

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 5TH OCTOBER, 2023**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

*N. Butterworth
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
K. McGladdery
K. Salter
A. Sutcliffe*

Co-optees

*M. Thomas (Colne Town Council)
R. Bucknell (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council)
A. McGladdery (Colne BID)*

Officers in attendance

*Neil Watson Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Albin and T. Ormerod.)



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

<i>Julian Barnes</i>	<i>23/0559/CEA Certificate of Lawful Development</i>	<i>Minute No.112</i>
<i>Andrew Platt</i>	<i>(S.192 Proposed Development): Proposed use of</i>	
<i>Ruth James</i>	<i>dwelling (Use Class C3) to provide care and support</i>	
<i>Catherine Charnley</i>	<i>for 2 no. young persons (Use Class C2) at Hey Fold</i>	
<i>Daniel Cranefield</i>	<i>Barn, County Brook Lane, Foulridge</i>	

108.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

109.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Two residents referred to parking and traffic issues caused by school traffic on Gill Street and Francis Street, Colne. They asked if measures could be put in place, possibly for a temporary period, such as bollards, or the introduction of a School Street Scheme.

The matter had been raised at the earlier Colne and District Community Safety Partnership Working Group where it had been noted that the issue had been escalated as part of a Problem-Oriented-Policing (POP) exercise which involved working with the nearby schools. Lancashire County Council (LCC) was also aware of the issue.

The couple was advised to collect data to support the case, by recording the times when problems occurred, with photo/video evidence where possible. In the meantime, further

contact would be made with the local school.

- In reference to a previous decision of this Committee, a member of the 'Waterside Warriors' residents' group advised Members that the garage structures at the Essex Street/Colne Lane, Colne site had now been demolished and the debris removed. She gave thanks to the Committee and asked if it would work alongside the residents' group and provide support to help improve the area.

The Committee agreed that it was still happy to support the Group. The speaker was made aware of an LCC funding pot that regulated bodies could apply to and was advised to visit a site at Mabel Street, Colne, that had recently received a funding contribution from this Committee, to help gain a vision for the piece of land.

110. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September, 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

111. PROGRESS REPORT

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

112. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report of the following planning applications to be determined -

23/0559/CEA Certificate of Lawful Development (S.192 Proposed Development): Proposed use of dwelling (Use Class C3) to provide care and support for 2 no. young persons (Use Class C2) at Hey Fold Barn, County Brook Lane, Foulridge for First Blue Healthcare

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred**.

REASON

In order to seek further information.

23/0569/HHO Full: Erection of dormers to front roof slopes (Retrospective) at 57 Knotts Lane, Colne for Mr Isaac Wilson

RESOLVED

(1) That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons -

1. The proposed dormer would be incongruous and out of keeping with its surroundings and would represent poor design. This would result in unacceptable harm to the character and visual amenity of the area and would result in poor design. The proposal would be contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy, Paragraph 134 of the Framework, and Design Principles Supplementary Planning Document.

(2) That enforcement action be taken to require removal of the dormer.

REASON

Taking enforcement action, noting there is a right of appeal against any notice, is proportionate and in the public interest.

(b) Planning appeals

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning appeals.

A verbal update was given, where it was reported that appeals against refusal of applications 22/0836/ADV and 23/0018/PNT had been refused. An appeal against refusal of application 22/0242/VAR had been allowed, with costs.

113. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which gave the up-to-date position on prosecutions.

114. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2023/24 was £33,365.

The following new bid was submitted for consideration –

- Colne Citadel, Wednesday Breakfast Club - £500

The Chair also referred to a further four recently received bids that were due to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee as follows –

- Improvements to Queen Street car park, Colne £496
- Multi user path project – Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve Group - £2,511.60
- Armed Forces Memorial Bench - £1,167
- Laneshaw Bridge Clear Up Action Day – bulbs etc. - £1,000

As the Laneshaw Bridge Clear Up Action Day was due to take place prior to the next meeting of the Committee, he asked that this application be agreed in principle. It was further suggested that all four bids be agreed in principle.

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of the bid of £500 from Colne Citadel be deferred to a future meeting of this Committee.
- (2) That the following bids be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee for consideration but, in the meantime, they be agreed in principle –
 - Improvements to Queen Street car park, Colne £496
 - Multi user path project – Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve Group - £2,511.60
 - Armed Forces Memorial Bench - £1,167
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REASON

- (1) ***To allow for further information.***
- (2) ***To formally authorise the bids where appropriate, whilst demonstrating initial support to the projects.***

115.

COLNE CEMETERY LODGE

The Director of Place submitted a report on Cemetery Lodge, Keighley Road, Colne. The property had been declared surplus by the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2021 and had been advertised for sale by Liberata Property Services since September 2022 and more recently with Petty Real. An offer of £180,000, which included an area of adjoining land and access area had previously been refused as the offer was to purchase and convert the property for a commercial use.

Liberata had carried out 14 viewings since it was first advertised and Petty Real had undertaken 15 viewings. All interest in the property had been to purchase it with the additional land. Three offers had been received, with the highest being £197,000. It was recommended that this offer be accepted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive be recommended to –

- (1) accept the offer of £197,000 for the property, and additional areas of the Council's adjoining land shown cross hatched and hatched on the plan attached to the report be declared surplus to requirements in order for them to be included as part of the sale for vehicle access and parking/garden use;
- (2) note that the existing cemetery gates are to be altered to electric opening and that the works are to be carried out by the Council as soon as is practicably possible, but this should not affect the sale of the property;
- (3) agree that the opening and closing arrangements should allow for controlled vehicular and pedestrian access and 24-hour pedestrian exit, and that there be no breaches to any walls.

REASON

- (1) ***To achieve a capital receipt, end all liabilities and bring a vacant property back into***

productive use.

- (2) *To limit the potential for anti-social behaviour and ensure the purchaser is aware of the obligations associated with the sale.*

116. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Colne and District Working Group of the Colne Community Safety Partnership held on 7th September, 2023 were submitted for information.

The Chair also provided a brief update on community safety issues and police matters following his attendance at the earlier Colne Community Safety Partnership meeting. It was noted that the current focus was on anti-social behaviour, shoplifting, and parking and traffic movement around schools.

117. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). With regard to the Youth Hub, reference was made to the savings being made as a result of the solar array; internal decorations and flooring; the new kitchen; and raised flower beds. An update was given on funding applications and it was also reported that a new part-time member of staff had been employed.

118. LEVELLING UP FUNDED PROJECTS

An update on progress with the Colne Levelling Up Fund (LUF) projects was submitted for information. The projects consisted of the Heritage Quarter (the Muni Theatre, Little Theatre, and Pendle Hippodrome) and the Colne Market site.

119. COLNE BID

The Committee was advised of the Colne BID events planned for 2024. These consisted of a light parade; soap-box challenge; food and drink festival with an 'around the world' theme; and a 1970s festival.

**120. LOCAL CYCLE AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS
ENGAGEMENT STAGE 2**

Members had been given details of LCC's Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) showing proposed Active Travel Network Maps across Lancashire. Pendle Council had been working with LCC on the Burnley and Pendle LCWIP. Comments were now being sought from the public on the proposed network plan. The consultation closed on 24th October 2023.

The Committee was encouraged to engage with the process.

121. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

The following item had been requested by the Committee. A report would be submitted to a future meeting.

- (a) Town Boundary Signs

122. EXCLUSION OF THE 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 items 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. OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENTS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted, for information, a report which gave the up-to-date position on outstanding enforcement cases.

A verbal update was given on a number of cases on the list.

124. NUISANCE VEHICLES

The Head of Policy and Commissioning submitted a report on nuisance vehicles in Colne and District.

CHAIR _____