



EARBY TOWN COUNCIL



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Extraordinary Meeting of Earby Town Council
Tuesday 14th April 2026
The Parish Rooms, Victoria Road, Earby

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Councillor Hardman, Chair to Council, welcomed all present to the meeting at 7.30pm

2. Attendance, Apologies, and non-attendance

The attendance of members was recorded: Cllrs T. Hardman, J. Myers, V. Cocker, A. Inman, T. Dickinson and S. Wadsworth were present. Apologies were received from Cllr D. Anderson and accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified on the agenda.

4. Exclusion of the public and press

There were no relevant matters identified as meeting the criteria for exclusion on the agenda.

5. Minutes

As this is an extraordinary meeting of council, the minutes of the last full council meeting will be reviewed as normal at the next scheduled meeting on Monday 27th April 2026.

6. Public Participation

There was no public presence at the meeting.

7. Pride in Place Impact Fund

The Town Council was updated on the latest developments with the Pride in Place Impact Fund.

This extraordinary meeting was convened to consider the PIPF application forms and process now published by Pendle Borough Council for funds under phase 1 of the Pride In Place Impact Fund.

At the last full meeting of the Town Council on [Monday 30th March 2026](#) members resolved at 10.1 and 10.2 to defer decisions on progressing and match funding the three projects supported by PBC in phase 1 due to being unsighted at that time on the application process and expressing concerns over the use of £13K+ of earmarked reserve funds to match fund delivering the projects. The closing date for applications has since been set as Friday 24th April 2026 ahead of the council's next scheduled full meeting.

Following debate, council resolved

7.1 Not to submit applications for Pride In Place funding as invited by PBC for the three projects shortlisted below (Proposed TH, 2nd JM). The Town Council was unanimous in the view that the requirement to match fund - against central government guidance - precluded the applications being made in the current circumstances. Better value for public money would be achieved by internal delivery and funding.

7.2 Not to allocate any match funding from its carefully managed Earmarked Reserve Funds which would leave it unable to fulfil the maintenance requirements for its four other playgrounds (Proposed TH, 2nd JM).

First Half of projects

Town	Total scores	Synopsis	Project Value	PIPIF Request	Match £
EarbyTown Council	59	Rushton Avenue play ground resurface	20,685	8,685	12,000
Earby - West Craven Committee (Sough Park/Earby	55	Earby Memorial Park changing rooms	20,000	13,460	6,540
Earby - West Craven Committee (Sough Park/Earby	55	Earby Memorial Park toilets	10,000	6,730	3,270
Earby - West Craven Committee (Kelbrook)	53	Kelbrook play area Capital improvements	5,000	4,000	1,000
Earby - West Craven Committee (Sough Park/Earby	51	Earby Memorial Park Drainage for Football Pitch	25,000	16,825	8,175
EarbyTown Council	51	Station hotel toilets upgrade	6,000	6,000	undetermined
EarbyTown Council	51	Pavillion refurb. Hill Top Rec	12,000	11,000	1,000
			98,685	66,700	31,985

7.3 Council considered alternative options for project delivery and resolved to (Proposed TH, 2nd JM);

7.3.1 initiate the upgrade and improvement of the Town Centre CCTV infrastructure and installations of new cameras at Station Hotel and Hill Top Recreation Ground as the existing budget permits,

7.3.2 to approve expenditure to carry out a localised surface repair at Rushton Avenue playground,

7.3.3 to invite quotations on providing a new card payment entrance system at Colne Road WC and

7.3.4 to approve expenditure on Hill Top Pavillion repairs from the existing budget with with local contractors.

8. Next Meeting Date

Council noted the next scheduled meeting of the Town Council is **Monday 27th April 2026**
An agenda will be published in advance of the meeting to confirm it taking place.

9. Meeting Close

The meeting was closed at 20.25 hrs and Cllr Hardman thanked all present for their attendance and contribution.