

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE BARTON LAWS USER GROUP
ON WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Councillors Lynch & Armstrong, D Graham, D Martos, I Carruthers, M Glencross, M Townsend, A Pitcher & S Potts

BAR/1/2019 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

C Lewis, Cumberland FA


BAR/2/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

BAR/3/2019 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENTS AT BARTON LAWS

Users expressed their concern about the state of the pitches. The main pitch at Barton Laws is of particular concern being uneven the line marking. The pitches at the park require drainage which the Clerk has in hand. Users also questioned the use of the spiker.

The Clerk advised that the FA are due to visit shortly, and will meet with the Parks Supervisor to look at the pitches as pitch improvement is part and parcel of the development.

 Cllr Lynch then updated on where we are with plans for the new build. Council would need to make a decision at their next meeting whether they proceed with a 4 changing room build or a 2. The users agreed a 2 changing room build would suffice

Cllr Armstrong advised he had looked at the plans, but could not find any information on the build method. The clerk advised she would forward the relevant information to him held in the office. Cllr Armstrong would not be supportive of any compromise on flood prevention.

Ward Councillor, A Pitcher and representative of Wigton Roadrunners was supportive of the build as the site has the potential for use of the club.

It was suggested that CCTV be installed on site to deter ASB

BAR/4/2019 AOB

The Clerk is to ask the Parks Supervisor to leave room for storage in the grandstand when the Tractor is parked.

I Carruthers advised he is still trying to source a container

Meeting Closed 7.35pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A TOWN MEETING WAS HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2016 7.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Scott, Keaveney, Cowell, Pitcher, Bryceson, Stabler, Clark, Armstrong, Williams, Stafford & Hodson

IN ATTENDANCE Members of Wigton Youth Station, NADT, Wigton Baths Trust, PCSO's Harris and Irving, The Press and approximately 10 members of the public

APOLOGIES Cllrs Webster, Lynch & Pearson

The Town Mayor Alan Pitcher welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting.

The last year had been busy for him, and as an Allerdale Borough Councillor assured he had the towns interest at heart in both the roles. There is currently a vacancy on the Town Council and anyone interested can put their names forward via the Clerk.

David Bedlington has been replaced by Stephen Farish who is now the Head Groundsman. Additional machinery has been purchased and the ground staff now occupy a unit off Station Road. We hope to take on an apprentice in the next few weeks.

Cllr Pitcher reviewed the work of the Festivals Committee in organising the Spring Fling and the Christmas Lights Festival – the committee is always looking for interested parties to join them. He thanked NADT for their help during the flooding event of 2015.

Cllr Pitcher then read out a letter from the newly appointed Police Crime Commissioner who apologised for not being able to attend due to a prior engagement.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETINGS HELD ON 3RD JUNE, 24TH JULY AND 11TH SEPTEMBER.

The minutes were duly approved and signed

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS PLANS – FOOTPATHS, PARKS & ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Clark advised of the improvements to Childrens Play Areas and the Cornmarket of late. Future plans include the installation of 3 new Welcome to Wigton signs, improvements to amenity areas with the help of Blooming Youth and the Civic Society, and the planned refurbishment of the changing rooms at Barton Laws. The 5 year plan will include new allotments for which we await the final report of soil sampling for land at Longthwaite road.

PRESENTATION BY WIGTON YOUTH STATION

The Mayor presented certificates and awards to members of the Youth Station in recognition of their achievements.

The group then gave the audience an insight into the Crime Project that they had undertaken during the summer holidays with the PCSOs.

PRESENTATION BY NADT GROUP – FOOTPRINTS OF OUR FATHERS

The group explained how they had researched WW1 in Wigton, compiling the names of those who lost their lives. The result of the research was the production of a story based upon one soldier and his family which they have turned into a film. A short clip was shown to the audience, and the film will be shown to the public from 2nd July.

PRESENTATION BY WIGTON BATHS TRUST

Anna & Mave described the formation of the Trust and the hard work it had involved – and continues to be. The Pool is now open 6 days per week with improvements to the building. School participation has increased which is welcome. After the floods in December 2015 the pool was re-opened in 10 days.

Fundraising continues and the local community, councils and grants bodies were thanked for their support. Energy efficiency measures are ongoing and the Water Wheel will happen! Footfall still needs to improve.

ANY MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A pedestrian crossing from Spar to King Street car park was requested – crossing is difficult in the centre of town.

Parking problems around the Infant School were highlighted.

A 20mph speed limit was requested for the Town Centre, along with improvements to pavements, crossings and dropped kerbs.

Parking problems around the fountain and outside Sanderson's were highlighted.

Questions about the memorial safety inspections at Wigton Cemetery were answered by Cllr Pitcher

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON**

MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2016 AT 1.30PM

PRESENT

Cllrs Armstrong, Lynch and Clark

PD/8/2015 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Keaveney, Pitcher and Bryceson

**PD/9/2015 RECEIVE AND AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2015**


APPROVED and signed as a true record

PD/10/2015 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PD/11/2015 REVIEW OF TOWN PLAN

Items postponed from the last meeting:

- Sports and Leisure – Members discussed the current position regarding facilities, the Bailey Bridge and the field adjacent to Barton Laws along with funding opportunities.  AGREED to 1-4 year timeframe for upgrading and developing facilities at Barton Laws. Members AGREED to continue support for Wigton Baths. Cllr Clark advised members of the move to create a Skate Board area at Phoenix Park. It is expected that the group will contact the Town Council in the near future.
- Emergency Planning – The plan is almost complete. Timeframe to be amended to “Ongoing” with the Environment Agency being added as partners. It was AGREED to look at how communication with the Police can be improved in Wigton.
- Provision of Services – Provision of Allotments is ongoing pending surveys at Longthwaite Road. It was AGREED to add improvement/upgrade of footpaths and highways to Infrastructure. Cllr Clark highlighted the lack of children’s play areas to the north of the town.
- Housing – Cllrs discussed the plans for more homes in Wigton, and AGREED to add improve Infrastructure, Health Provision, Education facilities, shops and services that increased housing brings.
- Highways and Transport – Cllrs AGREED to add Monitoring of Width Restriction, and enforcement of parking restrictions in the town. Partners to include CCC, ABC,

& the Police. Cllr Armstrong referred members to plans for a Wigton Link Road from Carlisle Bridge to Street road ends.

Councillors noted the need to continually review the plan.

Date of Next Meeting TBA

Meeting Closed at 14.20pm.

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A TOWN MEETING WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Armstrong, Warren, Pitcher, Cowell, Lynch, Stafford, Hodson, Pearson and Clark.

IN ATTENDANCE 3 Member of the public and the Press

APOLOGIES Cllrs Keaveney, Webster and Stabler

The Town Mayor Alan Pitcher welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting

Cllr Cowell did a presentation on what we had achieved over the last 12 months and plans for the coming 12 months.

This included:

- Works to Cornmarket – no parking, bollards and chains. Seating, planters. Space for market gazebos and church will have use for weddings etc (Town plan says preserve valued local features)
- Welcome to Wigton Signs – see mock –up
- Dog fouling signs for Parks, Speet Gill etc
- New Town notice board at front of Local Links Building
- Fingerposts


WTC have worked with the Town Team to deliver the above

Footpaths and Parks committee will be looking at new planters and locations for the Town. Will be looking to improve facilities at the Highmoor and Fell View Parks

Improvement works to Phoenix Park – eg planting, seating, wildflowers etc to be considered by footpaths and parks

We aim to enhance and promote a market for Wigton. Working alongside chamber of trade

Begin business case for additional pitches on land owned next to Barton Laws.

 Refurbishment/extension to be considered for the Changing rooms at Barton Laws. We are liaising with the FA and may look at lottery funding and borrowing once business case prepared.

Expand on Festivals – Spring Fling just finished. Art Exhibition success. Christmas Lights Festival

We will continue to promote community events via our leaflets and website

Invested in new machinery, obtained additional external contracts.

A short presentation by Mark Clowes and Len Baseley from Wigton and District Civic Society who are a formal voluntary organisation representing our local community.

Cards and Gardening Vouchers were presented to David Bedlington and Maurice Brown who both retired from the Council earlier this year.

This was followed by a presentation from the newly formed Wigton Baths trust about their plans for the future of Wigton Baths.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE BARTON LAWS USER GROUP
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY 2015 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Councillors Stafford and Lynch, P Rudd, D Reay, M French, D Graham, S Yeats and I Johnston

BAR/1/2015 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Cllr Pitcher, I Carruthers and S Foster

BAR/2/2015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

BAR/3/2015 REVIEW ACCESS TO WIGTON PARK

The Clerk reported that there was no longer Staff working on weekends to open/close gates etc. into Wigton Park.

A key system is working well for Wigton Park Bowling Club and this was discussed. It was AGREED that a combination padlock be put on the main gates rather than a key system. Clerk to sort this out.

Keys required for toilets and changing room for 2 no. Abbeytown teams. Clerk to sort out.


Calls will be made on a Friday if games to be called off by Wigton Town Council but teams asked to be sensible on a weekend and ensure that if pitches aren't playable then they would cancel games.

Changing room at Park to be cleared out for the use of Referees. Clerk to sort out.

BAR/4/2015 REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR BOOKING PITCHES

It was AGREED that pitches would be booked via telephone or email – Monday to Thursday

BAR/5/2015 DISCUSS UPGRADING OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND FUTURE FUNDING OPORTUNITIES

 The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between herself, ABC and Craig Lewis from the Cumberland FA to discuss funding for Barton Laws pitches. The outcome was that there wasn't any funding for pitches but there could be funding for refurbishment of changing rooms. The Clerk reported that first steps before completing a funding bid is to get a condition survey carried out on the building.

It was suggested that we look at asking for funding through any S106 agreements.

The Clerk to ask representatives from Abbeytown FC to come along to a Footpaths and Parks meeting to discuss their recent successful funding bid.

Pitches were discussed - Clerk reported that Wayne Ferguson had contacted her with regard to purchasing a set of harrows which will help to even out the surface of the pitches and also to fill in holes with a bio mass product. Approx. 40 tonnes required at £20 per tonne. More info required on this. Re seeding of the Barton Laws pitches was discussed.

BAR/6/2015 AOB

Request from Wigton FC – To leave grass longer during the season. Clerk to pass on to grounds staff.

Priority for TC is to get an extra pitch on the new piece of land recently purchased.

Ship Inn requested prices for pitches – Clerk to email prices.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Ferriby, Clark, Cowell, Pearson and Pitcher

PD/32/2013 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

PD/33/2013 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2014

Minutes Approved

PD/34/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PD/35/2013 TOWN PLAN

The Chair started off by saying that he had been looking at Penrith's Master Plan and that we should adopt this as ours. The rest of the committee didn't agree and it was decided that we should continue with our own plan as a lot of work had been put into it.

The clerk was asked to contact the Chamber of Trade and ask them to survey all the shops and seek their views on:

Free Parking – While there has been free parking on Water Street Car Park has this increased/decreased their earnings. Also to ask if their shops have been busier this year than the last few years.


Our Medium Term Goal is to look for free parking and take over the running of Wigton Car Parks from ABC.

Retail and Service Sector

We need to encourage a diversity of shops in the town. i.e. A Shoe Shop

Commercial and Leisure Sector

Short Term – Swimming Pool

 Medium Term – Barton Laws, Wigton Road Race (Get Running Club involved) Publicity via Wigton Newspaper for clubs etc.

Agriculture and Rural Businesses

Markets – ABC need to move forward with market on Water Street car park

Evening and Nighttime Economy – Chamber of Trade to look at this.

Better Communication

Website

Infrastructure

ABC and CCC – Traffic Management Scheme for Wigton

Street Furniture

Signage – Tourist

Dog Fouling – Enforcement contact for ABC

Medium Term - To look at extra toilet facilities for Wigton and possibly charging for them.

PD/36/2013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is 10th March 2014

Meeting Closed at 7.30pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

**A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2013 AT 10.00AM**

PRESENT

Councillors Ferriby, Clark, Cowell and Pitcher


PD/23/2013 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Pearson

PD/24/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

None

PD/25/2013 QUESTIONNAIRE

 Discussions took place in regard to the questionnaire. The clerk to make the changes agreed by the committee.

It was decided that the closing date for returning questionnaires would be Friday 13th December 2013.

The Clerk to get a price for printing 2000 copies.

The committee agreed that the questionnaires be left at the following places:

Links Office

Library

Christies

Eastons Newsagents

Café 1262

It can also be completed online

PD/26/2013 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – TBA in the New Year

Meeting Closed at 10.45am

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE BARTON LAWS USER GROUP
TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2013 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT Councillor Stafford, D Bedlington, W Ferguson, D Monaghan, G Grainger, S Foster, R Barwise, P Rudd, T Gilroy, G Wills, M Glencross

BAR/1/2013 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

I Carruthers, M Ridley

BAR/2/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None


BAR/3/2013 REVIEW OF KEY AVAILABILITY

All parties agreed the key code method used over the past season had worked well

BAR/4/2013 UPDATE ON BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER WIZA

The group were advised that planning permission will be submitted in the next two to three weeks.

BAR/5/2013 DISCUSS UPDATING OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND FUNDING OPORTUNITIES

 It was recognised by all that the current changing rooms require updating. The football association are a funding source but it appears the playing fields would have to be purely for football use only. Other avenues of funding were suggested- Lottery, Sports Council etc etc. It was believed that because of the Community partnership working – i.e Innovia supplying the bridge, the Town Council funding the costs to put it in place, Allerdale handing the field to Wigton Town Council we are in a good position to apply for grants/funds. Abbeytown FC recommended the use of a professional in any applications due to their recent experiences. The group are keen to be involved in a community led approach and establish links.

The group are keen to know the Town Councils plan for the field.

BAR/6/2013 AOB

It would appear that there may be a requirement in future for U12 teams to have changing facilities. The clerk advised she would research further to see if any timescales are in place.

Abbeytown FC requested that WTC consider a discount on charges for the younger teams because of the amount of money Abbeytown had spent on nets/posts etc.

PITCH USE

It was agreed that Pitch 1 be shared with Wigton FC and Wigton Lions (SAT PM fixtures)

It was agreed that Pitch 2 be shared with Abbeytown U18 Boys, Abbeytown Ladies and Abbeytown U16 Boys (all SUN PM)

WTC had received a request from the Ship at Thursby to ground share with Wigton Lions. This is not possible since they groundshare with Wigton FC. It was suggested that they could have the use of pitch 2. A discussion followed and those against gave the reason of pitch limit. A vote was taken 2 for the Ship to use the pitch, 5 against with 2 abstaining. This will now be referred back to councillors for a decision.

Users request we look at marking out another $\frac{3}{4}$ pitch as the FA are pushing for 9 aside for the younger teams – more research required.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm