



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4th November 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

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

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), PCSOs Ashley Holding and Sharon Clark.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/24/25/064 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Chris Smith and Dianne O'Neill who were away. Borough Councillor Barbara Dole also sent her apologies.

TC/24/25/065 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/24/25/066 **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:

PCSO Holding advised the meeting that a report had been circulated (see attached). There were 31 highway disruptions, but this includes incidents on the M65. As we approach firework season it was mentioned that youth nuisance at the Leisure Centre was a priority. There have been Social Media posts regarding door being kicked on Park Road and Station Road. Detection figures were requested again and the on-going issue with off road quad bikes was noted.

The Police were advised of the new Cinema Club and to sign-post youths to it. The Police will be notified if an over 12s Cinema Club is started.

PCSOs Holding and Clark were thanked for their attendance and report.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager provided a report after the meeting, which is attached. Sponsors will be invited to attend the Town Centre filming promotional video for Christmas.

Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions in advance.

Borough Councillors Report

There was no report.

County Councillor Report

There was no report

Padiham Organisations Reports

The Minutes of The Friends of Memorial Park had been circulated. Simonstone won the Junior Park Run competition.

TC/24/25/067 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That the meeting is formally reconvened.

TC/24/25/068 New Office Computer

Three quotes and additional information was circulated.

RESOLVED: That the T2 Quote is accepted for a new Laptop with Docking Station and 5 year support for £999.

TC/24/25/069 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7th October 2024.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th October 2024 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 7th October 2024 are approved.

The Draft Minutes had been amended after circulation but prior to being approved with the additional line that the Peer Review would go ahead.

TC/24/25/070 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

It was noted that the Police comment about lack of youth provision at every meeting. Burnley, Pendle and Hyndburn Councils have sent letters of support to the Martholme Greenway extension. £1,259.95 is to be transferred from the Town Council to the Community Fund account.

The Body Cameras have been purchased. The Stage Curtains have been ordered and there is 1 quote for the front curtains materials.

The Halloween Trail Business Voucher are to be presented by the Mayor on Friday.

There was no correspondence of note.

TC/24/25/071 Finances

a) The following financial information was circulated for the period 1st September 2024 – 30th September 2024

C	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Closing Balance
Current	£951.58	£8,062.74	£10,136.80	£3,025.64
Ballroom Management	9,867.58	5,375.87	1,331.44	5,823.12
Business Reserve	135,000	10,000.00	0.00	125,000.00
Petty Cash	-84.48	80.15	303.05	138.42
Totals	145,733.68	23,518.76	11,771.29	133,987.18

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved

RESOLVED: That the NJC Pay Award is approved for the Town Clerk and the Assistant Town Clerk and the Ballroom Supervisor’s salary is increased to £15 per hour from the 1st April.

RESOLVED: That a Start up rate of £20 per hour is agreed for the Ballroom Dancers, without prejudice.

It was agreed not to progress the Glitterball Project.

TC/24/25/072 Report back from Working Groups

Planning Working Group

The following Applications were tabled.

- i. **FUL/2024/0493** - Change of use from retail to motorcycle showroom, service/MOT centre, including new signage.

The fence was objected to and this has now been removed from the application.

Events Working Group

Remembrance Sunday service is at St. Leonard’s this year at 9:30am to 10:30 moving to the Cenotaph for an 11:30 finish. Chair for the band need to be taken to the

Everything is now in place for the Christmas Light Switch on. The road closure is 4:00 to 7:00pm, entertainment is 4:15 to 6:45 when Father Christmas will switch on the lights triggering the firework display. Volunteers are needed to marshal the event. Banners are due by the end of the week and a publicity video is being shot Tuesday. There is a meeting with Nathan next week. It is anticipated the road closure will increase in costs by £,500 in 2025 and Burnley have agreed to cover the costs of the upgrade to the HVM barriers this year.

TC/24/25/073 Items for discussion as listed.

Progress has been made on the red telephone box as it is almost finished and the installation needs to cover a few areas before being carried out as it will be classed as public realm work by Burnley Council.

Evac Chair training is needed and the Town Clerk and Building Supervisor are to attend.

Lancashire has announced there are 3 Banking Hubs, Councillor Barsby will continue to progress the issue and an application is to be submitted.

A list of Lead Councillors was circulated and approved and is attached. Councillor Haigh will be Lead Councillor for Ballroom Bookings & Weddings.

TC/24/25/074 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 2nd December 2024 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.

Hapton Crime Statistics - October 2024

- 6 x Assaults
- 1 x Burglary
- 4 x Criminal Damage
- 31 x Highway Disruption
- 8 x Nuisance
- 16 x Road Related Offence
- 1 x Theft
- 3 x Theft of motor vehicle

Gawthorpe Crime Statistics – September 2024

- 12 x Assaults
- 5 x Burglary
- 9 x Criminal Damage
- 4 x Highway Disruption
- 39 x Nuisance
- 9 x Road Related Offence
- 7 x Theft
- 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle

Youth Nuisance

Youth Nuisance has been on the increase again this month.

So far we have been unsuccessful in finding a suitable venue for Burnley FC in the community to use to get any provisions into Padiham for youths.

In terms of Padiham Leisure Centre, we held a multi-agency meeting and they have started to make arrangements to safeguard the building and get some more CCTV cameras installed, this should assist in identifying those responsible and submitting Youth Referrals. Once everything is in place it should hopefully reduce the ASB there.

Padiham Town Centre Officer Report – 4th November 2024

Events and Activities

- **Upcoming:**

Filming for the Padiham Christmas Light Switch on will take place on Tuesday 5th November with videographer Kevin Furber and feature 10 local businesses. A promotional video will be produced and shared on the Padiham social media platforms / website:- www.padiham.org.uk

- **Monthly Artisan Market:** VSMS Small business boutique continues to host a monthly market which will take place on Sunday 24th November. Relocating from the town hall carpark to the Plaza and A1 Carpark in the hopes of attracting more footfall.

- **Past Events:**

The Pendle Hill Properties Halloween Trick or Treat Trail was a success with increased participation from local schools and a positive community response.

Challenges and Concerns

- **Retail Vacancy Rates:**

While many businesses are thriving, a few retail spaces remain vacant. Efforts to attract new tenants are ongoing, including targeted outreach to potential retailers and the offer of business support grants. We have two new businesses that will be relocating to Padiham before Christmas, Baby Casting Company located in the former Bluebell Pottery & Gift shop and KD Motorcycles & Scooters in the former Original Factory Shop building.

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Community Engagement

- **Business Meetings:**

Working together with the town council, the town centre officer will participate in an event scheduled for March 2025 aimed at uniting local businesses and fostering stronger connections. As a result, there will be ongoing gatherings with business proprietors to talk about challenges and opportunities for growth.

The town centre is experiencing positive developments, with increased quality of events, opportunities and community engagement. Ongoing initiatives aim to enhance the visitor experience and support local businesses.

Lead Councillor Proposals

Role	Councillor
Council	Current Mayor
Finance	Maurice Duckworth
Events	Vince Pridden
Planning	Keith Barsby
Strategic Planning	Andy Tatchell
Staffing	Maureen Whittaker
Friends of Memorial Park	Chris Turner
Tea & Toast	John Harbour
Invoice Payments	Vince Pridden
Weddings	Peter Haigh
Beer Festival	Chris Smith