

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY 2012 COMMENCING at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs D Adlard, J Austin, T Chant, Mrs A Clark, F Coulosey, S Dear, J Evison, Ms E Donaldson, M Martin, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, Ms C Sansam, P Shearer, J P Vickers, K Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Sue Davies, David Elliott (Scunthorpe Telegraph), J Austin, I Harbon and J Pullen. Representatives of Profile Security Services, the Coach and Horses and Red Lion Public Houses (part of meeting only) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

279. **Prayer**

Captain N Cotterill read the Town Prayer.

280. **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.

281. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Adams, A Todd (work commitments) and N Turner (family commitments).

282. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance and Barton Victory Club – Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)
Barton Town Band – Councillor J Evison (Personal interest)
Barton Arts Group – Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)
Barton Bike Night, Barton Lions and Barton Victory Club – Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)
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St Peter's Court – Councillor P Shearer (Personal interest)
CHAMP Ltd – Councillor J P Vickers (Personal interest)
Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs W Witter (Personal interest)

283. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, with the permission of the Council, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow representatives of Profile Security Services and licensees from two local public houses, to speak about the 'Street Warden' initiative recently trialled in the town centre.

Representatives present from Profile Security Services gave an appraisal of the 'Street Warden' trial. They stated that they felt there was a problem with a small fraction in the town undertaking issues of an anti-social nature. The culprits were claimed to be local residents out to cause trouble. Indeed it was claimed members of the security personnel themselves had been attacked whilst patrolling the streets. The problems appear to be physical crimes committed by certain individuals, using knives, bricks and any other implement handy that they could use at the time. Reported disturbances included

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issues outside the Red Lion Public House, a car turned over in Chapel Lane, and people being picked upon for no apparent reason. Whilst the town is lovely in the daytime, it was thought an underlying current of anti-social behaviour was very much in evidence during the evening periods. It was commented that many of the trouble makers were well aware of the Police shift times, how long it took for them to respond to incidents during nightfall hours etc. However, at the end of the trial, the security personnel felt they were progressing on improving security of the town centre streets and were working with the local Police to apprehend the culprits undertaking some of the anti-social behaviour issues. They felt they were helping to give the public peace of mind and help make the town a safer place.

The licensee of the Red Lion Public House gave comment about the incidents outside the premises. She claimed that Police were seen driving along the High Street, being able to visually see that some people were drinking their own cans of drink in the street. This she found difficult to understand as there was a no drinking zone in the town centre. The licensee of the Coach and Horses explained he was part of the 'Pubwatch' group, created 6 months ago. They met monthly and were implementing banning orders to troublesome individuals from their premises and monitoring issues they collectively experienced. Both stated they employed their own door security personnel staff.

Discussion ensued regarding the local Police being aware of some individuals causing anti-social behaviour in the town, some people afraid to report crime, therefore unreported crimes were a problem, whether or not the presence of the 'Street Warden' security personnel could possibly exasperate crime issues and the merits and future of implementing security personnel in the town.

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pearson thanked all speakers for their informative discussion and re-opened the meeting.

284. **Co-option of Councillor for Park Ward**

Members considered three candidates for co-option to the vacant position of town councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber, namely James Austin, Ian Harbon and John Pullen. All three gave a brief resume of himself and his interests. A vote was then taken by a show of hands for each candidate. James Austin 10 votes, Ian Harbon 2 votes and John Pullen 4 votes. A proposal was then made by Councillor Mr J Oxley for James Austin to be co-opted as town councillor for Park Ward, seconded by Councillor K Vickers.

Resolved:

- (i) James Austin be co-opted for the vacant position of Town Councillor for Park Ward in Barton-upon-Humber;
- (ii) it be noted that James Austin read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

285. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that future meetings of the Neighbourhood Action Team would include a representative at the town's 'Pubwatch' group.

286. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 7 December 2011**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2011, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

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287. **Matters of Report Arising**

- (a) **Local Resident Complaint** (Min Ref: 246(16)(vi)/101 – BTC 07/12/11)

Councillor Mr J Oxley commented that he had spoken to the resident at length and had informed them the responsibility of the cemetery was the remit of North Lincolnshire Council not the town council.

Resolved that this be noted.

- (b) **Maintenance of the War Memorial** (Min Ref: 252/102 – BTC 07/12/11)

Councillor Mr J Oxley reported the condition and maintenance of the war memorial was to be in good order.

Resolved that this be noted and the local resident be contacted for further report.

288. **Other Meeting Minutes**

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

- 1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2011, be approved as a correct record.

- (b) **Minutes of an Emergency Planning Committee Meeting**

- 2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of an Emergency Planning Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2011, be approved as a correct record.

- (c) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

- 3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2011, be approved as a correct record.

- (d) **Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting**

- 4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Community Regeneration Committee Meeting held on 19 December 2011, be approved as a correct record.

Representatives of Profile Security Services and the licensees of the Coach and Horses and Red Lion Public Houses all left the meeting.

289. **Matters of Report Arising**

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(a) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012** (Min Ref: 276/113 – CRC 19/12/11)

Councillor Mr J Oxley reported that he had attended the joint meeting with Hessle, North and South Ferriby Town/Parish Councils on 21 December 2011, to discuss events planned for the Jubilee celebrations. He gave a resume of the proposals, which included the lighting of beacons on Monday 4 June, Humber Flotilla, a flypast of historic aviation, barges on the Humber with a firework display, the Humber Bridge towers floodlit, a Humber Bridge Jubilee Soap Box Derby to raise money for Help for Heroes etc. He explained the firework display would require to be financed jointly by all four councils and that he would be attending the next meeting to further discuss the proposals on the 18 January. He stated that sponsorship by local businesses and groups were currently being investigated in support of the event.

Much discussion and debate took place regarding the level of budget and celebratory events for the town. Councillor Martin commented that Barton Arts had requested additional financial support from the town council as it would be marking the Cultural Olympiad and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee events this year with entertainment in the town. He considered marking these occasions with great importance in the town, being mindful of the costs involved. Councillor K Vickers felt that whilst he was in support of celebrating the events, he did not support the local tax payer funding a firework display, particularly in the current economic climate. Councillor Osgerby felt that the Clay Pits area in the town ought to have some kind of celebration event held there. As part of the Humber Playing Fields Association, he would pursue avenues of funding that may be available in support of this.

Resolved that outside financial support be sought regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee event, notably for the proposed firework display. For further report at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 16 January 2012.

(b) **Expansion of the Town Centre CCTV System** (Min Ref: 277(i)/113 – CRC 19/12/11)

Councillor P Shearer wished his name to be added to liaise with A Searle.

Resolved that this be noted.

290. **Correspondence**

1. Receipt from Keigar Homes of suggested additional name for the main entrance to their new development off Falkland Way, Barton of "Keigar View".
2. Receipt of new guide from CPRE in partnership with NALC, "Planning explained", as part of its Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning project. A further guide to Neighbourhood Planning will follow early in the New Year. A downloadable PDF of the guide is available at www.planninghelp.org.uk
3. Receipt of CPRE "Fieldwork" winter newsletter, available to view in the council office.
4. Receipt of town council suggestion form from local resident, suggesting making children's play areas out of bounds at dusk.
5. Email from resident expressing concerns regarding illegal parking on double yellow lines along the High Street in Barton, suggestion to put information in Bartonian to remind dog owners to pick up their dog's mess and rubbish around the nature reserve (*email has been forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council parking services and environment team for direct response to resident*).
6. Letter from Barton Senior Alliance returning balance of Community Service & Tea donation from 2011, and request for the town council to support the event again in 2012.
7. Receipt of ERNLLCA December newsletter, available to view in the council office.
8. Advice from ERNLLCA regarding third party involvement in the town centre CCTV system (*copy enclosed*).

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9. Information from the East Riding Pension Fund advising the town council should have a Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Discretions policy. Guidance and a draft policy statement have also been sent.
10. Receipt of Barton Tourism Group meeting and AGM minutes from their November meeting.
11. Letter of thanks from St John Ambulance for the donation following their 1st aid cover at the Christmas Festival.
12. Letter from North Lincolnshire Council Strategic Planning regarding a major study in North Lincolnshire aimed at improving housing provision, Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Information is available on www.northlincs.gov.uk/SHMA alternatively call 01724 297000.
13. Notification of the next town and parish liaison meeting to be held at the Civic Centre, Scunthorpe on 12 January 2012 at 7.00pm.

Resolved that:

- (i) the town council will only consider the request after the developer has honoured their responsibilities for the Section 106 agreements of previous developments in the town, that still remain outstanding. The contractor and North Lincolnshire Council to be notified accordingly (item 1);
- (ii) to be forwarded to North Lincolnshire Council requesting their comment and views (item 4);
- (iii) to be discussed by the Personnel Committee. A meeting to be convened accordingly (item 9);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Notification from contractor that the festive lights will be taken down on Tuesday 17 January 2012.
2. Receipt of presentation made at joint Diamond Jubilee meeting on 21 December 2011 in Hessle, advising of arrangements to date, to celebrate the event. Also notification from NALC recommending town and parish council's join the National Beacon register for celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee (Min Ref: 276/112 – CRC 19/12/11).
3. Consultation document from North Lincolnshire Council Public Transport regarding the 350 bus service evening journeys. Copy available from the council office. Comments are required by Friday 3 February 2012.
4. Notification from BCCRP that the town council's objection has been passed to the Rail Officer and Chairman to consider (Min Ref: 256(b)/103 – BTC 07/12/11).
5. Report from cctv contractor that the camera on George Street has been vandalised. They recommend adding galvanised steel trunking over the external cables to prevent further access (Min Ref: 277(ii)/113 – CRC 19/12/11).
6. Letter from Barton Town Band advising they are applying for lottery funding along with the Operatic Society and Potty Panto Players to convert the Salvation Army Citadel into a Performing Arts Centre. They ask for verbal and financial support to strengthen their case, with a request of £1,000 a year for 4 years of the development period of the project from the town council.

Resolved that:

- (i) the work be undertaken by the contractor in conjunction with resolving the broadband issues in the premises next door. The contractor to be notified accordingly (item 5);
- (ii) following appraisal of the pledge by Councillor J Evison, it was agreed this matter be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 16 January (item 6);
- (iii) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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292. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £3,378.28 (A/cs 206 to 214), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £6,686.38 (A/cs 215 to 222) a grand total of £10,064.66.

293. **Planning Committee Report**

Councillor Mrs Witter commented that the town council to date had not received any new planning applications from North Lincolnshire Council since that last meeting on 19 December 2011. In light of this, the proposed Planning Committee meeting to be held on Monday 9 January would not now take place.

Resolved that this be noted.

294. **St. Peter's Court**

Councillor M Osgerby made comment about the North Lincolnshire Homes proposals to review this sheltered housing complex. It is currently occupied by elderly residents, where some of them had concerns regarding future plans. Discussion ensued regarding this being an emotive subject, whereby there were mixed feelings with residents. The difficulties of the complex were acknowledged, regarding there being no lift to the first floor – only steps. Several of the dwellings were bedsits, whereby all living arrangements were confined to one room etc. It was commented that provision of town centre accommodation for elderly residents was ideal due to local amenities being to hand and that with a growing elderly population this had to be considered. It was agreed and

Resolved that representatives from North Lincolnshire Homes be invited to attend a meeting of the town council to clarify the proposals regarding the future of St Peter's Court.

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

(a) **Precautionary Salting Routes**

Councillor K Vickers reported that some precautionary salting of the highways had been undertaken when the temperature had dropped sufficiently. It was hoped the inclement weather experienced last winter was not repeated this winter and that supplies of salt would last the winter season.

(b) **Section 106 Enforcement**

Councillor Evison reported that the outstanding Section 106 agreement for the Lapwing Way play area was to be enforced with the contractor responsible.

(c) **Humber Bridge Tolls**

Councillor Evison reported that comments recently made in the media by a North East Lincolnshire Council Councillor, regarding the uncertainty of the Unitary Authority engaging in the underwriting of the debt along with the other three, had not been authorised by North East Lincolnshire Council. In light of this, it was anticipated that a reduction in the tolls was likely to occur in February or April at the latest, when agreement had been reached.

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

(a) **Hull to Barton Bus Service**

Councillor Chant wished to thank the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Pearson, for 'standing her ground' and diffusing a situation on the bus service route. It was felt this was very courageous under the circumstances.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

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1 February 2012