MINUTES OF A MEETING OF **BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE** HELD AT HOLMFIELD HOUSE **ON 28TH MARCH, 2018**

PRESENT

Councillor L. M. Crossley – Chairman, in the Chair

Councillors Co-optees Mr C. Burt – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Mr R. Oliver – Barrowford Parish Council Mr N. Goodall – Old Laund Booth Parish Council Officers in attendance V. Green Financial Services Manager & Area Co-ordinator J. Eccles Committee Administrator

(Apologies were received from Councillor McEvoy, N. Hodgson, R. Willoughby and A. Walker.)

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The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item:-

Mr R. Oakes Provision of a Hackney Carriage Rank on Gisburn Item No. 129 Road, Barrowford

120. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

121. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident of Barrowford asked for help in addressing the problems following the closure of Belgarth Nursing Home on Wheatley Lane Road. There had been numerous break-ins reported to the Police, intruders interrupted on several occasions, someone caught on the roof stealing lead, and a dangerous gas leak, caused by the theft of a gas pipe. On one occasion an alarm had been ringing for 22 hours because no-one had been able to get hold of the owners.

The gas leak had been flagged up with the Health and Safety Executive but the water and electricity supply had still not been switched off and the site was insecure. The Information Commissioner's Office had been informed about personal, confidential papers which had been left behind on the insecure site. The Care Quality Commission had also been notified of the situation and they had managed to contact the owners.

PC Dibb said that the Police had been trying to contact the owners without success. He was aware of the problems, and had noted all the issues raised. The site had been added to the

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police car patrol plan for night-time. He said he had the resident's contact details and would send her a further update.

RESOLVED

That the Police be asked to arrange for the remaining services at Belgarth Nursing Home to be disconnected as a matter of urgency.

122.

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th March, 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the reference to Openreach being difficult to get hold of being replaced by County Council in Minute 119.

123.

POLICE ISSUES

PC Dibb presented the crime statistics for Barrowford and Western Parishes for March 2018 compared to the same period in 2017 and answered related questions. Crimes were broken down as follows –

	2017	2018
Burglary - Residential	1	3
Burglary - Commercial	5	3
Vehicle Crime	4	0
Hate crime	1	0
Assaults	4	3
Theft	3	5
Criminal Damage/Arson	5	6
Other Crime	0	2
ALL CRIME	23	22
Anti-Social Behaviour	9	10

A hairdressers and estate agents had been broken into on Gisburn Road in Barrowford. The police had visited other premises on Gisburn Road and were planning to set up a meeting with traders to see what the Police could do to help prevent future break-ins. It was noted that there was no CCTV in the village and discussions followed about the benefits of having it, but also the cost of installing and running it.

PC Dibb answered questions about damage to the football pitch and a caravan in Fence and theft of a quad bike in Barley. There was also an issue with inappropriate parking on Pasture Lane, Barrowford which PC Dibb said he would look at.

124.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on outstanding appeals for information.

125.

ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on outstanding enforcement cases. It was reported that Planning Officers would shortly be visiting the building site adjacent to Clough Springs in respect of complaints regarding litter, insecure fencing, the lack of wheel-wash facilities and footpath issues.

126. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 & 2018/19

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report on the Committee's 2017/18 and 2018/19 Capital Programmes.

The report reminded Members that in 2018/19 the revenue contribution had been deleted which meant all spending must now be of a capital nature only. The loss of this funding had been offset by additional capital funding which meant the new contribution remained the same at £20,520. Some projects which had been funded in previous years would no longer be eligible for support as capital resources could not be used to fund revenue expenditure.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the change to the Capital Programme funding as detailed in paragraph 6 and in the financial implications of the report be noted.
- (2) That Parish Councils be invited to submit their bids to the 2018/19 Capital Programme by 11th June for consideration at the 5th July meeting.

REASON

To enable the Capital Programme to be allocated effectively and efficiently.

127. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

There were no existing environmental blight sites in Barrowford and Western Parishes. Members were invited to report any new sites to the Neighbourhood Services Team.

128. ROLL OUT OF OPEN REACH SUPERFAST BROADBAND

The Financial Services Manager reported the latest information from County Council on the delivery of superfast broadband to Pendleside properties which had been emailed to Members earlier in the day. BT had now indicated that they would not be planning any more activity under Contract 1, where delivery was paused pending consultation relating to the AONB. They had achieved their contractual targets for Contract 1 and had no more connections to deliver.

BT had indicated that they would consider delivering the remaining premises under Contract 2. However County Council said that Contract 2 was fully committed with no indication of any underspend.

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The Better Broadband subsidy was mentioned as an alternative solution. The County Council was also considering whether to bid for resources from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for extending broadband coverage, but if it was successful, the earliest delivery would be 2019. County Council offered to discuss the various options with local stakeholders and it was felt that this was the best way forward.

RESOLVED

That County Council be asked to meet with the Parish Councils affected by BT's decision not to roll out superfast broadband to any more Pendleside properties, at the earliest opportunity.

REASON

To find an acceptable way of obtaining delivery of superfast broadband to residents and businesses in the Parishes.

129.PROVSION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANK ON GISBURN ROAD, BARROWFORD

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report asking Members to consider the provision of a hackney carriage rank for 2 vehicles on Gisburn Road, Barrowford. However, Members were concerned about the proposed rank being situated in front of a residential property and across the road from flats for elderly residents. It was felt that it would be more suitable for the rank to be located further west on Gisburn Road adjacent to the MUGA, which was situated half way between Zio's and the Lounge.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given in principle for the making of a hackney carriage rank on Gisburn Road, Barrowford a little further down Gisburn Road than shown on the plan in the report, adjacent to the MUGA near the bottom of Rushton Street.
- (2) That, provided LCC and the Hackney Carriage Trade were happy with this proposal, that the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager be authorised to advertise the making of a hackney carriage rank at the above location from 7.00pm until 1.30am.
- (3) That, then if no representation is made from the public, Police or Highway Authority the rank be implemented.

REASON

To provide an additional evening taxi rank in response to a request from the taxi trade that would be near the Lounge and Zio's and not directly outside residential properties.

130. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was reported that the following item had been requested by this Committee and a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

(a) Rosehill House, Carr Hall, Barrowford (8/3/2018)