

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
BARROWFORD AND WESTERN PARISHES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER, 2021
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT

Councillor L. M. Crossley – Chairman (in the Chair)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
C. Lioni
B. Newman*

Co-optees

*D. Heap – Blacko Parish Council
A. Stringer – Barrowford Parish Council
N. McEvoy – Blacko Parish Council
A. Macadam – Goldshaw Booth Parish Council
R. Willoughby – Higham with West Close Booth Parish Council*

Officers in Attendance

*W. Forrest
J. Robinson*

*Housing Needs Manager (Area Co-ordinator)
Committee Administrator*

(Apologies were received from R. Oliver and A. Walker.)



The following person attended and spoke at the meeting on the item indicated –

Iain Lord

Barrowford Town Centre Re-opening

Minute No. 70

63. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

64. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Clerk of Barrowford Parish Council said he did not feel the Council Chamber was a suitable venue for meetings of this Committee and asked when they would return to being held at Holmefield House, Barrowford or in the Wilson Room at Nelson Town Hall instead.

RESOLVED

That the meetings of this Committee return to being held at Holmefield House, Barrowford as soon as is practicable.

65. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee, at the meeting held on 8th September, 2021, be approved as a correct record.

66. POLICE MATTERS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The following crime statistics for September 2021 compared to the same period in the previous year had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Police were not able to attend this meeting.

	2020	2021
Burglary – Residential	0	1
Burglary - Commercial	4	1
Vehicle Crime	3	2
Hate Crime	0	0
Assaults	7	7
Theft	6	6
Criminal Damage/Arson	4	1
Other Crime	25	24
ALL CRIME	49	42
Anti-Social Behaviour	27	28

67. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported that as at 14th September, 2021 there were no outstanding planning appeals.

68. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report on enforcement action in the Barrowford and Western Parishes area.

69. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that all the money from the Committee's 2021/22 Capital Programme had been allocated and that a full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

70. BARROWFORD TOWN CENTRE RE-OPENING

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report with an update on the spending of Welcome Back Fund (WBF) grant funding on the re-opening of Barrowford Town Centre and suggested additional spending on a guide for Barrowford.

Barrowford had been allocated £8,119 from the WBF. This funding, combined with any outstanding spend from the Re-opening of the High Street Safely Fund (RHSSF) fund, provided a total of £8,666 for Barrowford. It was reported that £3,231 had been spent on additional planters and £2,351 on Christmas decorations as suggested by Barrowford Parish Council at a meeting on 19th August, 2021, leaving a remaining budget of £3,084.

Members requested further information on the guide for Barrowford and on the timescale for publishing it to be assured that the content of the guide would be beneficial to retailers in

Barrowford and could be published before the grant deadline of March 2022. Members also discussed the spending of grant funding on hessian or fabric bags for shoppers bearing a message such as I Love Barrowford.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager also reported that the problems that could have been caused by procuring equipment from new suppliers had been considered when quotes for the additional planters and Christmas decorations were obtained and that there had been no procurement issues when the items were ordered.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the additional spending suggestion set out in the report, be approved.
- (2) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to provide further information on the content of the guide for Barrowford and the timescale for publishing it.
- (3) That costings for hessian or fabric shopping bags bearing a message such as I Love Barrowford, be obtained.

REASON

To ensure spending is achieved for Barrowford under the Welcome Back Fund and to help promote retailers in Barrowford and the town in general.

71. TROUGH LAITHE DEVELOPMENT

Members received a written update on a meeting held with the Developer of Trough Laithe on 4th October, 2021 in response to concerns raised at the last meeting of this Committee on 8th September, 2021.

72. BELGARTH NURSING HOME

The Principal Development Management Officer reported that a Section 79 Notice (Building Act 1984) had been served on the building on 20th September, 2021 and that securing the fencing to restrict access to the rear of the building and courtyard had been recommended to the Owner as an interim measure prior to repair or demolition. Members noted that a Section 215 Notice had not been served as requested at the last meeting.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Officer reported; that they were in regular contact with the Owner of the building on the continued failure of their security contract with an independent provider; that the Owner had been reminded of the option of prosecution under the Community Protection Notice served last year if the site continued to be accessed; and that Environmental Health Officers had secured the open to access points on the building and outbuildings. Members noted the progress made but asked to be kept updated on further developments.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Principal Development Management Officer be asked again if it was possible to also serve a Section 215 Notice as the site remains in an untidy condition.

- (2) That the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer be asked to submit an update on Belgarth Nursing Home to the next meeting on further developments.

REASON

In the interests of visual amenity and public health and safety.

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OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- (a) Parking Problems for Residents of Pendle View and Beckside, Barley (4/8/21)
- (b) Residents-Only Parking on Forest View, Barrowford (8/9/21)
- (c) Traffic and Parking Problems on Wilton Street, Barrowford (8/9/21)

Chairman.....