



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Meeting of Barrow Town Council held on 23rd January, 2024 at 18.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. LA14 LD

C Atree	Present	D Morrison	Present
G Beddoes	Present	J Murphy	Present
F Chatfield	Apology	D Petrova	Present
A Coles	Present	N Phillips	Present
B Elliot	Present	C Thomson	Present
P Griffiths	Present	J Tyson	Apology
S Hall	-	P Jackson	Present
S Herbert	Present	J McEwan	Present
K Hyland	Apology	R Worthington	Present

In Attendance: Town Clerk

72/23/24 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr. Tyson, Cllr. Chatfield and Cllr. Hyland

73/23/24 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr. Coles, Cllr. Phillips and Cllr. Worthington in respect of their Membership on the Westmorland and Furness Council.

74/23/24 Exclusion of Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no excluded items on the Agenda.

75/23/24 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November, 2023

It was proposed by Cllr. Thomson and seconded by Cllr. Petrova and, a vote having been taken,
Resolved:

To receive the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st November, 2023 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record.

76/23/24 Mayor's Communications and Announcements

The Mayor gave a verbal report on his Mayoral visits since the last Council Meeting:

- Furness Catholic Boxing Club Dinner

- World Aids Day
- Barrow Town Centre Lost Shops
- Two Santa appearances over the festive season
- Barrow Christmas Lights Switch-On
- Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra Opening Event.

The Orchestra have a planned three year programme in Barrow, and it is hoped the Town Council can contribute in some way to their success. The Clerk has made contact with them in respect of funding contributions which will be taken to the next Finance Committee meeting in February.

Further the Mayor noted that there is to be a fund raising event titled 'Obstacle Fun Run' on 6th April, 2024, with the support of Barrow BID, and hoped this event will continue throughout the coming years.

77/23/24 Reports and Minutes from the Committees of the Council

Planning Committee:

In the absence of Cllr. Chatfield the Clerk reported no material objections to the Planning Applications had been noted from the last two Committee Meetings.

Resolved:

To receive and approve the minutes of the 7th December, 2023.

Finance Committee:

Cllr. Jackson gave a verbal report on the actions of the Committee noting the main items of recent expenditure and the approval of the 2024-2025 Precept presented this evening for ratification by the Town Council.

Resolved:

To receive and approve the Minutes of the Finance Committees held on 15th November, 2023.

Allotments Committee:

In the absence of both a Chair and Vice-Chair the Clerk noted there was no meeting in December. The Allotment Officer commenced employment on 2nd January, 2024 and the Pool Car has arrived and been invested with the Town Council Official Logo.

Staffing Committee:

No report.

78/23/24 2024-2025 Precept

It was proposed by Cllr. Griffiths and seconded by Cllr. Herbert and, a vote having been taken,

Resolved:

To receive the Precept for 2024-02025 and to authorise the Clerk to submit the same to Westmorland and Furness Unity Council.

79/23/24 Brilliant Barrow Report

In the absence of Cllr. Chatfield, the Council Member on the Brilliant Barrow Board, the Clerk read his submitted report.

80/23/24 Council Action Sheet

To consider a report from the Clerk on the actions taken by officers on resolutions or recommendations made at the previous meeting. The following three outstanding issues were discussed:-

- Formulation of Competencies & Devolution Committee
Cllr. Coles recommended this matter be deferred until the Town Council have attended a presentation by Westmorland and Furness Council when an understanding of the assets available for transfer will be made known.
Cllr. Jackson noted a meeting had been arranged for 30th January but has since been cancelled. It is believed the presentation will now take place in May 2024.
Further, the lead on this was former Cllr. Raymond therefore in due time a replacement will need to be appointed.
- Developing a Town Council Plan
The lead on this is Cllr. N Phillips who noted the matter is in progress.
- Retiring Mayoral Memorabilia
The Clerk reported she has forwarded an image of the Town Crest to the supplier who will present to the Council for consideration a number of designs suitable for the agreed Brooch.

81/23/24 Brighten Our Corner (Standing Item)

Since the last meeting three applications for funding have been approved by the Finance Committee:-

1. Greengate Junior School - £500 awarded
2. St. George's Junior School - £500 awarded
3. George Hastwell School - £1000 awarded

The Councillors were reminded that this funding is available to all Wards.

82/23/24 Barrow Events Support Grants (Standing Item)

Since the last meeting five applications have been approved by the Finance Committee:-

1. Barrow Full. Christmas Carol - £2,500 awarded
2. Drop Zone. Furness Pride - £2,500 awarded
3. Barrow Full. Festival of Colours - £2,500 awarded
4. Diwali 2023. - £1,500 awarded
5. Barrow School's Collaboration - Barrow Ubuntu 2024 - £5,000 awarded

83/23/24 Any Other Business

1. Councillor Resignations

Three Councillors have recently resigned - Cllr. M Younger; Cllr. D Palmer; Cllr. K Raymond.

Resolved:

The vacancies on their respective Committees were filled as noted below:-

Allotments Committee (2 vacancies). Cllr. P. Griffiths and Cllr. A. Coles. All agreed.

Finance Committee: (2 vacancies). Cllr. C. Thomson. All agreed. One remaining vacancy.

Planning Committee: (1 vacancy). Cllr. J. McEwan. All agreed.

2. Microsoft Office Platform

The Clerk reported on information requested by the Council's internet provider in respect of uploading the Councillors' mobile telephone numbers onto 2FA/MFA, which is another barrier

that someone would have to get past to enter the account of anyone that is compromised due to data leak. The advantages were noted:-

- Prevention of social engineering attacks.
- Strengthen the security beyond passwords.
- Simplify compliance with regulatory requirements.

Resolved:

The Councillors agreed to provide the requested information.

84/23/24 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 18.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness.
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.40pm.

Lesley Smyth

Town Clerk