

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 11TH JANUARY 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

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

Co-optees

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



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

Katy Oehring Area Committee Budget 2023/24 Minute No.168

162. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests. The following persons declared a pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Colne Youth Action Group Minute No.170
Councillor S. Cockburn-Price

Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price had each been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group matters.

163. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

164. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2023 be approved as a correct record and

signed by the Chair.

165. PROGRESS REPORT

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

166. 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 -

23/0684/ADV Advertisement Consent: Display of a single wall-mounted 6x3 metre LED display unit at 66 Market Street, Colne for Vivid Outdoor Media Solutions (C) Ltd

RESOLVED

That advertisement consent be **refused** for the following reasons –

1. The proposed LED screen would have an unacceptable effect on highway and pedestrian safety due to its proximity to an existing pedestrian crossing on Craddock Road and its potential to distract drivers of vehicles at this point. This unacceptable impact on highway and pedestrian safety would be contrary to Paragraph 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The LED screen would have an adverse impact upon the visual amenity of the area due to its size, height, location adjacent to a public highway and juxtaposition to the town centre of Colne. The proposal therefore conflicts with Policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan: Part 1, the adopted Design Principles SPD, the Colne Neighbourhood Development Plan and paragraphs 131, 135, 139 and 141 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

23/0798/FUL Full: Alterations to shop front including upgrading of existing front windows, door and fascia at 15 Skipton Road, Colne for Mr Tom Friar

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted an update which reported receipt of representations from Lancashire County Council and comments from Colne Town Council. The recommendation to approve the application, subject to conditions, remained the same.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons –

1. The proposed development fails to complement the overall building in terms of its proportions, scale and detailing. It does not respond to the vertical emphasis of the building in window lines. The proposed materials of render and timber cladding are not characteristic of a shopfront and would amount to poor design. By virtue of its largely blank frontage with only high level windows the proposed development does not respond to the street scene by creating the appearance of an active frontage to a business / commercial premises and would result in harm to the wider

character and appearance of the area. As such the proposed development is contrary to Policies CNDP2 and CNDP3 of the Colne Neighbourhood Plan.

23/0818/HHO Full: Demolition of existing double garage to the rear of the property and the erection of a self-contained single storey studio flat at 25 Wordsworth Road, Colne for Mr Damian Tiplady

The Chair reported that this application had been withdrawn from the agenda.

(b) Planning appeals

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

167. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

168. 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 £17,494.

Members discussed the Committee's current commitments and the unspent allocations for certain schemes. It was suggested that some of these could be de-allocated.

A discussion was also held regarding the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme and the qualifying criteria. Particular reference was made to the requirement for three quotes for works to be carried out.

The following bid was submitted for consideration –

- Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre - £5,000

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) an allocation of £2,500 be awarded to Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre;
- (2) funding of £2,000 for tree pit enhancement (scheme No.24) be de-allocated and returned to the area committee budget;
- (3) the unspent allocations for Laneshaw Bridge to Wycoller footpath improvements (scheme 30) and Wycoller Beck Footpath Stabilisation Project (scheme 43) be de-allocated and returned to the area committee budget except for the individual allocations of £500 each from the funds of Councillors Neil Butterworth, David Cockburn-Price and Sarah Cockburn-Price which be de-allocated and returned to the individual Councillors for appropriate spend.

- (4) Lancashire County Council be advised of this Committee's decision to withdraw funding for schemes 30 and 43 as referred to at (3) above;
- (5) a further £2,000 be allocated to the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme and a request be made for the scheme criteria to be amended to allow for the acceptance of two quotes for works to be carried out.

REASON

- (1) To support the Life Skills pilot being held at St Bartholomew's, Colne*
- (2) The work has been carried out using existing resources therefore the funding is no longer required.*
- (3) The project has been rolled forward for a number of years with little progress and responsibility for the works is in question.*
- (4) To encourage uptake of the Scheme.*

169. 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 December 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.

170. COLNE YOUTH ACTION GROUP

(Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in this item but had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group matters.)

An update was provided on the work and activities of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). This included a progress update on funding applications; information relating to the Youth Hub; and a summary of the ongoing activities.

171. 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.

172. COLNE BID

The Committee was given an update on the Winter Bloom Light Festival which was taking place on 24th February. The BID's AGM was also due to take place in February.

173. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

- (a) Town Boundary Signs
- (b) Wheel Park, Vivary Way

174. 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.

175. 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.

176. PROBLEM SITES

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

177. 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 issue/serve the appropriate warning/notice with regard to the one vehicle on the list first reported in August 2023.

REASON

To address the problem with this nuisance vehicle.

CHAIR _____