

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 3RD NOVEMBER, 2022**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price – Chairman (In the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

*D. Albin
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
K. McGladdery
A. Sutcliffe*

*M. Thomas
R. Bucknell
B. Hodgson
A. McGladdery*

Officers in attendance

Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. Butterworth, P. McGladdery and K. Salter.)



110. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

111. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

112. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to resolution (1) of minute 104 being amended to read ‘That Pendle Council, through Colne social media pages, invite the public to put forward suggestions for Colne town boundary sign slogans of up to five words’.

113. PROGRESS REPORT

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

114. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

The crime figures for October, 2022 compared to the same period last year were submitted for information. The figures related to the policing areas of Waterside, Horsfield, Colne Rural, Vivary Bridge and Foulridge and the totals were broken down as detailed below.

	2021	2022
Burglary – Residential	5	7
Burglary – Commercial	1	2
Vehicle Crime	10	14
Hate Crime	1	0
Assaults	47	26
Theft	34	31
Criminal Damage	9	21
All Recordable Crime	191	236
Anti-Social Behaviour	120	91

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 13th October, 2022 were also submitted.

The Chairman provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting at which the same crime figures had been presented. He advised that there was a slight error in the 'All Recordable Crime' figure, which contained 15 accidental duplicates.

115. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning Applications

The Committee was advised that a decision of the Council at its meeting on the 19th May meant that Area Committees no longer had the power to decide the outcome of planning applications and enforcement issues.

As yet, there was no agreed scheme of delegation and terms of reference for the Committee which would assume the powers to determine planning applications, therefore decisions would be taken by Council until the remit of the new Committee was constitutionally defined.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report of the following planning applications for consideration and invited the Committee to forward its recommendations to Council -

22/0201/HHO Full: Erection of roof lift to alter dormer bungalow to two storey house at 110 Castle Road, Colne for Mr M. Birtwistle

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0276/HHO First-floor extension and internal alterations at 144 Langroyd Road, Colne for Mr A. Cregg

RECOMMENDATION

That, subject to receipt of amended plans to include a pitched roof of acceptable design, Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0562/FUL Full: Change of use of the unit to bakery (Class E), external alterations and installation of plant at Unit 2, North Valley Retail Park, Colne for Greggs PLC

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0566/VAR Full: Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 6 (Window Frames) of Planning Permission 21/0541/FUL at Lower Broach Farmhouse, Skipton New Road, Foulridge for Mr Shaun Haycock

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

22/0630/ADV Advertisement Consent: Installation of 2 No. fascia signs (one illuminated and one non-illuminated) and 1 No. illuminated totem sign 2 at Unit 2 North Valley Retail Park, North Valley Road, Colne for Greggs PLC

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be recommended to approve this application.

116. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2022/23

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2022/23 area committee budget.

The report included one bid of £450 for the Campion Garden Pocket Park Green Waste Recycling Wormery. Councillor Lord advised that this could be funded from her individual allocation.

The application for the wormery, which was to supplement an existing composting system, prompted a discussion around the Council's green waste recycling scheme and questions over what happened to the waste once collected.

There was also a discussion about the Wycoller footpath schemes (30 and 43), where Members expressed the view that the landslip/collapse may be the responsibility of Lancashire County Council as a result of tree planting on the land.

RESOLVED

- (1) That it be noted that the bid of £450 for the Campion Garden Pocket Park Green Waste Recycling Wormery would be funded from Councillor D. Lord's individual allocation from the area committee budget.
- (2) That the Environmental Services Manager be asked to advise the members of this Committee on what happened to the green waste once collected, and whether there would be any opportunity to distribute this back to households as compost.
- (3) That Lancashire County Council be advised of the views of this Committee relating to the landslide/collapse of the Wycoller footpath, and the reasons be demonstrated with a map of the area, highlighting the location of the trees; blockage location; and area of erosion.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's capital programme effectively.

117. WHEEL PARK, VIVARY WAY, COLNE

The Environmental Services Manager reported that, following a request from this Committee, Colne Town Council had been consulted on the proposal to create a wheel park or similar facility on available land between Pendle Leisure Centre and Bowker BMW.

It was noted that the Town Council was in support of the project. It was not in a position to contribute to the initial capital costs but, with more detailed proposals, it would be open to discussion in relation to an annual contribution of up to £10,000 for the ongoing maintenance of the park.

The Committee was advised that, in order for the project to progress beyond its current point without the initial financial support of Colne Town Council, grant funding would need to be sought. Funding opportunities would be investigated once resources within Environmental Services were available to take on the work.

It was noted that, at a previous meeting of this Committee, funding of £11,540 already allocated within the Council's capital budget from the relocation of the MUGA on Vivary Way, had been allocated towards this project.

RESOLVED

That, using the funding of £11,540, the Environmental Services Manager be asked to commission a wheel park design specialist to prepare a design plan and specification, with costings, for a wheel park at Vivary Way, Colne and the resulting information be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To assist in the grant application process.

118. CONSERVATION AREAS

Further to this Committee being keen to progress a proposal for Growth Lancashire to scope the creation of new Conservation Areas in Colne and District, the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager advised that the work had been commissioned at a cost of £644.91.

The Committee was asked to agree this funding from the Committee's budget.

RESOLVED

That the commissioning of Growth Lancashire to scope the creation of new Conservation Areas in Colne and District at a cost of £644.91, be funded from the Committee's central area committee budget.

REASON

To progress the proposal.

119. PROVISION OF LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS

Further to a request of this Committee, the Environmental Services Manager submitted a list of litter bins within Colne Town Centre. This had been provided to allow for an audit to be undertaken. Councillor K. McGladdery advised that he would be willing to carry out an audit to understand the status, quality and design of the bins in order to rank them to be considered for replacement.

The Environmental Services Manager also reported that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, 13 bins had been replaced/removed by Environmental Services in the period July to September, 2022.

Members were also asked to report on any substation sites that needed tidying.

RESOLVED

That it be agreed that Councillor K. McGladdery carry out an audit of the litter bins within Colne Town Centre and report back to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To establish the bin types and assess their condition.

120. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG).

This included a summary of the continuing activities, along with information on suggestions and new activities being considered; a progress update on outstanding works to the Youth Hub; an update on additions to the new minibus (now going by the name of 'Kermit'); and information on partnership working.

It was noted that the Group's Open Day, held on Sunday 16th October at the CYAG Youth Hub on Byron Road, Colne had gone very well, and some new volunteers had been gained.

121. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following items had been requested by the Committee. Reports would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Levelling Up Fund – Progress on works (08.09.2022)
- (b) Improvements to Public Footpath 31 (13.10.2022)
- (c) A-Boards – Colne High Street (13.10.2022)
- (d) Town Boundary Signs – Costings (13.10.2022)

122. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972

as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the next item of business when it was likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

123.

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

The Environmental Services Manager submitted a report which informed Members of the enforcement actions taken within Colne and District during the period 1st July to 30th September 2022 and provided annual totals for 2022.

CHAIRMAN _____