

**Barton upon Humber Town Council Minutes of a Community Committee
meeting held via ZOOM on
Monday 21 December 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillor B Troop (Chairman)
Councillors A Chapman, A Todd and P Vickers

Also Present: Councillor J Sanderson, Ms T Broughton (Town Clerk) and
Mrs Clare Bramley (Deputy Town Clerk).

183. Apologies for Absence

None

184. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Vickers (personal interest)

- Barton Tourism Partnership - items 5 and 7
- Chairman of The Friends of Baysgarth Park – item 7

Councillor A Chapman (personal interest)

- Barton Lions Club – Item 7
- Barton Bike Night – item 7

Councillor Todd

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Councillor B Troop (personal interest)

- Barton Tourism Partnership – items 5 and 7
- The Friends of Baysgarth Park – item 7
- Chairman of the Carnival Committee – item 7

185. Minutes of meeting held 21 September 2020

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on **7 October 2020**.

186. Matters Arising

None.

187. Christmas Lights (Min Ref:- 76(i)(ii)(iii)/31 - BTC 02/09/20)

Consideration for additional Barton Christmas Lights and ring-fencing an amount from the under spend from the Christmas Festival budget 2020 to extend and improve the Christmas Lighting in 2021. To also consider Community Engagement with regards to improving the Christmas Lighting Scheme in town was given.

Members agreed the earmark reserves for the Christmas lights would be discussed under item 7. It was agreed that more information on the types of lighting and suppliers available was needed. This would ensure that the large sum of money

available for investment in the Christmas Lights in 2021 was spent ensuring the Town Councils responsibility to the public to gain the best value was met.

Resolved that:

(i) more information on the types and suppliers available for Christmas lighting including rental or purchase of equipment would be gathered to better inform members' decisions.

(ii) an additional meeting would be held in early 2021 to allow members to review and discuss how the funds earmarked for the Barton Town Christmas lights could be spent.

188. To consider new draft protocol for the Bartonian and to consider a partnership agreement with Barton Tourism Partnership to produce the Bartonian in a new format with additional editions

Members felt positive about the changes and noted that queries regarding the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk's Job descriptions had been alleviated with the proposal submitted.

Members discussed the volunteers who had assisted with the delivery of the Bartonian in 2020 and how this was planned to continue in 2021. There were a number of volunteers prepared to help with delivery. Reference was made to the fact the Bartonian delivery had previously cost the Town Council who had paid for the delivery of every edition.

Resolved: members agreed to recommend to Full Council to reverse the decision previously made regarding the Bartonian and take it back to Full Council 6 January 2021 for approval of the proposed Partnership with Barton Tourism Partnership.

189. Expenditure for 2021/2022 for submission to the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 18 January 2021

Members discussed the Christmas budget under spend from 2020 being ring fenced in community reserves. This had previously been discussed at the Community Committee meeting held on 21 September 2020 in relation to Christmas 2021. Members felt it beneficial to place £7,000 for Christmas light upgrading into earmarked reserves for 2021/22.

Resolved: that £7,000 from the under spend from the 2020 Christmas Festival be placed into earmarked reserves in the budget for 2021/22 to be used towards upgrading the Christmas lights.

Resolved: that the remaining budget proposals remain as tabled and put forward to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

190. To consider earmarking reserves for additional community funding groups

The Clerk informed members that it was not necessary to specify individual donations or Section 137 funding, that it was possible to put an amount in overall for any potential funding required. Members agreed this would be beneficial to the budget for the Community Committee to aid flexibility.

Resolved: that all earmarked reserves be moved under Section 137 funding and not individually specified within the Community Budget for 2021/22.

It was noted that earmark reserves had been included regarding potential grant payments for Friends of Baysgarth Park under the Environment Committee budget for 2021/22. Potential grant payments for Barton Tourism Partnership had been included under the Community Committee budget for 2021/22. This payment of these would be dependent upon successful grant applications.

191. To consider the Linspirational Plants Arts Exhibition.

Members felt this would be a welcome addition to the town but there were concerns regarding properties that could be utilised for the display as all empty buildings were under private ownership.

Resolved: this be considered at 6 January 2021 Full Council meeting to discuss offering the Town Council’s support to the exhibition, but that approval would need to be sought from the private landlords of empty properties within the town.

The Chairman Councillor B Troop closed the meeting at 8.02pm

..... Chairman 6 January 2021