



MINUTES OF PADIHAM TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st June 2026 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers

Present:

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

Others: Steve Watson (Town Clerk), Andrew Perry (Ballroom Manager) and Borough Councillor Steve Keogh.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

TC/26/27/008 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Dianne O'Neill who was away

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons given are accepted.

TC/26/27/009 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

TC/26/27/010 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

There was no Police report.

Town Centre Manager Report

The Town Centre Manager provided a written report that is attached.

County and Borough Reports

The County Councillor was not present.

Borough Councillor Steve Keogh was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for his attendance.

Public Questions

There were no public questions.

Padiham Organisations Reports

There were no reports.

TC/26/27/011 Formally reconvene the Town Council meeting.

TC/26/27/012 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7th April 2026.

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7th April 2026 were considered. It was noted that the Minute regarding the Litter Picker advert was misleading, this is to be amended to read that a full-page advert will be taken out each quarter.

RESOLVED: That, with the above amendment, the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 7th April 2026 are approved.

The Greenway side bridge is due to be reopened in September.

The Community Room radiators have now been fixed.

A contractor has been appointed to resolve the problems with the website.

The gent's toilets have been completed and paid for.

There are issues with the calendar and the Mechanic bookings, which are being investigated.

TC/26/27/013 Town Clerk's Report including Administration and Correspondence.

The new Councillor emails are proving to be problematic and T2 are to be asked to provide a set-up guide.

The Planning Working Group is to meet with Katie Nolan regarding empty shops, however it was noted that the number of empty shops has reduced. The meeting will also look at the Town Centre in general and Katie is to be asked if she could attend a Council meeting to provide an update.

The new stage curtains are on order and are just waiting for the bespoke tracks to be produced.

The website is being updated.

There was no correspondence of note.

The Ballroom Manager circulated a report. Councillor Duckworth and Andy were thanked for their work on the transfer of the Bar function to the Council.

TC/26/27/014 Finances

a) Updated figures below from statements dated 12/05/26.

	Starting Balance	Payments	Receipts	Transfers Out	Transfers In	Balances
Current	£2,508.01	£49,575.22	£126,965.00	£80,000.00	£5,000	£4,897.79
Ballroom Management	£5,142.80	£7.67	£7,021.51	£10,000.00	£0.00	£2,156.64
Business Reserve	£1,310.19	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000	£90,000.00	£86,310.19
Petty Cash	£250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00
	£9,211.00	£49,582.89	£138,986.51	£95,000.00	£95,000.00	£93,614.62

RESOLVED: That the above accounts are approved

TC/26/27/015 Events Working Group

The Working Group recommended that the 2 successful Mayor's events, Battle of the Bands and The Music Festival become annual Council events going forward.

RESOLVED: That the Battle of the Bands and Music Festival events are added to the annual list of Council events.

The Duck Race is all booked for the 1st August, though volunteers are needed to go in the river and staff the ticket sales. The Duck Race cards to the shops and pubs needed to go out earlier and by the beginning of July at the latest.

There were 45 artists and over 300 people doing the Ballroom crafts at Painting Padiham. It was agreed it was an excellent event. Painting Padiham won the Borough Council's Best Outdoor Event award, with Padiham on Parade being highly recommended.

TC/26/27/016 Planning Working Group

The Working Group has not met.

TC/26/27/017 Strategic Planning & Finance Working Group

The year-end figures were noted. There was approximately £8,000 in the bank accounts, £57,000 in the investment account and £1,000 VAT claim, giving a year end reserves of £66,000. Due to the Clerk's absence during the year, there was an increase in expenditure of around £10,000, which would have resulted in a year end of £76,000, which was the anticipated figure and reserves would have been on target.

The year end finances have been checked. There was one duplication which will be taken off this year's events. The internal Audit has been completed and a new Cost Centre of 'The Piano Bar' has been created to keep a track of income and expenditure from the Bar.

The Ballroom ceiling is under repair and should be completed for the Padiham on Parade weekend.

TC/26/27/018 Mayors Business

The Mayor has attended 2 events at Burnley. The Lancashire devolution has been a main topic of discussion and it has been suggested that the process may be being held up by Chorley.

The Padiham Sports Council have been enquiring as to who will take over the lease if devolution goes ahead.

The Mayor has been invited to Gawthorpe Hall to view the Madonna of Goldfinch.

It was agreed to present two to ex-councillors.

TC/26/27/019 Date of Next Meeting

1. Date of next Town Council meeting: Monday 6th July at 7:00pm

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance.

Padiham Town Centre Officer Report – May/June 2026

Burnley Council continues to support businesses in Padiham town center through a range of initiatives aimed at improving the appearance of the high street and encouraging increased visitor numbers. A number of local businesses have recently benefited from the Business Support Grant scheme, which provides funding for shopfront improvements and the reinstatement of traditional heritage features within Padiham town center. Recent grant recipients include JLO's Hairdressers, Northwest Fires, Kate & Co / The Sweetest Thing, together with ongoing improvement works at Padiham Working Men's Club. The funding has enabled businesses to restore and enhance the appearance of their premises, improving shopfronts, reinstating heritage character where appropriate, and contributing to a more attractive, welcoming and vibrant town center environment.



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Painting Padiham - The Painting Padiham event took place successfully in May, welcoming artists and visitors to the town centre and providing a unique cultural attraction that celebrated Padiham's character and heritage. The event concluded with a successful exhibition in the Town Hall Ballroom, showcasing the completed artworks, followed by the prize-giving ceremony and announcement of the competition winners. Paintings are now on display and are for sale in the Picture House Gallery.

Padiham Street Market - The monthly Padiham Markets continue to develop, with attendance and trader numbers showing steady growth month on month. A range of complementary free activities and entertainment has been introduced to enhance the market offer, attract a wider audience and encourage longer visitor dwell times.



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