

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of an ORDINARY MEETING HELD in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, BAYSGARTH
HOUSE, BARTON, on WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 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 Coulsey, Ms E Donaldson, M Martin, Mrs J Mason, M Osgerby, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Shearer, A Todd, N Turner, J P Vickers and Mrs W Witter.

Also Present: Captain N Cotterill (Salvation Army), Mr D Elliott (Scunthorpe Telegraph), Mr R Sellars (Barton People), 1 Representative from the British Red Cross and 2 Representatives from St John Ambulance (Barton Divisions). Also, Mrs C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk) and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

Presentation

Prior to the meeting commencing, Councillor Mrs D Pearson presented cheques to the recipients of her Mayoral Charity Appeal Fund for the year 2011/2012, namely the Red Cross and St John Ambulance (Barton Division). The total amount raised for the year was £1,042.90, which was split equally between the two. Each cheque presented was £521.45. The representatives of each organisation then left the meeting.

428. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then sought resolution from members present, for the meeting to be temporarily suspended whilst the town prayer is read. It was agreed and

Resolved that Captain N Cotterill read out the town prayer.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, re-opened the meeting.

429. **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.

430. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors P Adams, S Dear (unwell), J Evison (unwell) and K Vickers (NLC engagement).

431. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor T Chant (Personal interest)

Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs A Clark (Personal interest)

Barton Arts – Councillor M Martin (Prejudicial interest)

Barton Senior Alliance – Councillor Mrs J Mason (Personal interest)

Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions, Barton Senior Alliance and The Knotted Note - Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal interest)

Barton Civic Society, Barton Lions and Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs J Oxley (Personal interest)

Barton Senior Alliance - Councillor Mrs D Pearson (Personal interest)

Barton Lions – Councillor A Todd (Personal interest)

Planning Application 2011/1078 – Councillor N Turner (Prejudicial interest)

432. **Police and Neighbourhood Action Team**

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Reports received of cars racing around the town, notably between 4 pm and 4 am each day. These seemed to congregate at the car park adjacent to Brigg Road, near to the Leisure Centre. This resulted in noise and dangerous driving. The Police are monitoring the issue and have warned the offenders that vehicles may be ceased. It is being investigated, as to whether the area concerned is covered with CCTV monitoring, and, if not, if it could be. It was also noted that two quad bikes were also racing around the town. It was noted that some of the speeding vehicles were driving across the roundabout located on Bowmandale, as opposed to driving around it. The town council wish these matters to be pursued through the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Team, for further pressure, to resolve the anti-social behaviour and dangerous driving.

A report was received of two dogs roaming around the town, whereby one had attacked a local resident. Councillor J P Vickers stated that this had been reported to the North Lincolnshire Council Dog Warden, but, to date, the offending animals had not been found.

Resolved that these issues be reported to the next Neighbourhood Action Team Meeting, by the town council representatives attending.

433. **Minutes**

(a) **Ordinary Meeting of the Council – 4 April 2012**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4 April 2012, to be received, approved and confirmed as a correct record, signed by the Chairman.

434. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were discussed.

435. **Other Meeting Minutes**

(a) **Annual Town Meeting**

1) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 12 April 2012, be approved as a correct record.

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

2) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2012, be approved as a correct record.

(c) **Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting**

3) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the previously circulated Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 16 April 2012, be approved as a correct record.

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(d) **Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting**

4) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of an Extra-Ordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27 April 2012, be approved as a correct record.

e) **Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting**

5) **Correct Record**

Resolved that the circulated Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 April 2012, be approved as a correct record.

436. **Matters of Report Arising**

No matters of report were discussed.

437. **Correspondence**

1. Request from student at Bishop Grosseteste University College in Lincoln to complete questionnaire in relation to research, regarding opinions of local businesses and people on the Humber Bridge toll charges (*copy of questionnaire is available from the town council office*).
2. Request from local resident for more dog waste bins in the Market Place and Fire Station areas.
3. Update from North Lincolnshire Council Legal Department regarding Localism Act 2011 – Standards (*copy enclosed*).
4. Letter of thanks from the Ropewalk following the town council's supportive letter to their external funding request, which has allowed external improvement works to be carried out. Also invite for the Clerk to attend event on Sunday 3 June 2012, which the Mayor of Barton has also been invited to and agreed to attend (Min Ref: 139(14)(iv)/57 – BTC 07/09/11).
5. Notification from North Lincolnshire Event Safety Advisory Group that they are satisfied with the details submitted for our Jubilee in the Park on Monday 4 June 2012 (Min Ref: 302(i)/123 – F&GP 16/01/12).
6. Notification from ERNLLCA of workshops which could be available if sufficient interest, to help councils prepare a neighbourhood plan.
7. Receipt of NAT meeting minutes from 11 April 2012.
8. Receipt of Barton Tourism Partnership meeting minutes from 17 April 2012.
9. Receipt of ERNLLCA April newsletter. Copy available from the town council office.
10. Letter of thanks from H&WRCC for the recent donation towards the Community Transport Scheme (Min Ref: 403/165 – BTC 04/04/12).
11. Information from Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust regarding their wildflower conservation project. Identification classes to be held in Elsham during June and July.
12. Receipt of the Humber Diamond Jubilee Committee meeting notes, numbers 5 and 6 (*copies enclosed*).
13. Update from North Lincolnshire Council Street Lighting following Officers attendance at the Annual Town Meeting, advising they have no proposals to switch off any street lighting in Barton, or any other areas of North Lincolnshire at the present time (Min Ref: 6/3 – ATM 12/04/12).

Resolved that:

- (i) the questionnaire to be forward to the Barton Chamber of Trade, for their consideration (item 1);

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- (ii) an agenda item to be raised for the next meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee to be held on the 21 May 2012 (item 2);
- (iii) the Finance and General Purposes Committee to address the Localism Act 2011 issues and changes to the Code of Conduct/Standards (item 3);
- (iv) the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk to attend an "open the gate" event at The Ropewalk on Sunday 3 June 2012 (item 4);
- (v) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

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

1. Information from North Lincolnshire Council regarding on-street parking in Barton following comments at the Annual Town Meeting (Min Ref: 6/3 – ATM 12/04/12) (*copy attached*).
2. Notification from North Lincolnshire Council of restructuring of Neighbourhood Services, advising that Halyna Deboer is Rural Manager for Barton. Andy Long is re-posted to Scunthorpe.
3. Request from Barton Arts to borrow the town council bunting from 26 May to 2 July.
4. Notification from Barton Tourism Partnership that membership of the Partnership is restricted to a maximum of 3 representatives from Barton Town Council.
5. Notification from resident that travellers have returned off Falkland Way in Barton (*North Lincolnshire Council have been notified and advised the appropriate action is underway*).
6. Notification from Viking Resource Centre of their AGM on Wednesday 23 May at 6.45pm which will be preceded by a short public meeting at 6.30pm to discuss the future of the residents association for Caistor Road estate.
7. Reminder from North Lincolnshire Council of their 20's Plenty Campaign. Cards are available for councillors to deliver to properties in residential areas where they feel inappropriate speed by drivers is a problem.
8. Letter of thanks from Barton Arts for the recent donation, along with tickets for the Mayor to attend some events. The Town Clerk has also been invited to attend the official opening of Barton Arts/Wilderspin National School Nostalgia Exhibition on Saturday 2 June.
9. Request from North Lincolnshire Council Infrastructure Services to speak with the town council to discuss Community Transport at an appropriate meeting.
10. Notification of Adult College Launch on Friday 11 May from 1 – 5pm between North Lincolnshire Council Adult Community Learning and North Lindsey College.
11. Receipt of application form for the council to enter a "Civic Team" in the New Age Kurling Competition on Saturday 19 May 2012 at 9.45am in Hibaldstow Village Hall. A team consists of 3 players, more than one team can be entered.
12. Notification that North Lincolnshire Council has received an application for a Market Consent to be granted in respect of Waters' Edge Country Park for a market at a special event on 1 July 2012 by Mr Monty Martin for less than 15 stalls.
13. Notification that North Lincolnshire Council has received an application for a Market Consent to be granted in respect of Waters' Edge Visitor Centre for a market at a special event on 22 July 2012 by Mr Bruce McKenzie – Centre Manager for 15 – 24 stalls.
14. Notification of the town council's official beacon lighting time on Monday 4 June is 10.15pm.

Resolved that:

- (i) it was agreed that the Barton Arts Group be allowed to borrow the town council bunting for the period 26 May to 2 July 2012. The town council office to liaise with the group (item 3);
- (ii) the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk to attend this event on Saturday 2 June 2012 (item 8);
- (iii) the Clerk write to accept the invitation for attendance at the next available town council ordinary meeting date to speak about Community Transport (item 9);
- (iv) Application details for a New Age Kurling Civic Team, available from the town council office (item 11);

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(iv) that the remaining correspondence be received and the contents noted.

439. **Accounts for Payment**

Resolved:

(i) that the Clerk be authorised to pay the accounts as listed in the sum of £4,631.34 (A/cs 21 to 32), and those presented at the meeting in the sum of £13,256.79 (A/cs 33 to 40) a grand total of £17,888.13;

(ii) that payment of account number 27 be taken from the town council's reserves, for the purchase of 3 No Town Shields.

440. **Planning Committee Report**

No report was discussed at this meeting.

441. **Final Accounts of the Town Council 2011/2012**

Consideration was given to the circulated final accounts of the town council for the financial year 2011/2012, prepared by the Town Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer, in accordance with the Audit Commission Regulations. The town council's internal auditor had undertaken an audit of the town council financial records, practices and procedures on 19 April 2012. He deemed the final accounts of the town council to be accurate and in good order. The Clerk informed members that the Auditor had pointed out review of the town council statutory documents were required to be reviewed on a more regular basis by the council. It was also clear that emphasis was now placed upon risk assessment, accountability and review of practices and procedures of the town council. The accounts have now been prepared, in order to be assessed by the Audit Commission.

Members of the town council expressed sincere thanks to the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk for their hard work ensuring the town council accounts and administration is kept in good, accurate order.

Resolved that:

(i) final accounts for the year 2011/2012 be signed off by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk, and sent to the Audit Commission for external audit;

(ii) it was agreed the town council accept BACS as a means of payment by the town council creditors;

(iii) two cheques be re-issued that were lost in transit following being issued in the last financial year.

The Auditor wrote both of these off and adjusted the accounts accordingly. One cheque in favour of Barton Town Band, in the sum of £100 (originally issued November 2011 – Account no. 144), and a cheque in favour of BADAOS in the sum of £100 (originally issued December 2011 – Account no. 186).

442. **Future Town Meeting Arrangements**

Councillor M Martin expressed deep concern and disappointment regarding the annual town meeting arrangements and format. He felt the public should be 'metted and greeted' by members of the town council, say the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and the welcoming arrangements should not be left just to the officers of the council to undertake. Also, a presentation or talk regarding a topical or focal point of interest in the town would be welcome as part of the meeting proceedings. He thought that whilst members of the public should ask questions, he did not feel it was the correct platform for members of the town council to be asking questions also, as part of the audience. This he felt, should be for

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Councillor's to answer questions from members of the public. He felt great unhappiness that several councillor's chose to sit at the front of the audience, with their backs to visiting members of the public. This he said meant that it was difficult to distinguish who were members of the town council representing the local electorate, leaving the public none the wiser.

Councillor N Turner stated that although he was unable to attend the town meeting due to a prior commitment, he agreed with Councillor Martin's comments. He felt out of courtesy, members of the public should be welcomed and hospitable arrangements improved upon.

The Clerk commented that refreshments were made available at the last town meeting, and information regarding the town and town council on display for the public, to enhance hospitality from the previous year's meeting.

Resolved that this matter be further discussed regarding the Annual Town Meeting 2013.

443. **Car Parking in Barton**

Councillor Mrs A Clark requested permission for the Barton North Lincolnshire Council Councillor's to approach owners of land available in the town that could be utilised for public car parking. Councillor Mrs W Witter, asked for clarity as to whether Councillor Clark was indicating that the town council, or North Lincolnshire Council should purchase land for this purpose. It was felt that the town council were not in a position to approach land owners on behalf of North Lincolnshire Council. Discussion ensued, regarding highway issues in the town. This included increased development leading to possible additional vehicles, parking on Burgate near to St. Mary's Church, whether or not such a scheme would attract car parking charges, introduction of a one-way traffic scheme on the High Street to create additional car parking spaces and a public meeting held at The Assembly Rooms to discuss traffic issues in the town in January 2010, whereby a variety of opinions were expressed by the public. Advice received from North Lincolnshire Council Traffic Officer Ian Jickells, outlined current Traffic Orders, was also considered. It was agreed and

Resolved that this matter be further discussed at a meeting of the Environmental Regeneration Committee to be held on 21 May 2012.

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

(a) **Planning Application 2011/1078**

Councillor J P Vickers reported that the planning application, objected to by the town council, had indeed now been given planning permission by North Lincolnshire Council.

(b) **Baysgarth Park**

It was noted that the fairground equipment, recently located in the park, had badly damaged the grassed area, following inclement, wet weather. It was hoped this could be rectified in time for Jubilee in the Park, to be held on the 4 June. It is understood that North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services are currently looking to address this matter.

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

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(a) **Barton Cleethorpes Community Rail Partnership**

Councillor Mrs D Adlard stated she would be attending the next AGM of the partnership, to be held on the 29 May, 2012, at St James Hotel, Grimsby.

(b) **Humber Playing Fields Association**

Councillor M Osgerby commented he had recently attended a meeting of the group. He gave appraisal of this, including funding issues, projects in the Humber area and the National Conference. The next meeting to be held on the 12 July 2012, at Hessele.

(c) **Humber Diamond Jubilee Committee**

Councillor M Osgerby reported he had recently attended meetings of the group, with another scheduled for tomorrow, which he would be attending. He gave appraisal and update of these. He explained the Harbour Master of Hull would be co-ordinating the Flotilla event. This was proposed to go ahead, subject to the weather conditions. Funding issues were still being sought regarding the entire programme of events, but, general progress was coming together well.

(d) **Barton Urban District Council**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson expressed difficulty in locating historical records from the council. It was reported these may be found at the Grimsby Archives, but, some had been disposed of when the council ceased operation.

(e) **Councillor Mrs J Oxley**

A presentation was made to Councillor Mrs J Oxley, acknowledging 25 years of public service to the council. Councillor Ms E Donaldson presented her with a plant, in honour of this. All Members and Officers of the town council congratulated Councillor Mrs Oxley on this achievement. Councillor Mrs Oxley thanked everyone and also gave thanks to fellow Councillors and Officers, who had provided food and drink for a celebration event to be held immediately after this meeting.

(f) **Town Award 2012**

The Mayor, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, presented Mr Barrie Newton with the Town Award 2012, comprising of the Silver Cup, Town Award Shield and Certificate. Councillor Mr J Oxley gave resume of this worthy award winner, with everyone present congratulating him on this achievement.

Everyone in attendance at the meeting was then invited in the Mayoral Parlour to enjoy the celebrations of the concluding mayoral year.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs D Pearson, closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

..... Chairman

6 June 2012