

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 8.31PM**

Present: Councillors J Paxton (Chairman), N Day (Vice-Chairman), A Fletcher, J Selley, B Thomas and S Laycock

In attendance: C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: C Callen

**23/398 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – There were none.

**23/399 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *(Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting)* – There were none.

**23/400 MATTERS ARISING**

The Post Office have contacted the Parish Council, Ward Councillors and MP, plus other local groups, to advise that the Post Office in Barton will be closing temporarily from 7<sup>th</sup> February. This is as a result of the Postmaster resigning and the withdrawal of the premises for Post Office use. Notices have been put on noticeboards and social media to advise residents. Comments can be emailed to [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk). It is hoped that someone will come forward to take on the postmaster role and then new premises can be sought. Members discussed possible suitable premises and a replacement service.

**ACTION – Clerk to contact the Post Office regarding advertising for a replacement Postmaster.**

Luton Town Ladies FC played their FA Cup tie versus Brighton & Hove Albion Women on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at Barton Rovers FC ground. Due to the volume of attendees, parking around the ground and through the Village was an issue. There was also a private party at Unity Hall and the usual Sunday football games on the Luton Road Sports Field. The Parish Council have received an email from one of the volunteers who helped to marshal the car parking at the event, expressing their disappointment in the lack of organisation and communication ahead of the game. Unity Hall have also expressed their concerns. Both have been asked to take up their issues directly with the football club, as the organisers. The Clerk was asked to write to Barton Rovers on behalf of the Parish Council to share their feedback for any future events planned.

**ACTION – Clerk to acknowledge the resident’s email and send feedback to the Club.**

**23/401 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

A copy of the minutes was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** the approval of the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> December, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day **with 4 in favour and 2 abstentions**.

**23/402 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY**

The Clerk has reviewed and updated the existing Policy. A copy was provided ahead of the meeting. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the updated Annual Investment policy version 6.0, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**23/403 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2024/25 FOR THE POLICIES AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The draft Plan has been drawn up by the Clerk, following the Budget review at the end of 2023. The committee were happy with the plan in respect of Policies & Resources to be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. Therefore, Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval of the draft Action Plan 2024/25, **SECONDED** by Councillor Fletcher and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**23/404 TO APPROVE THE COST FOR CLERK TO ATTEND THE SLCC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT**

As discussed at Full Council, SLCC are running an online one-day Summit on Community Engagement on 21<sup>st</sup> February 10am-4pm. The Clerk has reserved a place at a cost of £65 plus

VAT. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** the approval of the cost of £65 plus VAT for the SLCC Summit, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**23/405 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE REVIEW AND UPDATE TO THE RISK ASSESSMENT ACTION PLANS**

The Risk Assessment Action Plans were agreed in February 2023. These have been progressed over the year and the Clerk provided a summary of the interim review. Members acknowledged the summary.

**23/406 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

There was none.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm