

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)*

**Councillors**

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



**44.                                              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.53
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 (CYAG) matters.

**45.                                              PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**46.                                              MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**47.                                              PROGRESS REPORT**

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

## **48. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS**

The Chair provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier Community Safety Partnership meeting.

The crime figures for June 2024 compared to the same period the previous year were submitted for information. The figures related to the policing areas of Waterside, Horsfield, Colne Rural, Vivary Bridge and Foulridge and the totals were broken down as detailed below.

	2023	2024
Burglary – Residential	3	3
Burglary – Commercial	3	2
Burglary – Non-dwelling	1	2
Vehicle Crime	11	8
Assaults	79	71
Theft	25	41
Arson/Criminal Damage	20	25
All Recordable Crime	174	196
All Recordable Crime – Year to Date	935	1154
Hate Crime	2	3
Anti-Social Behaviour	71	108

There was continued concern by one Member at the way in which the crime figures were reported, particularly in relation to incidents that took place in the town centre which were recorded under the policing areas of Waterside and Horsfield, depending on where in the town centre the incident occurred. It was felt that this misrepresented the areas/electoral wards as a whole and could deter people from setting up home in these areas. They therefore repeated a request for town centre incidents to be recorded separately.

### **RESOLVED**

That a further request be made to Lancashire Constabulary for town centre incidents to be recorded separately and, should this result in a negative response, the matter be referred to the Police and Crime Commissioner for consideration.

### **REASON**

***To clearly demonstrate where the incidents had occurred.***

## **49. 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 -

**24/0314/VAR Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 13/12/0162P at 3 Greenfield House, Greenfield Road, Colne for Mr Dean Brown**

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted an update report which proposed an additional condition to ensure that an appropriate timber garage door was used.

## **RESOLVED**

That consideration of this planning application be **deferred** to allow for consultation with Growth Lancashire on the potential impacts of the two-storey extension and car parking provision at the front of the development.

### **(b) Planning appeals**

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

In a verbal update, the Chair advised that the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the erection of five detached houses and associated works at land to the south of Green Meadow, Trawden had been dismissed.

An appeal against refusal of reserved matters for the erection of a dwellinghouse on site of existing static caravan (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of Outline Planning Permission 22/0664/OUT at Windacre Farm, Skipton Old Road, Colne had been allowed with conditions.

## **50. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES**

### **Enforcement Action**

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

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

## **51. 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 £40,514.

The Committee considered a bid of £550 towards the replacement of the gate on Black Horse Yard. The total project cost was £1,300 plus VAT, to which the Committee had already allocated £750 from its 2023/2024 budget.

The Chair also provided an update on progress with previous funding allocations and advised on potential bids to be considered at future meetings.

## **RESOLVED**

That –

- (1) the replacement of the gate on Black Horse Yard be supported;
- (2) Colne BID be asked to consider contributing half of the remaining funding required;
- (3) the balance required to complete the project, up to a maximum of £550, be allocated from this Committee's central area committee budget.

**REASON**

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

**52. PARKING POLICY AND STRATEGIES FOR PENDLE**

The Head of Economic Growth submitted a report which proposed a new overarching Pendle parking policy followed by five area-specific parking strategies for Nelson, Brierfield, Barnoldswick, Earby and Colne.

Members were asked to consider making an appointment or appointments from this Committee to a working group to assist in establishing Colne and District's parking requirements to feed into the overarching policy and relevant area-specific strategies.

A baseline report which outlined the findings of surveys and background work was submitted as appendix A to the report. The Committee discussed in detail the findings relating to Colne and District. It was the view of Members that parking charges should not be introduced in Colne. It was also suggested that taxi spaces and the provision of EV charge points for bikes form part of the review. Members understood the cost implications for maintaining car parks and would bear that in mind when reviewing the future provision, but they wished to see a professional economic analysis of the disbenefits of introducing charges. Members specifically noted that the Committee had contributed nearly £7,000 to maintenance works over the last three years, whilst other area committees had contributed £0.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the report and proposed process be noted.
- (2) That Councillors David Cockburn-Price, Sarah Cockburn-Price and Ash Sutcliffe, along with co-optees Mary Thomas and Aneesa McGladdery, be nominated to sit on a working group to assist in establishing Colne and District's parking requirements.

**REASON**

***To feed into the overarching policy and relevant area-specific strategies.***

**53. 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 of the Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). This included information on the grand opening of the Youth Hub; the Group's involvement in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme; funding opportunities; and activities.

**54. 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.

Members were pleased to hear that works to the Hippodrome Theatre were nearing completion and under budget. However, there was concern that extra funding had been required to complete works at the Muni Theatre and the lack of information presented to the Committee on this. It was hoped that such information would be reported to the Committee in future.

Members supported the use of Hartley Square for the outdoor market and suggested that the road be cordoned off should the stone spheres be an issue.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Director of Place be encouraged to explore the option of cordoning off the road at Hartley Square to accommodate the outdoor market.

## **REASON**

***To allow the outdoor market traders to operate from one location close to the temporary home of the indoor market.***

## **55.**

### **COLNE BID**

The Committee was given an update on the work of Colne BID. The BID Manager reported on the success of the recent Soap Box Rally and advised that this may become a biennial event. The Food and Drinks Festival was the next scheduled event. It was noted that use of the bus station had not been allowed for the festival this year, therefore other locations such as Hartley Square, part of Parliament Street and in front of the library were being considered.

The BID continued to work with Pendleside Hospice for all events as part of the Corporate Challenge. They also had a good partnership with Nelson and Colne College.

In addition to the above update, M. Thomas of Colne Town Council reminded Members of the Family Fun Day taking place this Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> July). There would be a big screen at the event, showing the UEFA Euro 2024 Final.

The Committee also took the opportunity to thank Councillor N. Butterworth and Gary Seed for their work at Colne Gala over the years and hoped that this could be formally recognised by the Mayor of Pendle.

## **56.**

### **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
- (e) Colne Market – Consultant's report on future operation

## **57.**

### **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.

**58. 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.

Members expressed specific concerns relating to file ref. PLE/23/1483.

**RESOLVED**

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services –

- (1) be asked to provide further details on the situation with file ref. PLE/23/1483;
- (2) be authorised to take appropriate enforcement action in respect of file ref. PLE/24/0015 and file ref. PLE/24/0344.

**REASON**

*To address the issues relating to the outstanding enforcement cases.*

**59. PROBLEM SITES**

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

**60. DEVELOPMENT SITE, COLNE**

Members considered potential options for a development site in Colne.

**RESOLVED**

That –

- (1) the views of this Committee be reported to Pendle Enterprise and Regeneration Limited (PEARL) with a request that consideration be given to purchasing this and the neighbouring site;
- (2) in the meantime, the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services be asked to establish if appropriate advertisement permissions were in place.

**REASON**

*With a view to developing the site.*

**61. NUISANCE VEHICLES**

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

District.

**RESOLVED**

That the one vehicle first reported in August 2023 be removed from the list.

***REASON***

***The vehicle is no longer considered to be a nuisance.***

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_