

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 27TH MARCH 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

*N. Butterworth
S. Cockburn-Price*

Co-optees

M. Thomas (Colne Town Council)

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, D. Lord, K. McGladdery, K. Salter and A. Sutcliffe and B. Hodgson (Trawden Forest Parish Council).)



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

<i>Greg Horn</i>	<i>24/0108/FUL Full: Erection of 5 no. motorhome pitches and the change of use from a single storey lean to, to form a toilet and shower block at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne</i>	<i>Minute No.223(a)</i>
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<i>Philippa Osborne</i>	<i>Area Committee Budget 2023/24</i>	<i>Minute No.225</i>
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219. 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 items indicated –

<i>Councillor D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Area Committee Budget 2023/24 –</i>	<i>Minute No.225</i>
<i>Councillor S. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Bid from Colne Youth Action Group</i>	
<i>Councillor S. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Area Committee Budget 2023/24 –</i>	<i>Minute No.225</i>
	<i>Bid for the Colne Junior Council</i>	
	<i>Parliament Trip</i>	
<i>Councillor D. Cockburn-Price</i>	<i>Colne Youth Action Group</i>	<i>Minute No.229</i>
<i>Councillor S. Cockburn-Price</i>		

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 (CYAG) matters.

220. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

221. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

222. PROGRESS REPORT

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

223. 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 -

23/0690/AGD Prior Approval Notification: Conversion of an agricultural building to 5 no. dwellings (Use Class C3) at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr Stuart Johnstone

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to allow for receipt of amended plans relating to the on-site parking provision.

23/0750/ADV Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. fascia sign at Primet Business Centre, Burnley Road, Colne for Mr James Knowles

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to allow for discussions with the site owner on standardising the signage for businesses on the site with the aim of achieving acceptable forms of advert in a conservation area.

24/0108/FUL Full: Erection of 5 no. motorhome pitches and the change of use from a single storey lean to, to form a toilet and shower block at Piked Edge Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne for Mr and Mrs Swales

RESOLVED

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

1. The application site is in a location with low accessibility that would not be readily accessible by public transport and sustainable modes of transport and the proposed development, it would not be conveniently accessible to users and would result in an unacceptable increase

in car usage contrary to policies SDP2, WRK5 and ENV4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

2. The use of Skipton Old Road by pedestrians from the site would result in an unacceptable risk to their safety contrary to policy ENV4 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy and paragraphs 114 and 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
3. The proposed development would be prominently visible from the adjacent public right of way and in the wider area and would thus result in harm to the rural character of the countryside and thus the visual amenity of the area contrary to policies ENV1 and ENV2 of the Pendle Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy.

(b) Planning applications for comment

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report which invited comments on the following planning application –

24/0061/FUL Full (Major): Change of use of agricultural land to a designated local nature reserve at Gib Hill, Gib Hill Road, Nelson for the Borough of Pendle

This application was for a development which straddled the boundary with this Committee and the Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee and, as such, must be determined by the Development Management Committee. The application was brought before Committee for comment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Development Management Committee be advised of this Committee's full support for the application, be recommended to **approve** the application and in doing so recognise that –

- The change of use of this land to a designated local nature reserve would be of great educational value to the schools that border the site.
- The site's flora was of great value and that consideration could be given to restricting open access to some parts of the site to support its conservation.
- Crops of hay could be taken off the site.
- The designation of this site would double the acreage of nature reserve in the borough.
- The site would continue to form a natural boundary between Nelson and Colne, ensuring that the towns kept their own identity.

(c) Planning appeals

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

It was verbally reported that an appeal against refusal of permission for the display of a single wall-mounted 6x3 metre LED display unit at 66 Market Street had also been received.

224. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

225. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023/24

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

Councillor S. Cockburn-Price also declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Colne Junior Council Parliament Trip funding bid.)

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2023/24 was £19,816.

The following new bids were submitted for consideration –

- Repainting, repairing or replacing street signs in Colne, Trawden, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge - £1,500
- Trawden and District Agricultural Society – New food court - £1,000
- Colne FC floodlight replacement - £2,000
- Laneshaw Bridge Planters Project - £893.70
- Colne Junior Council Parliament Trip - £1,000
- Foulridge War Memorial – D-Day preparations - £500
- Foulridge Village Hall Toilet Renovations - £500
- CYAG - Footballs, Bats/Balls/Craft and First Aid Kit - £375.28
- Tubbs of Colne – Lord Street Forest School Garden - £257.54
- Painting Bollards – Swanfield Terrace and Blenheim Street - £250
- Pendle & Burnley District Angling Association – Footpath Restoration, Lake Burwain - £1,000

The Committee was also advised of a funding shortfall of £121.26 for the heritage plaque at Trawden Recreation Ground. Members were asked to consider committing further funds to cover the shortfall.

RESOLVED

That –

(1) allocations from the Committee's central area committee budget be agreed as follows -

- Repainting, repairing or replacing street signs in Colne, Trawden, Foulridge and Laneshaw Bridge - £1,500
- Trawden and District Agricultural Society – New food court - £1,500
- Colne FC floodlight replacement - £2,000
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- (2) £500 be allocated to Colne Gala from the individual funds of Councillor Neil Butterworth.
- (3) £121.26 be allocated from the individual funds of Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price to cover the funding shortfall for the heritage plaque at Trawden Recreation Ground.
- (4) consideration of the funding bid for the Colne Junior Council Parliament Trip be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's budget effectively.

226. TRAFFIC LIAISON MEETING

The minutes of the Traffic Liaison meeting held on 28th February 2024 were submitted for information.

227. PREMISES IMPROVEMENT GRANT SCHEME – SUMMARY 2023/24

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report which updated the Committee on the progress made on the Colne Premises Improvement Grants Scheme in 2023/24. An additional funding allocation was requested to allow the programme to continue. The Committee was also asked to nominate a minimum of two members to the Grant Panel for 2024/25.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the summary of the Premises Improvement Grants Scheme be noted.
- (2) That the funding allocation remaining in the ledger from 2023/24 be carried forward to the 2024/25 year and a further £6,000 allocation be agreed.
- (3) That the nomination of members to the Grant Panel for 2024/25 be considered at the next meeting of this Committee.

REASON

- (1) ***To allow the Premises Improvement Grants Programme to fund future projects in 2024/25.***
- (2) ***To allow Members to make decisions that support the ongoing regeneration of Colne Town Centre.***

228. 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 March 2024 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.

229. 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 an update on progress with works to the Youth Hub.

230. 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.

231. COLNE BID

The Committee was given a brief update on the work of Colne BID. This included information on the 70s weekend due to take place in September, and the Soap Box Rally. It was noted that sponsors were still being sought for the latter.

232. 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, Colne

233. 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.

234. 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.

235. NUISANCE VEHICLES

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

CHAIR _____