



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

### Present:

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all Councillors.

### **TC/23/24/089 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors P. Haigh and V. Pridden who were away and D. Alexander who had another commitment.

### **TC/23/24/090 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **TC/23/24/091 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 sent a report following the meeting which is attached for reference.

### **Town Centre Manager Report**

The Town Centre Manager had asked if the Town Council wanted to be part of a shop radio scheme, however, Councillors didn't feel they needed to be part of the scheme and suggested technology has overtaken from radios, such as WhatsApp.

The Heritage Trail makes reference to 6 shop fronts and has been produced by Katie. This may be useful in a new version of the Town Trail, which is being discussed.

There is a Heritage weekend in September which could be considered for a relaunch.

## **Public Questions received in advance**

There were no public questions.

## **Borough Councillors Report**

There was no Borough Council report.

## **County Councillor Report**

There was no County Councillor report.

## **Padiham Organisations Reports**

The Friends of Memorial Park at looking into having the Children's Play Area refurbished and the bowling green could be converted into a café. The Minute from the Friends of meeting are to be circulated.

An Organisations mailing list is to be produced and reports requested for meetings. The Friends of the Greenway were suggested as such a group.

**TC/23/24/092          Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.**

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

**TC/23/24/093          Minutes of Town Council Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were considered.

The Chair will chase up a response from the Top Club.

Residents have asked about the possibility of fundraising for a temporary solution for the bridge and Greenway.

A Red Zone was suggested for the town centre to prevent pavement parking, but residents would need to be consulted. A member of Traffic Management is to be invited to the next meeting and a letter is to be sent to County Highways to ask for better enforcement.

Separate booking forms for the Ballroom, Community Room and Weddings have been developed.

The Borough Council redundant loop system is not suitable for Padiham Council Chambers.

Councillors and volunteers have painted the annex, mixed bar style furniture was suggested.

The Thursday night late shopping is working for some business but not others, however the shops have agreed to keep the scheme going and the lighter nights should be a benefit. It was suggested starting the late night shopping in February was possibly not the best time of year.

There has been youth anti-social behaviour on the Bowling green with bikes tearing up the pitch. The Police are to be asked to provide a number that local residents can use to report incidents, residents are also to be encouraged to ring the police direct.

There are still some previous years winning painting from Painting Padiham at the Picture House.

**RESOLVED:          That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 are approved.**

**TC/23/24/094 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

The report was noted.

**TC/23/24/095 Report back from Working Groups**

**Planning Working Group**

There has been 1 planning application:

1. **TIC/2024/0080** - Notification of intention to prune and fell trees within the Padiham Conservation Area. Nazareth Unitarian Chapel Church Street Padiham

The Unitarian application was discussed last meeting and concerns were raised about having a tree survey, which has now been provided. Councillors had a site visit to consider the application. 38 out of 50 trees are to be removed, however the majority are self-seeded saplings. It was suggested that some of the trees are loped rather than removed and 2 Oak Trees should remain. Councillors were not against the application in principle.

**TC/23/24/096 Items for discussion as listed.**

The Burnley loop/PA system is not suitable. Advice has been sought from The Royal National Institute for Deaf People. Most systems are for use with hearing aids but a system that uses wi-fi could work better. Councillor Tatchell will check the manufacturer of the Burnley System. This item is to be a standing agenda item until resolved and Opus are to be asked for a free trial of their system.

T2 have quoted £2,000 for the website update.

**RESOLVED: That a £2,000 budget is approved for the Website update.**

The Annex refurbishment was covered earlier. It was agreed that the Memorial Stone should go into the Archives and they are to be approached to see if this is feasible. The names are to be checked against those on the Cenotaph. It was agreed it should stay in Padiham but not displayed in general in the Town Hall.

The Medical Centre has agreed to use of their land to site the telephone box and it was agreed this should remain red.

The Ballroom Water Boiler was provided under emergency powers and has been installed.

A grant to the levelling up fund has been submitted for the ladies toilets and a decision is expected in April.

The storeroom ceiling is to be temporarily repaired until the gutter have been repaired and the leaks prevent, when a full refurbishment will be carried out.

The Archives have not contributed to the rent since 2019. It was agreed not to ask for a contribution for 2020 and 2021 as the Town Hall was closed due to Covid, but a contribution of £1,000 each year for 2022 and 2023 are to be requested.

**RESOLVED: That £2,000 rent contribution is to be requested from the Archives.**

The official portrait of King Charles has been ordered, it was noted that the picture of the Queen can be displayed with the King.

The rules for length of service for becoming Mayor were discussed and it was agreed not to change the system. It was agreed that length of service can be combined if broken by a period for ill health, but not if voted off the Council.

The memorial bench repairs are waiting on the mother responding. The Rotary have offered to repair the bench. The Friends of Memorial Park funded the difference in costs for the Cenotaph improvements

**TC/23/24/097            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/23/24/098            Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Deputy Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Council Meeting

MARCH 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	Feb 2023
Assault	12
Burglary	5
Criminal Damage	4
Nuisance/Personal	13
Public Order	6
Theft	9

**Issues raised by partner agencies:**

**Youth Nuisance**

**ASB Bikes**

**Parking**

**Youth Nuisance**

This is a matter that is under constant review, over the last 7 months there has been a decrease in general youth ASB. There have been less complaints in relation to youths congregating at the leisure centre although there are still a small number of incidents being reported. I feel the the Op Centurion deployments have had a very positive impact in the general area. It is likely though as the weather gets warmer and the nights get longer that we will see an increase in youth ASB.

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, however Neighbourhood Policing are liaising with Vivien Storey from The Hub to try to provide life skills to youths.

**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**

A reduction once again however I am mindful that as the nights grow longer, we could see an increase.

**Secondary Schools**

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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