from 5 to 2, Criminal Damage was up from 8 to 10, there was 1 Drug incident, Public Order was down from 8 to 2, thefts from 10 to 5 and Anti-Social Behaviour down from 48 to 34.

The decline in Anti-Social Behaviour is due to Operation Centurion with additional Officers on the beat Sunday to Thursday. Resident intel is vital to preventing crime and a van full of off-road bikes has been seized, residents are reminded to keep reporting incidents. A quad bike was seized in Hapton following a resident's report.

The increase in assault could be down to a change in the way crimes are recorded.

Councillors were glad to see more Police out and about and it was noted that e-bikes are a Town wide problem, not just on the Greenway.

The Police were thanked for their attendance and report.

### **Town Centre Manager Report**

There was no report.

### **Public Questions received in advance**

There were no public questions.

### **County Councillors Report**

No County Councillor was present and there was no report.

### **Borough Councillor Report**

There was no report.

### **Padiham Organisations Reports**

This year's Flower Show was a huge success with more people and more entries than previously, though more volunteers are needed to run the event. The Events Committee are to meet with the Flower Show Committee to see how the Town Council can provide support. It was suggested that the Archive Museum could be opened during the Flower Show.

The Archive Exhibition is being held on the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

A new Town Trail Committee has been set up and is looking to revive the Town Trail. The Council was asked to consider funding some new Town Trail plaques.

**TC/23/24/052      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.**

**RESOLVED:      That the meeting is formally reconvened.**

**TC/23/24/053      Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 were considered.

**RESOLVED:      That the Minutes of the Town Council meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 are approved.**

**TC/23/24/054      Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

There was no report.

**TC/23/24/055      Report back from Working Groups**

### **Events Working Group.**

Everyone who helped out at the Summer Fair and Duck Race was thanked for all the hard work that was put into the event. The ramps were well used and there was room on the riverbank. The Events Committee are to speak to The Health & Safety Officer about whether the event can go ahead without the ramps. Ownership of the footpath is needed as the steps are crumbling and dangerous.

Party in the Park was another excellent event backed up by brilliant volunteers. A letter of feedback was read out and the Events Committee will consider the suggestions.

The Beer Festival is going to plan and poster will be put up Tuesday. More volunteers are needed to cover shifts on the door.

Remembrance Sunday is on track.

The Christmas Lights switch on is to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and the Firework Display is to be ordered.

### **Planning Working Group**

There were no applications this month.

#### **TC/23/24/056          Items for discussion as listed.**

Ballroom Toilets – Talks are to be resumed with Burnley about the Ladies toilets in the New Year when budget figures will be clearer. The Disabled toilets are to be funded through a Disability Facilities Grant.

Memorial Park – 13 play items need attention and Parks are now working through the list. They have cleared the bottom of the park and replaced the chippings. Volunteers are being sought for a Friday morning group to help tidy the park and this is to be put on social media. The number of benches has declined due to vandalism and damages. Parks will shock blast the metal ends and the Football and Cricket Club are to be asked to sponsor a bench each for £100, then £50 a year maintenance.

Blocked Drains – All have been reported and cleared.

Refurbishment of existing facilities - Councillor Duckworth provided a report that has been circulated. The Planning Committee will consider the entrance to Ash Close and a letter will be sent to the Planning Officer requesting a visit to see if the build has been carried out to the plans submitted. There is a £5,000 Town Improvement Budget that can be used for some of the issues raised.

The grant of £1,000 to Painting Padiham for 2024 was agreed and further consideration is to be given to the purchase of a painting each year, with the option of a print being considered.

The Newsletter Budget is to be used to improve the Website this year and a newsletter will be produced around March time. The Archive Group are to be asked if Council Events could be included in their calendar.

#### **RESOLVED: That a £1,000 grant for Painting Padiham in 2024 is approved.**

It was agreed to get the Ballroom floor sanded and lacquered at a cost of £2,774.44 plus VAT, Burnley are to be asked to provide the Bona floor cleaning machine as it will be used throughout the whole Town Hall.

#### **TC/23/24/057          Finances**

The Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliation was circulated.

#### **RESOLVED:          That the Budget Monitoring Report and Bank Reconciliation are approved.**

A Payment list, a Receipts List, a Petty Cash Report and a Credit Card Report were circulated.

A query was raised regarding the large amount of uncashed payments, these were due to the reporting of payment to coincide with the Bank statements

**RESOLVED: That the Payments, Receipts, Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports are approved.**

**TC/23/24/058 Date of Next Meeting**

Due to the number of Councillors absent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October the date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.