Pendle Borough Council

PENDLE LOCAL DEMOCRACY AT WORK

MEETING OF THE

WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE

Members: Councillors Chris Church, Bryony Hartley, David Hartley (Chair), Susan Land, Lola Whipp and Glenn Whittaker

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2026
AT 6.30P.M.

AT NEW ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE, EARBY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting will commence with Public Question Time. Members of the public may ask questions, present petitions or speak on agenda items in which they have a direct interest. Requests to speak should be made by 12 noon on the day of the meeting.

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اگر آپ یہ معلومات کسی ایسی شکل میں چاہتے ہیں، جو کہ آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو برائے مہربانی ہمیں سیلون کریں۔

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AGENDA

PART I – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1. Declaration of Interests

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

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which they have in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

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

2. Public Question Time

To receive, for a maximum of 15 minutes, questions from members of the public on issues which do not appear on the agenda.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2026.

4. Police Matters and Community Safety Issues

The Police have been invited to the meeting to discuss the latest crime statistics for November (**TO FOLLOW**). There will also be an opportunity for members of the public to raise police matters and community safety issues.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

5. Area Committee Budgets

(a) Area Committee Budget 2026/27

Enc. The Head of Property & Engineering submits the attached report on the Committee's Area Committee Budget for 2026/27.

Enc. Members are asked to consider the bid submitted on behalf of Barnoldswick Brass Band seeking £1,900 towards the purchase of a second-hand E flat tenor horn for their learner players.

(b) Legacy Fund

The Head of Property & Engineering reports that the West Craven Area Legacy Fund for 2026/27 of £48,090 has all been allocated to the respective town/parish councils to spend on their play areas.

6. Pride in Place Impact Fund

The Committee's request for 3 variations to the Pride in Place Impact Fund projects in Barnoldswick will be considered by the Executive on 26th November. A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

7. Enforcement Action

Enc. The Head of Legal Services submits the attached report giving the up-to-date position on enforcement action for information.

8. Enforcement Policy – NPPF Changes to intentional developments

Enc. The general guide to enforcement that the Council has had in place needs updating in light of changes in the National Planning Policy Framework. Committee is asked for comments and views on the draft Enforcement Plan before it is consulted on and taken forward for formal adoption.

9. TPO/NO3/2026– Land off Kelbrook Road

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report seeking confirmation of a Tree Preservation Order at Land off Kelbrook Road.

10. Litter/Dog Waste Bins

£1,133.20 was brought forward on 1 April 2026. No free-standing litter bin(s) were newly installed during the quarter leaving a balance of **£1,133.20**.

Members are advised that due to wear, damage or reduced need for the facility**, 5** litter and dog bins have been replaced/removed/repaired during this quarter.

LOCATION	TOWN	DESCRIPTION	TYPE	COST
Skipton Road	Barnoldswick	Replace the post for the dog bin on the canal tow path (opp side) under the bridge	LITTER	50.00
Ghyll Lane	Barnoldswick	Replaced missing dog bin - 3573	DOG	170.32
Old Lane	Earby	Replaced post of dog bin - 3574	DOG	50.00

Skipton Road	Barnoldswick	Replaced dog bin with 40l litter bin - 3571	LITTER	216.64
Coates Lane	Barnoldswick	Replaced missing dog bin - 3572	DOG	170.32

11. Sough Park Toilets

At its meeting on 29th October the Executive considered this Committee's request to reopen the toilets in Sough Park 7 days a week from April to November (31 weeks) between the hours of 8am and 7pm based on the following options/costings:

Option 1 – 3 toilets at £175 per week, total cost £5,425
Option 2 – standalone toilet at £87.50 per week, total cost £2,712.50

The Executive have referred the request back to this Committee suggesting that Members work with Earby Town Council to find funding for the reopening of the toilets in the park.

12. Barnoldswick Delivery Office

Following the last meeting Royal Mail have been asked if there is any truth in the rumour about the possible closure of Barnoldswick Delivery Office. Any update will be provided at the meeting.

13. Resilience Services for Residents

Enc. The Head of Policy and Partnerships submits the attached report with an overview of the resilience support available to residents across Pendle.

14. Items for Discussion

It has been requested that the following items are considered –

(a) **Report of subsidence at Myrtle Grove, Barnoldswick**
(b) **Bus Service 80 – Route Suitability, Vehicle Size and Road Safety**
To consider concerns regarding the suitability of the vehicle operating Service 80 along the higher Barnoldswick route, including Dales View Park and the surrounding rural roads. Concerns have been raised about the width of the bus in relation to the available carriageway, particularly at narrower sections where the bus and oncoming vehicles cannot comfortably pass. This has caused difficulties for other road users and raises questions about the suitability of the route and vehicle combination.
(c) **Youth Provision across West Craven – Facilities, Activities and Opportunities**
To consider the current availability of youth provision across West Craven and identify any gaps in facilities, activities and support for young people.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it would like a report to come to a future meeting or where applicable, the matter be referred elsewhere.

15. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following item of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

16. Empty Homes

Enc. The attached report provides an update on problem sites/empty homes in West Craven.

17. Outstanding Enforcements

Enc. The Assistant Director Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submits the attached report on outstanding enforcements in West Craven.

18. Environmental Crime Q2

Enc. The Assistant Director Operational Services submits the attached report on environmental crime for the period 1st July to 30th September 2026.