



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

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

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk) and PC Anne Ingham

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/24/25/102 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors John Harbour and Peter McCann who had other commitments and Phil Turner who had a family bereavement.

TC/24/25/103 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/24/25/104 **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. When there is a reported of a nuisance, contact is made and details left. The PCSOs should help out in the Town Centre to prevent Anti-Social Behaviour however fines may not be applied to juveniles. There has been a meeting between the Police and Tesco's new manager and they Police have a good relationship with both Tesco and Lidl. The Town Centre Radio scheme is being reconsidered and Boyes have been approached. Anne was thanked for her report and attendance. The Police reports were discussed at a Strategic Planning and Finance Working Group and a meeting with the Sargent has been arranged.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager advised there were no updates at this time.

Public Questions received in advance

There were no public questions in advance.

Borough Councillors Report

Borough Councillor Alun Lewis gave an update from Sustrans about the Greenway bridge.

County Councillor Report

There was no report. The County Councillor has been asked to provide a written report but neither he nor the County Leader have responded. A report is needed to keep up to date on the devolution agenda and a further letter is to be sent and copied to the Chief Exec of the County.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no reports.

TC/24/25/105 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

TC/24/25/106 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 3rd February 2025.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 3rd February 2025 were considered.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 3rd February 2025 are approved.

TC/24/25/107 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are to attend the official opening of the Hive on Friday at 12 o'clock.

The telephone box will be chased again as it needs to be planted up for the summer.

The Banking Hub application has been declined. It was felt that incorrect criteria were applied and an appeal has been submitted.

A response has been received on the Bus Station timetable issue and this is awaiting funding.

There was no progress on the lines on Slade Lane.

There was no correspondence of note.

TC/24/25/108 Finances

a) The following financial information was circulated for the period 1st January 2025 – 5th February 2025

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	
Current	£1,350.56	£17,348.01	£427.08	£0.00	£20,000.00	£4,429.63
Ballroom Management	£11,127.89	£882.17	£1,008.18	£10,000.00	£0.00	£1,253.90
Business Reserve	£75,809.89	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£65,809.89
Petty Cash	£149.51	£69.18	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.33
Credit Card	-£134.23	£429.98	£134.23	£0.00	£0.00	-£429.98
	£88,303.62	£18,729.34	£1,569.49	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	£71,143.77

b)

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved

A variance report will be provided for the Year End figures.

TC/24/25/109 Report back from Working Groups

Events Working Group

The Event Working Group had no further updates. A request has been made to run the event stalls in the Ballroom, this is to be circulated to all Councillors and considered at the next meeting.

Planning Working Group

A dispensing machine has been applied for at the Chemists though there were no issues of concern other than this may encourage further parking on the Zebra crossing. This was considered to be a Police matter rather than a Planning matter and County Highways had responded that they had no issues.

Strategic Planning and Finance Working Group

The Group recommended a grant of £500 is given for the CCTV Project at Padiham Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 is provided for the Leisure Centre CCTV Project on condition the remaining funding is secured.

The Group recommended the adoption of the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Policy.

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Policy are adopted.

The Lead Councillor for Finance gave an update on VAT. Three claims were made in May 2024. One of these was paid to both Briercliffe Parish and Padiham Town and one payment was made to Briercliffe Parish only. These have both been repaid to HMRC and a further claim for the 2023-24 year submitted. This along with the first 9 months of 2024 year have been refunded. HMRC admitted that the error was theirs and not the Town Councils. Going forward electronic submission can now be made which will prevent this error in future.

A Policy review meeting is to be held on the 17th March to consider the Complaints Policy and the Staff Handbook.

It was agreed that Councillor Alun Lewis would become the Lead Member for Policing.

The new Bar Working arrangements have hit a snag as Brian has said he no longer wishes to work the new arrangements.

TC/24/25/110 Items for discussion as listed.

Keiron Ridehalgh is looking into the provision of a cabinet to house the Padiham on Parade King's Award for Volunteering Crystal and correspondence.

It was suggested that the Town Council becomes a member of both the Football and Cricket Club at a cost of £5 per Club per month. A further suggestion was made that the Town Council sponsors one Cricket and one Football match per year at a cost of £260 each. This allows the Mayor and 10 guests to attend the match and it was suggested local groups, such as the Litter Pickers could be invited to attend. Membership provides a monthly draw and it was agreed that any winnings would be donated to the Mayor's Community Fund.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council becomes Members of both the Cricket and Football Club and Sponsors one Cricket and one Football match each year.

Quotes have been received for the backstage curtains at £1,200 and the main curtains at £10,000. Burnley are to be asked to pay for the main curtains.

RESOLVED: That the backstage curtains are ordered.

Following rumours that the Flood Defences would be delayed, this has now been confirmed with a new start date of Spring/Summer 2026 and completion in 2028. The MP is trying to arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency. The Council is to ask for an update.

It was noted that Burnley had declared 2027 as the year of culture and will incorporate existing events and the Borough are to be liaised with regarding Town Council events.

It was suggested that the 2 Town murals should be lit when its dark.

Photographs for the website are to be taken at the May Mayor Making.

TC/2024/111 Mayor's Business

The Mayor made a suggestion of him doing a monthly Blog rather than press releases, these would be via Facebook to raise the profile of the Council.

The Mayor's Quiz night has moved to the 5th April and a Business Breakfast is to be held at 7:00am on Tuesday 8th April. There will be information stalls and all Councillors were encouraged to attend. It was suggested Burnley Bond Holders are contacted about the event.

The Mayor also asked for Volunteers to help with the upcoming Wedding Fair.

RESOLVED: That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the conduct of the Hearing will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act.

The Lead Councillor for Staffing gave a statement.

TC/24/25/112 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Town Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 7th April 2025 in the Council Chambers, Padiham Town Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Council Meeting

February 2025

CRIME	February 2024	February 2025
Assault	32	41
Burglary	9	4
Criminal Damage	7	11
Drug Offences	2	0
Nuisance/Personal	33	40
Public Order	9	2
Theft	23	11

Above are the crime statistics for Hapton and Gawthorpe wards combined.

Burglaries – 3 Burglaries of Commercial sites, 1 garage break but not attached to dwelling. All closed with no suspect identified and no further lines of enquiry.

Nuisance/Personal – ASB in the Town Centre has decreased with 3 incidents reported at Tesco and 3 at Lidl, 3 on Station Road/Park Road. None of the other reports are repeat locations. All reporters should be contacted back for reassurance and info – youths identified and visited.

**Comparing Hapton and Gawthorpe statistics with other wards is difficult as it has different demographic dynamics to any other area. I have therefore provided stats for Burnley Town centre and then Rosegrove/Lowerhouse due to its demographics being most similar.

Burnley Town centre statistics for Feb 25 -

Criminal Damage – 3

Burglary - 5

Nuisance/personal – 33

Theft – 37

Assault – 30

Public Order – 5

Rosegrove and Lowerhouse Feb 25 –

Criminal Damage – 11.....14

Burglary – 10.....15

Nuisance/personal – 15.....48

Theft – 7....44

Assault – 19.....49

Public Order – 2.....7

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