

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 8.13PM**

Present: Councillors J Paxton (Chair), J Selley and S Laycock

In attendance: C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes: C Callen

25/202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from J Mikkelson, A Fletcher and A Vale

25/203 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were none.

25/204 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Tebb will be attending the quarterly Community Policing priority setting meeting on 1st October and will provide an update at the next Full Council meeting.

The second Precept tranche has been received and all the transfers to Ear Marked Reserves have been completed. Funds have been invested in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and Nationwide Building Society accounts until they are needed.

The Central Beds Council UKSPF Community Grant application for the Community Garden was unsuccessful. The volunteers will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss future plans and planting.

25/205 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE POLICIES & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd JUNE 2025

A copy of the minutes was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** the approval of the minutes of 23rd June 2025, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/206 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE POLICY FOR 2025/26

The Annual renewal of the Council's insurance policy is due as at 30th September. The Clerk has received the renewal quote. This premium has been loaded due to the two Public Liability Claims that were made in 2023/24. The Clerk has reviewed the Policy Schedule to ensure it is still correct, increasing the sum insured to cover the new equipment purchased over the last year. Clear Councils have moved from Aviva to Ecclesiastical from this year – they specialise in insurance for charities, not-for-profit groups and voluntary organisations across the UK. Under the delegated authority approved at Full Council (25/151.2), Councillor Laycock **PROPOSED** approval of the renewal for 2025/26 at a cost of £3991.48 with Ecclesiastical Insurance, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

In addition, members discussed taking out additional Cyber protection cover at an additional cost. It was agreed that this would be deferred for further discussion at the October Full Council meeting.

25/207 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Clerk has reviewed the current policy and recommends no changes are required. A copy was provided to members ahead of the meeting. After review, Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** the approval of the Safeguarding Policy v.2, **SECONDED** by Councillor Selley and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION – Clerk to ensure the relevant contact numbers are on display at the Pavilion, in line with the Policy.

- 25/208 UPDATE REGARDING THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN AND AGREE WAY FORWARD**
The Clerk has now written to all the local organisations to invite them to join the Barton-le-Clay Emergency Plan. Several responses have been received so that the plan can now be updated and the way forward progressed. A working Party is suggested to progress the plan
Action – Clerk to arrange for a working party to take this forward.
- 25/209 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ENTRY FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH**
The Parish Council have been invited to enter the annual Christmas Tree Festival again at St Nicholas Church on 6th and 7th December. The Clerk has submitted an initial entry form. Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** approval to enter a tree in the festival with a budget of £50 in case of need, **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 25/210 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**
BATPC have invited Parish Councils to register their interest in undertaking routine play equipment inspection training locally. This one-day course would be run by The Play Inspection Company with a maximum of 12 delegates. It was agreed that the Clerk should register an interest in the course at this stage, with costs and attendees to be considered once further details known.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm