

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 7th JULY, 2016**

PRESENT –

Councillor G. Waugh (Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

N. Butterworth

J. Knowles (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council)

D. Clegg

S. E. Cockburn-Price

J. Cooney

M. Foxley

A. R. Greaves

D. E. Lord

N. T. McCollum

J. Nixon

G. Roach

Officers in attendance:

Neil Watson

Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager

Sarah Waterworth

Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from Councillors S. Petty and P. White)



39.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

40.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

41.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42.

PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

43. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on appeals.

44. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

(a) Outstanding Enforcements

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement matters.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

(b) Enforcement Action

The Democratic and Legal Manager submitted, for information, a report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement matters.

(c) Hubbs House Farm, Colne

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that a letter was sent to Jo Turton, Chief Executive at the County Council. A response to this letter was still awaited.

45. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND 2016/17

The Neighbourhood Services Manager gave an update at the meeting that in light of the Executives resolution on 30th June, 2016 to return the funds held back from 2015/16 as well as the amended resolution to allocate £600 for litter and dogs waste bins, the current balance for the Committees Capital Programme for 2016/17 was £12,989.

In addition, it was reported that the payment had been made for the purchase of the commercial oven at Trawden Forest Community Centre for £525.13, which was much less than originally envisaged, resulting in an underspend of £975.

Member were asked to de-allocate these funds and return them to the Capital programme.

The Committee considered a bid from Pendle's Cycle Forum for £1,000 towards Pendle's Cycling Legacy Event.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the underspend of £975 from the purchase of the commercial oven be re-allocated to the Boulsworth Environmental Improvement/ Horticultural fund.
- (2) That £6,500 be allocated to the Environmental Improvement/Horticultural fund (£500 per councillor to be spent within their ward)

- (3) That no funding be allocated towards Pendle's Cycle Forum event.
- (4) That it be noted that the following allocation of funding for horticulture projects/events be transferred as follows:-

Ward	Councillor	Allocation
Boulsworth	Sarah Cockburn-Price	£250 Trawden in Bloom £150 Colne in Bloom £100 Laneshaw Bridge in Bloom

REASON

To enable the capital programme funding to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

46. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Shop on Glen Street, Colne

Councillor Cooney made reference to the state of both the front and rear of the shop on Glen Street, Colne and asked if Officers could investigate it and take action to get it tidied up.

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be requested to add it to the Problem Sites list and submit a report back to the next meeting regarding what action could be taken.

REASON

To ensure the owners take responsibility and tidy the front and rear of the shop.

(b) Alkincoats Park, Colne – Removal of Hedge

Councillor Cooney reported that the Parks Department had agreed to reinstate the hedge that they had removed to try reduce anti-social behaviour. It was reported that the hedge had been cut so far down that the existing roots would need to be taken out before a new hedge could be replanted. Councillor Greaves reported that he had written to the Corporate Director asking for an explanation as to why Councillors and the Friends group were not formally consulted before the hedge was cut down.

47. PROBLEM BUILDINGS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted an update on problem buildings in the area.

It was reported that the owner of the former Hycrome works had discussed wanting to move the scheme forward by demolishing the factory and turning the office block into apartments.

A short discussion took place regarding the Tower Ballroom which was currently for sale. It was reported that the Council owned the building next to it and it would be an ideal opportunity for PEARL to acquire the ballroom with a view to turning both buildings into apartments.

Reference was made to the condition of the property at 95 Skipton Road, some of the windows had been boarded up and the inside of the property was also in a poor state. There had been numerous complaints from residents in the area as the property was causing antisocial behaviour due to its state.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted
- (2) That the owners of the former Hycrome Works, Knotts Lane be requested to attend a meeting to discuss progress on the site, with councillors prior to the September meeting of this committee.
- (3) That the Planning, Building Control and Licencing Services Manager be requested to discuss the possibility of PEARL acquiring the Tower Ballroom at the Regeneration meeting and report back to a future meeting of this committee.
- (4) That the Community Protection and Localities Team be requested to serve a Community Protection Order on 95 Skipton Road, Colne.

REASON

To address issues associated with various properties/areas of land within the Colne and district area.

48. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Environmental Services Manager submitted, for information, an update on environmental blight sites in the area.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

Chairman _____