



## MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

**Present:**

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

**Others:** Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PC Anne Ingham plus 1 resident.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**TC/24/25/075** Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Dave Alexander and Dianne O'Neill who were unwell and Phil Turner who had family commitments.

**TC/24/25/076** **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**TC/24/25/077** **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 Anne Ingham provided a report which is attached. It was noted that it was difficult to make a month-by-month comparison.

The Council provides some major events with the Christmas Light Switch on being the biggest. More police presence is needed as there were problems with youths.

It was asked if some outcomes or detection rates could be included in the report so there is some positive news.

PC Anne Ingham was thanked for their attendance and report.

## **Town Centre Manager Report**

The Town Centre Manager advised there was no report this month. It was asked if an update could be provided on any plans for the other side of the bridge on Burnley Road as this area is quickly deteriorating.

## **Public Questions received in advance**

There were no public questions in advance.

## **Borough Councillors Report**

Sustrans have advised they are not seeking legal advice on the Greenway Bridge and are now sourcing funding. There is a Friends of the Greenway meeting Tuesday that should update further.

## **County Councillor Report**

There was no report. It was noted that the County Councillor has not attended a number of meetings and this results in no County information being given to the Town Council. The County Councillor is to be contacted and asked to at least provide a written report for the meetings. The letter is to be copied to the Conservative Leader of the County Council.

## **Padiham Organisations Reports**

Padiham on Parade have been awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. The Committee thanked the Town Council for all the help and support they provide above and beyond just the sponsorship. It is hoped that the award can be displayed within the Town Hall foyer. Congratulations from the Town Council are to be sent and the Borough Council are to also be thanked.

**TC/24/25/078      Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.**

**TC/24/25/079      Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were considered.

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

**TC/24/25/080      Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.**

The laptop has been delivered and set up. The Body Cameras are to have the data transferred to the laptop and cleared, the laptop will be cleared after 28 days.

There was no correspondence of note.

**TC/24/25/081      Finances**

- a) The following financial information was circulated for the period 3rd October 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Closing Balance
Current	£3,025.64	£12,491.03	£190.00	£303.05	£10,000.00	£421.56
Ballroom Management	£5,823.15	£1,066.12	£3,087.69	£0.00	£0.00	£7,844.72
Business Reserve	£110,411.37	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£100,411.37
Petty Cash	£138.42	£227.14	£0.00	£0.00	£303.05	£214.33
Totals	£119,398.58	£13,784.29	£3,277.69	£10,303.05	£10,303.05	£108,891.98

**RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved**

It was noted that £15,000 of transfers were not recorded last month. It was suggested that, due to the increase in the Service Charge, the toilet refurbishment is postponed, the Strategic Planning and Finance Working Group will consider the suggestion and make a recommendation. Strategic Planning and Finance Working Group are to meet to discuss the Service Charge and staggering the Precept payments.

**TC/24/25/082 Report back from Working Groups**

**Events Working Group**

Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Light Switch On events went well, though both had admin and safety issues which are to be reviewed. Everyone involved was thanked for their hard work and support. The Mayor is to visit the sponsors on the 11<sup>th</sup> December and it was proposed that up to £50 per sponsor is allocated for gifts.

**RESOLVED: That £50 per sponsor is allocated for thank you gifts.**

**TC/24/25/083 Items for discussion as listed.**

Further progress has been made on the red telephone box as it is virtually complete and is nearly ready to install. The installers are to be advised to be aware of any damage to the paving flags and of safety requirements.

There was still no update on the Market License.

The initial application for a Banking Hub has been submitted.

The electronic display boards in Burnley Bus Station have not worked since Covid lockdowns and the Borough's Chief Executive is to be asked why this is.

**TC/2024/084 Mayor's Business**

There has been an exchange of emails with regards to additional CCTV at the Leisure Centre. The Strategic Planning and Finance Working Group are to be asked to make a recommendation to the next Full Council meeting.

The Council supported funding for the cenotaph memorial, it was noted that the flags need repointing around the memorial wall. A cost is to be provided and consideration could be given to fund this out of the Town Centre Projects budget.

**TC/24/25/085      Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

## Report for Padiham Town Centre

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

NPT Sergeant	-	PS 282 Foster
Community Beat Manager	-	PC 654 Anne Ingham
Community Beat Manager	-	Vacant
Hapton with Park	-	PCSO 7240 Cole Whitehead
Gawthorpe	-	PCSO 7355 Charlotte Ingham
Gannow / Ightenhill	-	PCSO 7519 Ashley Holding

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

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### Hapton Crime Statistics - November 2024

8 x Assaults – 4 Domestic related

1 x Burglary – Offender entered insecure property, stole vehicle keys and drove off in vehicle. Car located a short while later burnt out. No forensics but CCTV has been obtained and still circulated for identification.

3 x Criminal Damage

20 x Highway Disruption – The majority are relating to M65

5 x Nuisance

16 x Road Related Offence - The majority are relating to M65

2 x Theft – Under investigation

1 x Theft of motor vehicle – Under investigation, suspects identified

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### Gawthorpe Crime Statistics – November 2024

11 x Assaults – 5 Domestic related

0 x Burglary

4 x Criminal Damage – 3 of which are ASB related and under investigation, 1 charged

3 x Highway Disruption

23 x Nuisance – A lot ASB related

5 x Road Related Offence - Op Snap (members of the public sending dashcam into Safer Roads Unit) and one vehicle on false plates

10 x Theft – 4 Shopliftings which are under investigation, others are theft of parcel, theft of bollard, items stolen from Padiham leisure Centre which is inked to Hapton Theft of motor Vehicle.

2 x Theft of Motor Vehicle – 1 Vehicle stolen from Tesco Car park, recovered in Clayton le moors, no suspect identified / 1 theft of motorbike from outside owners property overnight

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## Youth Nuisance

There has been a significant increase in youth ASB which has escalated into Criminal Damage. Taxi's have been targeted by youths throwing stones, snow balls, eggs and flour. NPT went into Padiham on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November with staff from the Youth Offending Team for the evening, however there were no youths around, this is likely to be due to the extreme weather. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 8 members of NPT went into Padiham in marked cars, a plain vehicle with Taxi signage and officers on foot on the Greenway in plain clothes. Unfortunately, this again was unsuccessful as there was no-one out, likely to be related to the extreme weather.

There are further plans in place for NPT to conduct local Operations in Padiham, targeting these youths over the coming weeks.