

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COLNE TOWN HALL
ON 5TH MARCH 2026**

PRESENT –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price (Chair)

Councillors

*M. Atkinson
A. Bell
N. Butterworth
S. Cockburn-Price
D. Lord
R. O'Connor
A. Sutcliffe*

Co-optees

*M. Thomas (Colne Town Council)
W. Halliday (Foulridge Parish Council)
R. Bucknell (Laneshaw Bridge Parish Council)
S. Smith (Colne BID)*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K. Salter.)

Officers in attendance

*Neil Watson Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services
Lynne Rowland Committee Administrator*



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated -

<i>Alan Bedford</i>	<i>25/0479/FUL Full: (Major): Formation of a 3G</i>	<i>Minute No.225(a)</i>
<i>John Tarbox</i>	<i>Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and hardstanding area</i>	
<i>Jonny Allen</i>	<i>to side of pitch, a long/triple jump facility and access</i>	
<i>Riley Warren</i>	<i>footpath, siting of 1 no. storage container and</i>	
<i>Sharon Dale</i>	<i>erection of perimeter fencing, 6 no. floodlights, and</i>	
<i>Gareth Rushton</i>	<i>sports hall extension at Park High School, Venables</i>	
<i>Julian Manley</i>	<i>Avenue, Colne</i>	
<i>Carolyn Wormwell</i>		
<i>William Titley</i>		
<i>John Stockdale</i>		
<i>John Birchenough</i>		
<i>Matthew Parker</i>		
<i>Benjamin Parker</i>		
<i>Michael Phelan</i>		
<i>Karen Clark</i>		

220.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

Members' attention was also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

The following persons declared a pecuniary interest in the items indicated –

Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor S. Cockburn-Price	25/0479/FUL Full: (Major): Formation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and hardstanding area to side of pitch, a long/triple jump facility and access footpath, siting of 1 no. storage container and erection of perimeter fencing, 6 no. floodlights, and sports hall extension at Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne	Minute No.225(a)
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor S. Cockburn-Price	Area Committee Budget 2025/26 – Bids from Colne Youth Action Group	Minute No.227
Councillor D. Cockburn-Price Councillor S. Cockburn-Price	Colne Youth Action Group	Minute No.232

Both Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price were trustees of Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG). Each had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on CYAG matters on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

However, the dispensation did not apply in the circumstances of a quasi-judicial consideration of a planning application.

The following persons declared an Other Registrable Interest in the item indicated -

Councillor S. Cockburn-Price Councillor A. Sutcliffe	Colne BID	Minute No.233
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Both Councillors S. Cockburn-Price and A. Sutcliffe were directors of Colne BID. Each had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne BID matters on the grounds that it was in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

221. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

222. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

223. PROGRESS REPORT

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

A verbal update was provided on progress with the pilot Play Street on Belgrave Road, Colne.

224. COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES AND POLICE MATTERS

Councillor A. Sutcliffe, the Chair of the Colne Community Safety Partnership (CSP) provided a brief update following his attendance at the earlier CSP meeting.

225. 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 -

25/0479/FUL Full: (Major): Formation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) and hardstanding area to side of pitch, a long/triple jump facility and access footpath, siting of 1 no. storage container and erection of perimeter fencing, 6 no. floodlights, and sports hall extension at Park High School, Venables Avenue, Colne for Apex Collaborative Trust

(Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in this item and withdrew from the meeting.)

Councillor A. Sutcliffe -Vice-Chair (in the Chair)

RESOLVED

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

1. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that the proposed development would not result in unacceptable noise impacts or that impacts could be satisfactorily mitigated, the proposed development is therefore contrary to Policy DM13 of the adopted Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition (2021-2040).

25/0773/LBC Listed Building Consent: Demolition and rebuild of boundary wall at Saint Bartholomews School, Exchange Street, Colne for Mr Shah

RESOLVED

That the Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Chair, be delegated authority to **grant** Listed Building Consent subject to the gate and section of wall that is structurally sound being kept intact and standard conditions. To include where possible, conditions relating to the timescale and funding of the rebuild and a requirement for lime mortar to be used.

(b) Planning appeals

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

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

226. 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 provided on a number of cases on the list.

227. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2025/26

(Councillors D. Cockburn-Price and S. Cockburn-Price declared a pecuniary interest in this item in relation to funding bids from Colne Youth Action Group. Although both had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne Youth Action Group matters, they considered that they should not vote on the matter. Councillor D. Cockburn-Price spoke on the item and then both withdrew from the meeting. The Vice-Chair, Councillor A Sutcliffe, chaired the meeting for consideration of the bids.)

The Head of Housing and Environmental Health reported that the current balance for the Committee's area committee budget for 2025/26 was £12,935.

The following bids were submitted for consideration –

- Repairs to Colne War Memorial: £3,700
- Seeds for Tomorrow: School Gardens for Sustainable Learning: £1,000
- Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026: £1,580
- Views software renewal – CYAG: £3,510
- Painting of signposts and bollards: £1,310
- Raised beds at CYAG youth hub: £1,091.16

RESOLVED

(1) That the following bids be approved -

- Seeds for Tomorrow: School Gardens for Sustainable Learning: £1,000
- Colne Gateway Wildflower Scheme 2026: £1,580
- Views software renewal – CYAG: £3,510
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(2) That consideration of the bid for repairs to Colne War Memorial be deferred.

REASON

- (1) The allocations made are an effective use of the Committee's budget.**
- (2) To await the outcome of the Pride in Place Impact Fund selection process.**

228. PRIDE IN PLACE IMPACT FUND

Members referred to a recent meeting at which the Committee and local town and parish councils had been given the opportunity to suggest projects that could benefit from, and meet the objectives of, the Pride in Place Impact Fund.

It was noted that, since the meeting, projects had been prioritised.

Some Members had familiarised themselves with the shortlist and expressed confusion over some of the chosen projects, saying that they did not align with many of the suggestions put forward.

A request was made for the project information to be shared with Members.

229. COLNE TOWN CENTRE BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN SCHEME

The Committee received an update on the Colne Town Centre Bus Service Improvement Plan Scheme. The Scheme was part of Lancashire County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan which was utilising funding from the Government and supporting Pendle Council's wider regeneration ambitions.

230. CONSERVATION AREAS

(a) Trawden Forest Parish Council – Conservation Area Appraisal

It was reported that Trawden Forest Parish Council was currently in the process of commencing refreshing its Neighbourhood Plan. As part of this process, it wanted to update the Trawden Forest Conservation Area.

In accordance with the Listed Building Act 1990 only the Borough Council could amend a CA.

The Committee was therefore asked to consider agreeing to appraise the CA. Members were advised that there would need to be a budget in place for the work, which would need to be commissioned under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

It was understood that Trawden Forest Parish Council had funding set aside for this purpose.

RESOLVED

That this Committee agrees to appraise the Trawden Forest Conservation Area, subject to written confirmation from Trawden Forest Parish Council that appropriate funding is in place.

REASON

To support Trawden Forest Parish Council in its request to update the Trawden Forest Conservation Area.

(b) Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services reported that two quotations had been received for the reviews of both Albert Road and Lidgett and Bents Conservation Areas.

Initial scoring had been carried out which included scores around timeline and quality.

231. GREENFIELD ROAD, COLNE

At a previous meeting of this Committee, Members considered a report which provided background to road safety and anti-social behaviour issues raised by residents in Greenfield Road, Colne and their proposals for improvement.

In an update, the Head of Policy and Commissioning reported that a full resident consultation was to be undertaken which would address a number of risk factors around location of gates, the likelihood the gates would be used and maintained closed by residents and the potential for overriding the intention of the gates and of vandalism to the gates and locks.

There would also be full consultation with stakeholders including the Highway Authority. Once the consultation was complete a further report would be made to Committee.

232. 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.)

The Chair and Councillor S. Cockburn-Price provided an update on the work and ongoing activities of Colne Youth Action Group (CYAG).

A request for a CYAG update to be included in the Colne Town Council newsletter was welcomed.

233. COLNE BID

(Councillors S. Cockburn-Price and A Sutcliffe declared an Other Registrable Interest in this item but had been granted a dispensation by the Council's Monitoring Officer to speak and vote on Colne BID matters.)

Scott Smith, the BID Manager provided an update on the work of Colne BID.

This included feedback on the recent MiniBloom event; ongoing work to bring the larger WinterBloom event back to the town; and a reminder about the Food and Drink Festival to be held on 11th July.

An update was also provided on progress with the Shopwatch scheme and an upcoming planting project. It was agreed that Colne in Bloom would be consulted on the latter.

234. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

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

- (a) Land to the rear of Red Lane, Colne
- (b) Town Boundary Signs – response of LCC

235. 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.

236. 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 discussion was held on a number of cases on the list.

It was agreed that file ref: PLE25/0464 be transferred to the problem sites list.

237. 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 agreed that all sites should continue to be monitored and therefore remain on the list.

238. NUISANCE VEHICLES

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

CHAIR _____