

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2014 COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J Evison (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, M Burman, Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, S Dear, N Jacques, Ms A McCourt, Mr J Oxley, A Todd, J P Vickers, K Vickers and I Welch.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), 5 Representatives of the Barton Carnival Committee, Chris Thompson and Rebecca Wade (Galliford Try), Mr R Dillon (Scunthorpe Telegraph) 1 member of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

188. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then sought resolution from members present, for the meeting to be temporarily suspended whilst the town prayer was read. It was agreed and

Resolved that Captain N Cotterill read out the town prayer.

The Mayor announced that Mrs Margaret Webb, the widow of former Town Clerk of the Council, Mr Frank Webb, had sadly passed away and also local resident Mrs Margaret Evison. He requested a few moments of silence to remember them.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, re-opened the meeting.

189. **Notice of Meeting**

It was noted that Notice of this Meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12 Paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

190. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors T Chant (unwell), Mrs J Mason (personal commitment), Mrs J Oxley (unwell), P Shearer (work commitments), P Thornton (work commitments) and Mrs W Witter (personal commitment)

191. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal Interest)

Baysgarth School and Account number 168 (4810) – Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)

Baysgarth School – Councillor N Jacques (Personal Interest)

Skate Park – Councillor Ms A McCourt (Personal interest)

Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions Club, Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal Interest)

192. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman sought resolution from members present, for standing orders to be temporarily suspended whilst representatives of the Barton Carnival Committee spoke about the proposals for Barton Carnival 2015. Also Chris Thompson and Rebecca Wade, representatives of Galliford Try, to speak about the proposed new build at Baysgarth School.

Resolved agreed by members present.

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Mr Ben Troop, speaking on behalf of the newly formed Barton Carnival Committee, stated that they wish to resurrect the Barton Carnival, to be held in Baysgarth Park. Provisionally this would be held 12/13 September 2015. Currently, they are seeking sponsorship, and, if enough sponsorship is sought, the aim would be for free entry to the event by the public. The Barton Lions and Rotary are to assist whilst the event is held, there would be stalls, a fairground, entertainment and hopefully a carnival parade and floats. It would be similar to the previous carnival held. The group are looking for sponsorship of four to five thousand pounds from the town council towards the event.

Town council members present asked questions about the proposals, including licensing timescales, 'crowd funding' and other funding avenues to pursue, together with general ideas for consideration. The Mayor, Councillor J Evison, thanked the Carnival group members for speaking to the town council about the proposals. They were then handed a grant application form to submit to the town council for consideration and they all then left the meeting.

Mr Chris Thompson and Ms Rebecca Wade, representatives of Galliford Try, then spoke about the proposals for the new school build at Baysgarth School. They gave an appraisal of the new 3-storey building, sports facilities, car parking etc. They presented plans of the proposals, spoke about the limitations of funding to achieve the aims of the school, energy conservation, timescales of the work to be undertaken, vehicular movements, deliveries, health and safety issues and design factors. Questions put forward by the town council included the proposed site access for the construction personnel via Nightingale Close access. The reasons for this were put forward, mainly to contain damage limitation to the playing fields and funding economics. Hence, it was deemed why no other access points from Caistor Road was to be used, though had been considered. They were simply not viable to do so. Building design, daytime/nighttime working, parking, traffic movement and proposals for the hall and sports provision were discussed. Mr Thompson concluded that there is no perfect solution to the proposals, but, noise and working hours would be kept to a minimum, the proposals are to use the funding for the project to obtain the best resources for the school and that the planning permission was to be sought from North Lincolnshire Council shortly.

The Mayor, Councillor J Evison, thanked Mr Thompson and Ms Wade for their informative presentation. Mr Thompson, Ms Wade and Captain N Cotterill then left the meeting. The meeting was re-opened.

193. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor S Dear reported the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 December. Topics to be discussed include nuisance vehicles, non-dwelling burglaries and parking issues at schools.

Resolved that this be noted.

194. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 6 November 2014**

Resolved that the previously circulated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6 November 2014, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

195. **Matters of Report Arising**

(a) **Remembrance Sunday Parade** (Min Ref: 173(a)/69 – BTC 06/11/14)

Councillor Mr J Oxley wished to thank Mr E Longbottom for his assistance in tidying up the

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Cenotaph, the Town Band and Salvation Army Band and Mr L Robinson for his hard work in tracing the missing names of lists of the fallen, which were now engraved on the Cenotaph. The event had been well supported with over 300 people in the parade.

(b) **Disabled Access into The Assembly Rooms** (Min Ref: 173(b)/69 – BTC 06/11/14)

Councillor N Jacques requested a progress report regarding this matter. The Clerk reported that although dates to undertake this work had been agreed with the contractor, on each of the named days, the weather had been inclement and had poured with rain. The work was still to be undertaken.

Resolved that this be noted and the contractor contacted for a new date to undertake the work.

(c) **Barton Christmas Festival** (Min Ref: 176(12)/71 – BTC 06/11/14)

Councillor Mr J Oxley gave appraisal and report of the event. He wished to thank the Town Clerk's, Councillor A Todd and all other councillor's and people that gave assistance at the event. Special thanks also to Orkidz Nursery for providing refreshments whilst the Christmas tree was being erected. All help and assistance was greatly appreciated and the event had been well supported by the public. Praise regarding the Christmas tree and lighting, parades and entertainment had been received by the town council from local residents. The parades had been very good with many people taking part in them. The charity stalls had been reported as having done very well and had raised much needed funds for the charities. The event had been successful and was assisted with good weather on the day.

Resolved that this be noted.

(d) **Supporting the residents of Caistor Road in their efforts to get traffic calming measures on the roads in their area of Barton** (Min Ref: 181/73 – BTC 06/11/14)

Councillor N Jacques reported that North Lincolnshire Council Highways will be implementing the loop to measure speed of vehicles shortly.

Resolved that this be noted.

196. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Personnel Committee Meeting held on 19 November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

(b) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2014 be approved as a correct record.

197. **Matters of Report Arising**

No reports received at this meeting.

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198. **Correspondence**

1. Latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
2. Copy of HLHF feedback report available from the council office from NHS Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support for Hyper-Acute Stroke service and Ear, Nose and Throat inpatient surgery following the recent public consultation.
3. Comments from 4 residents of the town regarding the use of colour in the November 'Bartonian' which has caused reading problems for some people (*apologies have been sent and advice that lighter colours and no shading will be used for articles in future issues*).
4. Request from the town council's former printer of the 'Bartonian' that a statement is put in the April 2015 issue advising they no longer print the magazine, due to the negative comments they have received regarding the November 2014 issue.
5. Letter of thanks from Barton Lions Club for the town council's support to the bonfire and firework display, and hope the partnership can continue.
6. Receipt of Barton Tourism Group October meeting minutes and November AGM agenda.
7. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council's Electoral Services that the current Casual Vacancy on Bridge Ward can be filled by co-option, following the resignation of Mr T Marron.
8. Receipt of VANL latest Community Interest Group update, copy available from the council office.
9. Notification from the Leader of North Lincolnshire Council - Councillor Liz Redfern that they propose to pass on the financial support from the Government for Council Tax 2015/16. If a parish freezes or increases its precept, it will receive support as if it had kept its precept the same as last year. If the precept is reduced it will receive a proportionately reduced amount (*copy attached*).
10. Letter of concern from the Jubilee Sweet Shop that their utility bill is significantly higher since the installation of the town centre cctv equipment at their business. Having received £50 towards running costs in March 2013, they enquire if further running costs could be reimbursed.
11. Letter of thanks from Barton Senior Alliance for the town council's support to the Annual Senior's Service and Tea. They also include a balance sheet, with £42 refund and a request for support of the 2015 event.
12. Reply from North Lincolnshire Council regarding the resurfacing of Bowmandale (*copy enclosed*) (Min Ref: 173(d)/70 – BTC 06/11/14).
13. Letter from Ted Lewis Group (*copy enclosed*)
14. Receipt of ERNLLCA November newsletter, copy available from the council office.
15. Receipt of Barton Tourism Group AGM minutes, January meeting agenda and Town Grant Scheme Application for 2015/2016.

Resolved

- (i) the Clerk reported the background to this matter, assuring the town council the next edition would have lighter background shading (item 3);
- (ii) members of the town council do not wish to undertake this request (item 4);
- (iii) discussed under minute reference 203/83 of these minutes (item 10);
- (iv) financial request to be considered at the next Finance & General Purposes meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 11);
- (v) grant application forms to be sent to the applicant for consideration by the town council (item 13);
- (vi) financial request to be considered at the next Finance & General Purposes meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 15);
- (vii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

199. **Correspondence Received Since issue of the Agenda**

1. 2 Letters from residents regarding the use of colour in the November 'Bartonian' which has caused reading problems for some people, asking for comment and recommendations on the issue.

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2. Notification via ERNLLCA that both NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) both recommends acceptance of the salary scale points recommended by the NJC (National Joint Council for Local Government Services) for employees on NJC rates of pay which take effect as of 1 January 2015 (*further details available from the council office*)
3. Receipt of Barton Arts Town Grant Scheme Application for 2015/2016.
4. Request from North Lincolnshire Council Broadband Programme Officer to place an article in the next issue of The Bartonian raising awareness of fibre optic broadband in Barton.
5. Details from North Lincolnshire Council Finance of the budget setting process for 2015/2016.
6. Latest copy of the Highway Programme of Works for the area from North Lincolnshire Council.
7. Information from Carlton Education of 2 new funded training programmes available from January 2015 (*further details available from the council office*).
8. Barton painting from the exhibition *Here, There and the Elsewhere* being delivered and hung in the Assembly Rooms committee room on Tuesday morning, 9 December 2014 (Min Ref: 380(10)(iv)/141 – BTC 07/05/14).
9. Receipt of Barton Senior Alliance Grant Scheme Application for 2015/2016.
10. Card received thanking the town council “for the most enjoyable Christmas Festival, it could not have been better”.
11. Receipt of Barton School Councils Forum notes from their November meeting.

Resolved

- (i) to be addressed at the next Personnel Committee meeting (item 2);
- (ii) financial request to be considered at the next Finance & General Purposes meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 3);
- (iii) financial request to be considered at the next Finance & General Purposes meeting to be held on 19 January 2015 (item 9);
- (iv) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

200. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved

- (i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £3,049.36 (A/cs 154 to 161), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £9,930.50 (A/cs 162 to 181). A grand total of £12,979.86.

201. **Report from the Environment Working Party meeting held on 2 December 2014**

Councillor F Coulsey gave appraisal of the meeting held and notes from the meeting handed to all members. The siting of additional town centre public seats was being investigated for possible locations and Councillor Coulsey had repaired the ‘Brigg Road’ conservation area street signage. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved

- (i) the 2015/2016 Environment budget to remain the same as the budget for 2014/2015;
- (ii) the earmarked reserve of £3, 300 for ‘Cemetery Railings’ to be deleted;
- (iii) both of the above (i) and (ii), to be incorporated into the budget proposals at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 19 January 2015;
- (iv) the next meeting of the Environment Working Party to be held on 24 March 2015.

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202. **Grants to Voluntary Organisations & Projects**

Councillor J Evison gave report regarding funding to voluntary organisations and for small projects. Discussion took place regarding options to discuss and fund these applications. Councillor Evison also announced he was to hold a “funding” event in the New Year, as part of his mayoral year functions. This would be a consultation event for local groups to seek funding and advice regarding small projects and events to be held in the town. It was agreed and

Resolved that applications for funding of organisations and projects to be discussed at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings of the town council.

203. **Update of the Town Centre CCTV System**

Councillor J P Vickers stated that whilst the town council have been managing and installing the town centre cctv systems in the town, due to advancement in technology, new cameras are to be installed in the town, with the new system being owned and monitored by North Lincolnshire Council. This would provide better coverage. It was agreed and

Resolved that the town council are supportive of the installation of the new cctv system to be owned and monitored by North Lincolnshire Council.

204. **Closure of the Town Council Office during Christmas and the New Year**

The Clerk discussed closure of the office over the Christmas period. It was agreed and

Resolved that Barton Town Council office be closed for Christmas/New Year from close of business on Tuesday 23 December 2014, re-opening at 10.00 am Friday 2 January 2015.

205. **Reports from North Lincolnshire Council Representatives**

(a) **Police and Crime Commission**

Councillor Evison gave report of a recent meeting held. It was a productive meeting with reports that Barton Police Station was to remain open, with detectives operating from there. No closure of Police Stations in the area was reported, although some current stations are to be used as a Police base centre, as opposed to a Police Station. Councillor Evison also reported that he had invited Matthew Grove, the local Police & Crime Commissioner to a future town council meeting early in the New Year.

(b) **Highways**

Councillor Evison stated that the highway surfacing programme had continued in the town, with Maltby Lane, Chapel Lane etc. being recently resurfaced.

(c) **Baysgarth School**

Councillor J P Vickers reported proposals for the school sports village to undergo a facelift with improved facilities. This would include a 3G pitch, skate park etc.

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(d) Market Place/Market Lane Improvement Scheme

Councillor K Vickers gave an up-to-date report on the scheme. A meeting had been held two weeks ago, regarding enhancements outside the Co-operative Store area in Market Lane. The programme of work was making the area a lot smarter, being a focal point on the main through-fare in the town centre. It was noted that the former 'Mamma Mia' premises had undergone external painting of the premises.

206. **Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

(a) Transport Report

Councillor Mrs D Adlard gave a report on local transport issues. David Hewitt, the Public Transport Team Manager at North Lincolnshire Council has left the position, being replaced by Lynne Watson. The Humber Rail Partnership had appointed a new Partnership Officer – Gill Simpson and David Walford had left to work in another department of the railway group.

The Chairman, Councillor J Evison, closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

..... Chairman

7 January 2015