MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT –

M. Adnan - Vice-Chair (In the Chair)

Councillors	***Co-optees***	***Police***
F. Ahmad	*N. Emery*	*PCSO A. Dickinson*
Z. Ali	*(Nelson Town Centre*	*PCSO T. Griffiths*
M. Ammer	*Partnership)*	*PCSO A. Jarrett*
R. Bashir		
M. Iqbal		
Y. Iqbal		
A. Mahmood		
M. Sakib		
Y. Tennant		

Officers in Attendance:

A. Cameron	*Principal Planning Officer/Area Co-ordinator*
R. Ferguson	*Committee Administrator*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Ahmed and M. Hanif)

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91. 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.

92. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

93. MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

94. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley Committee was submitted for information and was noted.

95. POLICE MATTERS & COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES

The crime statistics for October 2026 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members were advised that there had been increases in assaults and anti-social behaviour, particularly relating to the misuse of fireworks, with incidents reported at Heyhead Park. It was noted that assault figures fluctuated and that burglary offences often increased in the period leading up to Christmas.

Enquiries were made regarding the availability of additional resources to address these issues. Police representatives reported that Operation Prosper and a dedicated evening task force were being utilised to target identified problem areas. Members were informed that a number of repeat youth offenders had been identified and that interventions, including youth referrals and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs), were being used to prevent further incidents. In response to a suggestion regarding the use of Section 60 powers, it was explained that such powers could only be authorised following a significant incident. It was also reported that a Snapchat account believed to be supplying fireworks to young people had been identified and was under investigation.

Concerns were raised regarding reports of drug-related activity within Whitefield Town Centre. Police representatives advised that no reports of drug dealing had been received but agreed to investigate the concerns raised, including allegations of open drug use and dealing in the vicinity of the ACE Centre. Concerns were also expressed regarding the failure of CCTV cameras within the town centre. Members discussed the potential inclusion of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) as part of future town centre regeneration proposals.

Further concerns were raised regarding ongoing anti-social behaviour at Heyhead Park, including incidents affecting the bowling green. Police representatives advised that those responsible had deliberately congregated in areas not covered by CCTV. Members were informed that discussions had taken place with MP Oliver Ryan regarding the installation of additional CCTV cameras and improved lighting. It was noted that a previous CCTV funding application had been unsuccessful as the proposed camera was owned by the Council. Members were advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner had been approached regarding the matter and that Nelson Town Council was seeking to provide assistance. Concerns were also raised regarding incidents involving fireworks being directed at residential properties around Burton Gardens and Park View, Brierfield. Members emphasised the need for improved lighting and enhanced CCTV coverage in the area.

Concerns were raised regarding alleged drug dealing in the vicinity of the Banking Hub in Nelson, with reports that vehicles were accessing the rear of Scotland Road. Members requested that measures be explored to discourage individuals from congregating in the area. It was reported that discussions were ongoing with Pendle

Borough Council's Community Safety Officer, Tim Horsley, to identify potential deterrent measures and consider appropriate interventions.

96. AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2026/27

The Legal Services Manager reported that the Committee had committed all of its 2026/27 budget. An update report would be submitted in due course.

97. LEGACY FUND

It was previously reported that the purpose of the fund would be to provide funding for one-off legacy projects across the borough with the aim of leaving a lasting impact on the community.

The Legal Services Manager reported that the uncommitted amount of the Committee's Legacy fund was **£99,940.**

The following bids were submitted before the meeting for consideration –

- Victoria Park Wooden Carvings – Friends of Victoria Park - £250.
- Community Room – Victoria Park Pavillion CIC - £8,500.

RESOLVED

(1) That £250 be **granted** to Friends of Victoria Park from the Legacy Fund, for Victoria Park Wooden Carvings.

(2) That the bid for £8,500 to Victoria Park Pavillion CIC from the Legacy Fund for a Community Room be noted and deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

98. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted an update on enforcement matters which was noted.

99. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

It was reported that concerns regarding the parking of commercial vehicles on various streets in Brierfield had been investigated by Pendle Borough Council's Community Safety Officer. It was advised that no enforcement action could be taken at the present time, as the vehicles inspected were liveried but were not necessarily classed as commercial vehicles. Members were informed that there are no powers to prevent residents from parking work vans or vehicles used for personal purposes at their home addresses.

The following item had been requested by the Committee. Updates would be submitted to a future meeting.

(a) Land to the rear of 9 Parsonage Drive, Brierfield (07.09.2026)

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