



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

### Present:

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PC 5765 Lee Butterworth and Michael Huckerby from the Lawrence Hotel.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Councillors.

### **TC/23/24/099 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor C. Turner who was unwell.

### **TC/23/24/100 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/23/24/101 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:**

PC Lee Butterworth provided a report which is attached for reference. Lee apologised for the previous lack of attendance. There was a request for detection rates to be included and this will be looked into for the next meeting. There is still a vacancy in Hapton with Park but this is being sorted. Lee was thanked for his report and attendance and left the meeting.

### **Town Centre Manager Report**

There was no further update this month. The Deputy Mayor agreed to forward an email on the Heritage Trail from the Town Centre Manager.

## Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions in advance, however Michael from The Lawrence Hotel provided a report and costings for the Drag Bingo event. This demonstrated that, without the bar takings, or an option for pre-ordered wine, the event would run at a loss. Michael was thanked for his report and was advised he would have an answer by the end of the week, he then left the meeting. As there were no further members of the public present, it was agreed to discuss the matter rather than wait for the confidential section at the end of the meeting.

It was noted that the current Bar Manager had been consulted and had agreed not to open the Town Hall Bar on the Drag Bingo event.

**RESOLVED: That The Lawrence Hotel can provide their own bar at the Drag Bingo event on condition they pay the full Hire Charge plus the agreed £200 bar fee.**

## Borough Councillors Report

Councillor John Harbour reported that there was an information day on selective licensing for the Gawthorpe area and the back of Hapton Road. He outlined the positive results this had provided previously in other areas of the Borough as landlords have to pay a license fee.

He went on to outline that the Town Centre looks barren and needs extra funding activities. The previous youth centre is in a prime location and needs Heritage Lottery funding to bring it back into use. It was noted that the red phone box is due to be located outside the medical centre and the summer planters brighten the centre up. The Murals have been very successful and it was suggested that more could be provided, but funding is not currently available. Funding can be applied for in 18 months' time.

Lancashire County are to be contacted about completing the new seating area on the hill.

## County Councillor Report

There was no County Councillor report.

## Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no Organisations Reports.

**TC/23/24/102      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.**

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

**TC/23/24/103      Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were considered. It was noted that the date of the meeting was incorrect and this would be amended prior to the Minutes being signed. It was confirmed that Town Hall Room Bookings are now being charged the correct amount and all Business Voucher approvals must go through Full Council.

**RESOLVED:      That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024, as amended, are approved.**

**TC/23/24/104      Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

The report was noted. Councillors are members of the Friends of the Greenway Group and can report back on meetings at future Council meetings. Sustrans attended and provided an update

on the bridge and continuing maintenance of the Greenway. Volunteers are to be sought throughout the year. The next meeting of the group is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6pm at Padiham Green School. The group will be asked if they wish to attend Council meetings and provide updates.

A PA system is on loan to the Council for a trial period, the cost of the equipment is to be sought. A guest microphone is also needed.

It was noted that the Police report outlined all crimes had increased.

Clarification on service length for Mayor eligibility was discussed but the current arrangements would remain.

The Mayor will chase up the Top Club, there has been an AGM but the Council has not yet received a response.

There has been no response to the request of the County for more parking enforcements.

The storeroom ceiling has been repaired.

## **TC/23/24/105 Report back from Working Groups**

### **Planning Working Group**

Councillor Harbour declared an interest and left the room.

There are 3 current planning application:

1. **TIC/2024/0127** - Notification of intention to fell 2 lime trees within the Padiham Conservation Area. Bank House Queen Street Padiham.
2. **HOU/2024/0154** - Proposed two storey side and rear extension with rear and side access ramp. 34 Slade Lane Padiham Lancashire.
3. **HOU/2024/0052** - Proposed two storey extension to side elevation, single storey rear and side extension, porch to front elevation and extension of drive to rear. 24 Harrow Close Hapton Lancashire.

The applications are routine and the removal of the Lime Trees will be down to the advice of the Tree Officer, any observations should be sent to Councillor Harrison.

Councillor Harbour rejoined the meeting.

### **Events Working Group**

A total of £4,700 has been secured for sponsorships from Fardella and Bell (£1,500 for 3 events), AJP Pub Group, (£1,200 for 3 events), Fort Vale Foundation (£1,500 for 3 events), and Altitude Service (£500 for 1 event). Jennifer was thanked for all the work done on achieving these sponsors. The Town Clerk had confirmed all the necessary checks had been completed. It was noted that the Beer Festival has not been included and the Beer Festival income is to be transferred to the Community Fund.

Padiham on Parade is all sorted and going well. There is a traffic management walk about tomorrow for the road closure which is now costing over £5,000.

The Summer Fair/Duck race, it was agreed to have 2 platforms this year and a cancellation fee is to be checked. Volker Stevin have been approached to sponsor the platforms. The sea cadets are to be approached for life belts/ropes.

Party in the Park is all booked, though slightly over budget at £5,400, it was agreed to charge stall holders £10 a stall.

Acts for the Beer Festival will be booked at the end of the month.

Volunteers are needed to help with Painting Padiham on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00am.

It is anticipated the Christmas Light Switch on will be over budget.

**TC/23/24/106          Items for discussion as listed.**

The sound system has been successful, the website will be ready in 2 weeks and a Platinum Wedding has been booked. It was confirmed that Councillor Lewis is the next in line for the Deputy Mayor position.

Burnley's Safety Officer is to be asked to provide advice on Wheelchairs on the stage and the lift will be on hold until this is done. A qualified risk assessment is needed and a disabled representative is to be invited, perhaps from a Burnley disability Group.

It was agreed to purchase 24 black leatherette chairs for the Annex.

**RESOLVED:          That a budget of £350.00 is approved for 24 black leatherette chairs.**

It was agreed that the Mayor, Deputy or any Councillor attending events as the Councils representative would have the event costs covered by the Council as well as taxis if required. Any costs associated with the event such as raffles etc. would be met by the Councillor themselves. A Mayor's allowance was not approved.

**TC/23/24/107          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.

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

**TC/23/24/108          Policy Review**

The policies will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The meeting with the children of Padiham Green School to make a film for the King is tomorrow, Councillors Barsby, Harrison and Tatchell will attend.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their help and support throughout his Mayoral year and received a round of applause.

**TC/23/24/109          Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall and will be the Official Mayor Making meeting.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

## Padiham Town Council Meeting

APRIL 2024

Please can it be noted that the current Neighbourhood Policing Team for West Burnley/Padiham is as follows:

<b>NPT Sergeant</b>	-	<b>PS 282 Paul FOSTER</b>
<b>Community Beat Manager</b>	-	<b>PC 654 Anne Ingham</b>
<b>Community Beat Manager</b>	-	<b>PC 5765 Lee Butterworth</b>
<b>Hapton with Park</b>	-	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Gawthorpe</b>	-	<b>PCSO 7355 Charlotte Ingham</b>
<b>Gannow / Ightenhill</b>	-	<b>PCSO 7519 Ashley Holding</b>

The following statistics are general statistics for the whole ward area and are **not** tailored to the immediate town centre area.

CRIME	March 15 <sup>th</sup> to present day
Assault	27
Burglary	7
Criminal Damage	3
Nuisance/Personal	29
Public Order	2
Theft	15

**Issues raised by partner agencies:**

**Youth Nuisance**

**ASB Bikes**

**Parking**

### **Youth Nuisance**

This is a matter that is under constant review, In recent weeks we have seen an increase in general ASB, Most of the reports from residents seem to be that they are having problems with small pockets of youths aged between 10 and 14 that keep banging and kicking at front doors and running off. As mentioned in previous reports it is expected that there will be an increase in ASB due to the lighter and warmer nights. Concerns are that this could escalate and become a bigger problem moving forwards. The children in this instance have not yet been identified but NPT will be stopping and engaging with groups in the areas of note.

There still also continues to be pockets of incidents around the supermarkets in the town. Children do are not congregating in the area as they have done in the past, but they are causing a disturbance when attending the stores

In summary - The nuisance in Padiham Town Centre tends to be focused in 2 main areas, Padiham Leisure Centre and the Wyre Street / Lune Street supermarkets. There is a lack of youth provision in the area

### **Motorcycle ASB**

This is continuing to be a big issue for the general area. There are locations that are targeted daily and police are aware of the key times when needed. There have been some positive interactions with riders in the area and they have some have been spoken to and advised. Sadly there is always going to be a select few that will not engage. With regards to these riders we continue to build on our intelligence received by residents and target appropriately

**General ASB**

To date this month has been better than expected. Neighbour disputes have been a key factor in relation to the figures, but positive action has been taken by Police and Calico to challenge poor behaviour from residents. CPWN have been issued to some residents and others have been brought into Calico head office and interviewed with regards to their conduct in the community

**Secondary Schools**

Schools have been closed for the last fortnight

There continues to be contact with local schools and the local NPT are attending to provide an educational input when requested. It has been acknowledged that this could be developed further so PC 5765 BUTTERWORTH will attend the premises and speak to head teachers.

PC 5765 Lee BUTTERWORTH

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