

Barnoldswick Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 14th August 2024 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

Present

Councillors: David Whipp, Tom Whipp, John Spencer, Callum Hird, Jodie Greaves, Mick Strickland, Angela Moran & Chris Church

24/01 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Callum Hird and seconded by Cllr Mick Strickland that Cllr David be elected as Chair for 2024-2025. Vote was unanimous.

Resolved: Cllr David Whipp be elected as Chair of GP for 2024-2025

24/02 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gillian Robinson & David Greaves

24/03 Declaration of Interests

Resolved: None declared

24/04 Open Forum

No members of the public present

24/05 Minutes of the Last Meeting

To approve and accept the minutes of the meetings of the committee held on 14th February 2024

Resolved: That the minutes of the last general purposes committee held on the 14th February 2024 be approved as a correct record

24/06 Environmental Schemes/Town Centre Planting

Resolved: To note that the hedge for Victory Park has been ordered and that this is to be done in conjunction with Filtrox.

24/07 Events Programme 2024-2025

a) To consider the outcome of BOTS 2024

The event didn't take as much on the bar as anticipated which was mainly down to the weather and the impact of being VAT registered. Production costs were 47k and 42.5k previous year. Bar budget was 35k with a 27k spend. Income 58K budget was 70K

b) To consider any other events to be held in 2024-2025

Beach opened earlier than planned and is scheduled to finish on the 23rd August. Looking to extend to the 30th August.

We have had confirmation that the Santa Fun Run will go ahead, in conjunction with Bosom Friends, on the 15th December.

Following the Kite Festival a suggestion has been made that this could become a family fun day with more scope to put things in to.

c) To consider a request to hold a beer festival in October

A request has been made by a business in town to hold a beer festival in the square in October. Various issues were raised and discussed.

Resolved:

- a) To note the financial outcome of BOTs. To thank Hope Technology, the staff, volunteers, Harrison Engineering and KB Tyres. A recommendation to Full Council to vire the remainder of the BOTs Bar budget to events to cover the loss made at BOTs.
- b) To note the information about the Santa Fun Run. To extend the Beach until the 30th August. To make a recommendation to Full Council that the Kite Festival becomes a family fun day with a suggested date of the 5th July.
- c) In principle the Council are in agreement with this. There would need to be adequate recompense for the time/effort and expenditure we put in to it.

24/08 Work on Parks

Plans for a new play area in Valley Gardens were shown to members. Earlier this year we were awarded funding from West Craven Area Committee to do refurbishment work in parks. Litterbins/ceiling pavilion/garage door pavilion, mature woodland at Letcliffe needs thinning out.

Resolved: To order new play area with School Playground Specialists being appointed to provide and install. To take out the musical instruments. To look at work that needs doing at all parks and get this work undertaken.

24/09 West Craven Warriors request for signage

Resolved: To meet with rugby club to discuss the type of signage and also the use of the building.

24/10 External Building Maintenance

Resolved: To instigate a 5 year programme. Ask other Town Councils what they have done and ask if they would like to have this programme done at the same time. Report to next Full Council meeting.

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The next meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held on the 25th
September 2024