

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL  
ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023**

*PRESENT—*

*Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)*

## Councillors

## Co-optees

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

*M. Thomas (Colne Town 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 Councillor T. Ormerod and R. Bucknell (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council) and B. Hodgson (Trawden Forest Parish Council).)*



*The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the items indicated –*

Julian Barnes	23/0559/CEA Certificate of Lawful Development	Minute No.129(a)
Catherine Charnley	(S.192 Proposed Development): Proposed use of	
Steven Whitaker	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	

*Jolene Cooper                      Area Committee Budget 2023/24                      Minute No.131*

125.

## DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

## 126.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

127.

## MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 be approved as a correct record and

signed by the Chair.

**128.**

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

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

Reference was made to the outstanding item relating to town boundary signs, in particular the removal, by Lancashire County Council (LCC), of Town Centre Sign 09 (Keighley Road). A request to LCC for funds to replace the sign had been declined. Members were dissatisfied with the response of LCC and asked that this be followed up.

**129.**

## **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**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services explained that the decision had already been issued in error and that the decision was to consider what formal decision the Council would have made.

### **RESOLVED**

That Committee determines that it would have issued the lawful development.

### **REASON**

***On the balance of probabilities and in accordance with the submitted details the proposed use would not constitute a material change of use requiring planning permission.***

**23/0601/FUL Full: Refurbishment and extension of the existing market hall and first floor apartments, including demolition of the existing glazed canopy and rear garages, the construction of a new stair and lift tower and the formation of 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments through material change of use with ancillary external works to form a new public car park and bus stop at the Market Hall, Market Street, Colne for PEARL2 Limited**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted an update which reported receipt of comments from Colne Town Council and a member of the public, and an amended plan indicating the planters to the front of the building. An amendment to Condition 4 which set out the operating hours for the scheme was also proposed.

### **RESOLVED**

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to a future meeting of this Committee and, in the

meantime, the applicant be provided with a list of the concerns raised by the Committee regarding the design of the scheme, and they be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the issues.

**REASON**

***It is felt that an amendment to the plans would lead to a more suitable design.***

**(b) Planning appeals**

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

**130. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

**Enforcement Action**

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

**131. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24**

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised Members on the Committee's 2023/24 budget.

The report included a bid from Colne Citadel which was deferred at the last meeting; four bids that had been agreed in principle by the Committee; and one new bid of £10,000 from Burnley, Nelson and Colne Debt Centre, for consideration.

**RESOLVED**

That –

- (1) £500 be awarded to Colne Citadel to start up a social café;
- (2) the bids agreed in principle at the last meeting be confirmed but, having seen the project details, the award of funding be agreed as follows –
  - Improvements to Queen Street car park, Colne - £496
  - Multi-user path project – Alkincoates Woodland Nature Reserve Group - £3,013.92
  - Armed Forces Memorial Bench - £1,167
  - Laneshaw Bridge Clear Up Action Day – bulbs etc. - £1,000
- (3) the bid of £10,000 from Burnley, Nelson and Colne Debt Centre be refused;
- (4) the underspend of £420.57 for World Book Day 2023 be de-allocated.

**REASON**

***To allocate the Committee's budget effectively.***

**132. LAND AT VIVARY WAY, COLNE**

The Director of Place submitted a report on land, shown edged black on the plan, at Vivary Way, Colne. The Committee was invited to make a recommendation to the Executive following a request from a digital advertising company to purchase the land for the siting of a digital advertising board. Members were asked to consider whether the land should be declared surplus to requirements, or a lease be granted.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Executive be recommended not to declare the land shown edged black on the plan surplus and the request to purchase or grant a lease for the land be refused.

**REASON**

***A digital advertising board at this location would create a noise nuisance and be distracting to motorists as well as being an unsightly addition to the gateway into Colne.***

**133. 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**134. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP**

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). It was noted that, following the works to the Youth Hub, it was expected to be fully open from late November onwards.

**135. 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.

**136. COLNE BID**

The Committee was given an update on the work of Colne BID which included information on the Christmas preparations and planned events.

**137. LITTER/DOG WASTE BINS AND SUBSTATION SITES**

The Committee noted that that due to wear, damage or a reduced need for the facility, seven bins had been replaced/removed by Operational Services in Quarter 2, for the period July to September 2023.

**138. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**(a) Car parks**

A request had been made for an update on progress with improvements/enhancements to some car parks within Colne that had been allocated funding from the area committee budget.

The Chair advised that discussions had taken place with a Council Engineer and that work would be progressing as planned.

**139. OUTSTANDING ITEMS**

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

**(a) Town Boundary Signs**

**140. 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.

**141. 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.

**142. PROBLEM SITES**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report on problem sites in the Colne and District area.

It was proposed that two of the sites be removed from the list.

**RESOLVED**

That, of the two sites proposed for removal from the list, the first listed be agreed, but the second site remain on the list for the time being.

**REASON**

- (1) *The site is no longer a problem.***
- (2) *The site is still considered to be a problem.***

**143. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE**

The Assistant Director, Operational Services submitted a report which informed Members of the enforcement actions taken during the period between 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 within Colne and District and provided annual totals for 2023/24.

**144. NUISANCE VEHICLES**

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

**RESOLVED**

That the Head of Policy and Commissioning be instructed to take further action with regard to the vehicle listed at the top of page two of the report.

**REASON**

*Taking further action is proportionate in the circumstances.*

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_