

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 6TH JUNE 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

*S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
K. McGladdery
R. O'Connor
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 N. Butterworth and T. Ormerod.)



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

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| <i>Malcolm Percy</i> | <i>24/0208/FUL Full: Partial demolition, reconstruction and extension of former agricultural building to form 1 no. single dwelling, new boundary walls and the erection of a detached garage at Brook View Barn, Skipton New Road, Foulridge</i> | <i>Minute No.30(a)</i> |
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26. 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 –

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| <i>Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor S. Cockburn-Price</i> | <i>Colne Youth Action Group</i> | <i>Minute No.35</i> |
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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.

27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

29. PROGRESS REPORT

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

30. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

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

24/0208/FUL Full: Partial demolition, reconstruction and extension of former agricultural building to form 1 no. single dwelling, new boundary walls and the erection of a detached garage at Brook View Barn, Skipton New Road, Foulridge for Ms Gemma Wheeler

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted an update which proposed amended wording for the suggested reasons for refusal to that which had been published in the original Committee report. The recommendation to refuse the application remained the same.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this application be **deferred** to a future meeting to allow for a site visit; a definitive calculation on the percentage increase from the original building; clarification on whether concerns over the overbearing impact of the development have been successfully addressed; and an opportunity for the applicant to submit, in writing, any very special circumstances that may exist, and a legal view to be taken on this.

(b) Planning appeals

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

31. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Enforcement Action

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

32. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2024/25

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2024/25 was £46,409.

The following four bids were submitted for consideration –

- Additional LED lighting column on Colne Lane Car Park - £3,775
- Litter and Dog Waste Bins - £1,000
- Painting bollards by St Bartholomew's Church and top of Cotton Tree Lane - £770
- Replacement galvanised steel gate – Greenfield Road - £350

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following allocations be agreed from the Committee's central area committee budget -
 - Additional LED lighting column on Colne Lane Car Park - £3,775
 - Litter and Dog Waste Bins - £1,000
 - Painting bollards by St Bartholomew's Church and top of Cotton Tree Lane - £770
- (2) That the installation of a galvanised steel gate at Greenfield Road not be supported, but funding of up to £350 be agreed in principle for the provision of a wooden gate at the same location.

REASON

To allocate the Committee's budget effectively.

33. 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 9th May 2024 were submitted for information. The crime figures for May 2024 compared to the same period last year were also submitted.

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.

34. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Committee was asked to consider appointing representatives to a number of outside bodies/organisations.

It was noted that representatives to the Hartley Homes Trust had been appointed to 2025. However, the Chair advised that former Councillor David Albin no longer wished to be a representative on the Trust, therefore one nomination was required to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED

That the following nominations onto outside bodies be agreed –

Pendle First Aid Services -
Trawden and District Agricultural Society -
Colne Business Improvement District -
Hartley Homes Trust -

Councillor Kieran McGladdery
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price
Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price
Councillor Richard O'Connor

REASON

To maintain Council representation on outside bodies.

35. 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 information on the grand opening of the Youth Hub which was taking place on 22nd June.

36. 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.

Progress updates had been received by this Committee on a monthly basis. The update to the 27th March 2024 meeting reported that the works to the Municipal Theatre were projected to be completed within the c.£1,563,000 LUF funding envelope. However, at the 9th May meeting, the update advised that extra funding would be required and that this was to be reported to the Executive. At its meeting on 30th May, the Executive agreed additional funding.

It was noted that Quarterbridge Consultants were still in the process of finalising their report on the future operation of Colne Market.

RESOLVED

That, when available, the report of Quarterbridge Consultants be submitted to this Committee.

REASON

For information.

37. COLNE BID

The Committee was given an update on the work of Colne BID. Members were reminded of the Soap Box Rally which was taking place at the end of the month; the Food and Drinks Festival in July; and the 70s weekend in September. It was noted that the BID had signed up to the Pendleside Hospice Corporate Challenge.

38. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

The Head of Economic Growth reported that there were no existing Environmental Blight sites in the Colne and District area. However, a couple of sites had been identified by Committee members and would be reported to officers as appropriate.

39. 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
- (c) Site in Laneshaw Bridge
- (d) Vacant Properties

40. 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 at minute 41 and 42, that there would be disclosure of exempt information which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and at minute 43 there would be disclosure of exempt information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

41. 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.

It was noted that there had been a change in ownership of one site.

RESOLVED

That enforcement action in relation to the site under new ownership be deferred.

REASON

To allow proposals for the site to be considered.

42. NUISANCE VEHICLES

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

43. PLANNING INSPECTORATE DECISION – POTENTIAL JUDICIAL CHALLENGE

The Committee considered a report from the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

RESOLVED

That a judicial review be pursued.

REASON

The reason for refusal was not directly addressed by the Inspectorate.

CHAIR _____