



# EARBY TOWN COUNCIL



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## **Extraordinary Meeting of Earby Town Council** **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.00pm** **The Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, Earby**

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend a full Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to be held as detailed above. If you are unable to attend, your apologies and reason for absence should be forwarded to the Town Manager in advance.

### **AGENDA**

Meetings are open to the public and may be recorded by representatives of the media or by members of the public. Any persons intending to record this meeting are requested to respect the wishes of members of the public who have come to speak at a meeting; and reminded that it is not permitted for oral commentary to be provided during a meeting. The Chair may ask people to stop recording and leave the meeting if they act in a disruptive manner.

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chair of the Town Council, Councillor Hardman to welcome all to the meeting at 7.00pm.

#### **2. Attendance, Apologies, and non-attendance**

To record the attendance of Members, receive apologies for absence, to approve reasons for absence and note non-attendance.

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations of [personal interests](#) in any matter identified in this agenda.

*A member with a disclosable interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, a member with a disclosable interest shall leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.*

#### **4. Exclusion of the public and press**

To determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

*If the Council decides to exclude the public it will be necessary to pass a resolution in the following terms: "In view of the confidential nature of some items, it may be necessary to discuss these items with the Public and Press excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1.*

#### **5. Minutes**

This is an extraordinary meeting of council and the first on this subject matter. The minutes of the last full council meeting will be reviewed as normal at the meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

## 6. Public Participation

To adjourn the meeting to allow for members of the public to be offered the opportunity to address council on any subject. Members of the public will be invited to speak, or their letters read out, on one occasion each, up to a maximum duration of three minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.

*Any questions for Council which require a detailed answer should to be sent via post or email to the Town Manager one week before the meeting, otherwise a response may be deferred on the evening.*

## 7. Pride of Place Funding Opportunity

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Council received notification that central government had allocated £1.5m of the Pride of Place Impact Fund to the Borough of Pendle.

The programme consists of 100% Capital funding with 50% of the fund paid to the borough council in 2025/26 and the other 50% in 2026/27. The fund is not ring-fenced for a particular area of the borough and so can be used wherever the local authority deems most appropriate.

PBC Executive have identified five areas of the borough for investment (Colne, Barnoldswick, Brierfield, Barrowford and Earby) and a % split of the fund determined by electoral age of the population by Parish area in 2022 resulting in Earby being apportioned £137,101 (9.1%) of the total £1.5m

The timescale in which to spend the funding is very tight. It consists of the remaining portion of this financial year plus the next; giving little more than a year for delivery. All funds must be spent by March 2027 or be returned to government. The 50% of funding already allocated for 2025/26 can be rolled over into next year but **only** if there is a plan for its use at end of year monitoring i.e. in April 2026.

When considering opportunities some basic criteria should be met

- Is it Capital spending?
- Does it fit with the 3 Objectives for the programme as below?
- Can it be delivered by 31st March 2027?
- Does it require a lengthy planning process or public consultation that would prevent delivery?
- Is there match or leverage funding available?

Eligible activities must fall within one of three objectives:

- **Community spaces** – creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to take control or ownership of underused but valued local assets.
- **Public spaces** – enhancing the physical environment in public spaces examples of initiatives include new or improved green spaces or public squares, improved outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, installing street furniture, public art or wayfinding.
- **High streets & town centre revitalisation** – making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and which encourage economic activity. Examples of initiatives that could be funded are shop frontage improvements, adaptations that bring premises back into use, streetscape improvements, public art, trails and wayfinding, and creating or improving the infrastructure for regular

markets.

## 8. Initial Town Council Proposals

At a meeting convened by Pendle Borough Council on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 members of the Town Council outlined ten project proposals in support of ongoing activity by the council to improve the town for residents, visitors and those working here. These projects were

8.1 Improving and extending the town centre CCTV system to Hill Top Recreation Ground, Aspen Lane Green, Station Hotel bus terminus and Cemetery Road for public safety, crime detection and tackle anti-social behaviour.

8.2 Installation of an accessible footbridge across Wentcliffe Brook, Birley Playing Fields to provide direct wheelchair/pram appropriate route to playground and picnic area earmarked for renewal by the Town Council.

8.3 Planting and landscaping of the banked area at the junction with Colne Road Skipton Road and Victoria Road.

8.4 Re-landscaping, removal of planters and installation of new seating layout in the paved area at the junction with Colne Road Skipton Road and Victoria Road including new pavement trees, shrubs and plants and seating arrangement.

8.5 New wet poor playground surface to Rushton Avenue Playground.

8.6 Festive Lighting (across highway) structures at the gateway entrances to the town, three locations.

8.7 Refurbishment/reopening of the single unisex toilet at Station Hotel.

8.8 Refurbishment of the toilets, heating, woodwork and ceilings in the Pavillion at the Hill Top Recreation Ground following a flood event and irreparable damage in recent years.

8.9 Repainting of all the street furniture along Victoria Rd/Water St/Colne.

8.10 Art Gallery/Creative space – complete the ongoing renovations to the upstairs front council office, including small kitchen, new flooring, furniture/fixings.

## 9. Next Steps

9.1 Continue engagement with the public and community groups to identify suitable projects.

9.2 To resolve to ratify each and prioritise the project proposals, nominating a member to lead on the project.

9.3 To resolve to formally allocate Earmarked Reserves, where they already exist, to each project to part fund the project.

9.4 In the event that item 3 above is supported, to resolve whether to seek the transfer of the asset from Lancashire County Council.

9.5 In the event that item 4 above is supported, to resolve whether to seek the transfer of the asset from Pendle Borough Council.

## 10. Next Meeting Date

To note the next scheduled ordinary meeting of the Town Council on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. An agenda will be published in advance of the meeting to confirm it taking place.

## 11. Meeting Close