

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 13th January 2025 at Barrow Village Hall

2024

Meeting started 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Paul Rossington (Chair)(PR) Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT) Cllr Andy Porter (Vice Chair) (AP), Cllr D Cunningham (DC) Cllr David Rimell (DR) 1 Member of Public	
24/123	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr John Okell (JO)	
24/124	Declarations of Members' Interests: Cllr Dave Cunningham - position of caretaker as wife is Pavilion manager. Minute 24/126 & 24/138 and took no part in the discussions.	
24/125	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9 December 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
24/126	Public Participation: Pavilion Manger had circulated her BPPFF report to the PC prior to the meeting, this was discussed.	
24/127	Matters Arising: Following on from PSCO Neil Flannagan's visit last month speeding outside the school was discussed. TW to contact CWAC & police to ask for information from recent speed checks.	TW
24/128	Correspondence: MOP had emailed re more nitrous oxide cannisters – TW reported to CWAC Pavilion caretaker – has resigned as of 02/02/25 PCSO Neil Flanagan has reported that the boundaries have been moved, and Deborah Netherton will continue to be the PCSO for Barrow. Correspondence from a MOP asking the PC to take the rural bus service to CWAC, following a response from a letter to the MP. (To be added to the next agenda) AP to contact Ward Cllr Margaret Parker for assistance.	
24/129	Planning: Planning applications received since the last meeting: 22/203577/S73 - Lodge Farm Station Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7JW Proposal: Demolition of existing extension and construction of new double storey rear extension - Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of 22/04301/FUL – Reviewed – No comment. 24/03582/FUL - Land At Grange Woods Morley Lane Dunham On The Hill Chester Proposal: Creation of five wildlife ponds and re-instatement of ditch. – No comment Planning decisions notified since last meeting: None	
24/130	Accounts /Finance: 1. November cashbook 26.12.24 approved & signed 2. November Bank reconciliation 26.12.24 approved & signed 3. Monies received:	

	Barclays interest £172.75 CWAC members budget - Christmas £250.00 Payments ratified/approved London Hearts - Defib £750.00 Chumpers refreshments £54.70 Xmas refreshments £87.54 Barrow-lympics final invoice £252.56 Barrow Village Hall - History group £54.00 Barrow Village Hall - meetings £72.00 CNB - NDP £1,560.00 Clerks expenses £64.10 Insurance £863.70 Payroll December £1367.88	
24/131	Clerks Report: Bank – paperwork given to AP to complete for bank signatory.	
24/132	Defibrillator: New defib for the pavilion has arrived today. TW to organise electrician to fit. Battery at the Foxcote requires replacing, TW ordered before Christmas but has not arrived, TW to follow up.	TW TW
24/133	BPPFF Lease Variation: Resolved to approve the lease variation as per last year. Signed by PR & TW, TW to pass over to JO at the next meeting.	
24/134	Insurance: The annual insurance renewal, locked in for 3 years, has been received. No changes required. Premium of £863.70 to be paid.	
24/135	Budget 2025-26: TW had circulated prior to the meeting. Discussed, minor alterations. Resolved to accept the amended budget. Further Resolved to increase the Ear Marked Reserves for the Pavilion to £20,000.	
24/136	Precept 2025-26: Following approval of the budget it was resolved to set the 2025-26 precept at £28,000. This equates to an increase of £1.67 per year for a Band D property. TW to complete paperwork for CWAC	TW
24/137	VE Day Celebrations: Discussed. Resolved that the PC are not organising any events but will support any local group wishing to organise a village event, in line with the budget. To approach ward councillors in the next financial year for members budget contribution towards RBL planters for the Pavilion.	TW
24/138	Pavilion Caretaker: The current caretaker has resigned with effect of 02/02/25. Discussions held with the Pavilion Manager, she will cover the role whilst the position is advertised, with no change to her current contract, and caretaker role will be paid as overtime. AP to advertise the position locally.	AP

24/139	Grant Application: Grant application received from the Barrow News for £500 towards running costs. Resolved – approved.	
24/140	Highways: Speeding discussed see 24/127	
24/141	Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates: Flood Group: Meeting due with both CWAC & EA. Footpath's Committee: no update.	
24/142	BPPFF – update: JO not present for updates. 1. Quotes for Pavilion entrance to be obtained. Ongoing 1 quote received 2. Lights still not working on the Pavilion car park. Ongoing 3. 5-year electrical testing – ongoing	JO JO TW
24/143	Neighbourhood Development Plan: Results of the survey have been received. JT to preparing questionnaire based on the results of the survey, to go out in Jan/Feb.	JT
24/144	Items for Next Meeting: Pavilion entrance works. Defib at the Pavilion. Electrical testing. Meeting dates. Appointment of auditor.	
24/145	Date of next meeting: Monday 10 th February 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed

Date