



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COLNE TOWN COUNCIL

on Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 6.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall

In attendance: Cllr A. Bell, Cllr A. Chamberlain, Cllr D. Clegg, Cllr G. Clegg, Cllr D. Cockburn-Price, Cllr S. Cockburn-Price, Cllr P. Hannah-Wood, Cllr A. Mann, Cllr M. Moffitt, Cllr I. Robinson, Cllr H. Thomas and Cllr M. Thomas.

Officers: Ms. G. Langley (Town Clerk/RFO), Mr. N. Cutler (Deputy Clerk, Events, Facilities & Administration Officer) and Rebecca Cavanagh (Administration Assistant)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the April 2026 Full Council meeting of Colne Town Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Clamp, Cllr P. Howarth, Cllr D. Lord and Cllr B. Wildman.

The Council accepted the apologies received.

Absent: Cllr N. Butterworth

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or indicate if S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

No declarations were received.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2026.

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17th March were accepted as a true and accurate record.

*Proposed by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood
Approved by Council.*

Seconded by Cllr H. Thomas

5. Clerk's Update

To receive an update from the Town Clerk/RFO on any ongoing projects that are not an agenda item for this meeting.

The report presented by the Clerk/RFO was noted by Members.

Concerns were raised regarding Gibhill Guardians Nature Reserve, specifically the poor condition of the footpaths on the Nelson side. It was noted that Nelson Town Council has not yet provided matched funding for these works. The Clerk updated members on recent efforts to engage with Nelson Town Council regarding the enhanced countryside access service.

Action: For the Town Clerk/RFO to consult with Phil Riley (Pendle Borough Council) to discuss the previous funding process and seek advice on the current progression. Following this, if required, send a formal letter to Nelson Town Council regarding their funding request.

**Proposed by Cllr S. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.**

Seconded by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood

6. Public Forum

To consider questions, statements, or petitions from members of the public who are welcome to the meeting and have a total, collectively, of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Committee.

No public were in attendance.

7. Reports from the Borough & County Councils

To receive reports from representatives from the Borough and County Councils on any works / projects being delivered in Colne, who have a total, collectively, of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Council. (Information only)

This Item was removed by the Chairman due to the pre-election period.

8. Finances

- a) To receive a schedule of payments from 6th March to 15th April 2026 for approval by the Chairman. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Schedule of Payments to the value of £136,579.48 was presented to Members and duly signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.**

Seconded by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood

- b) To receive a summary of budget, expenditure, and commitments as at 15th April 2026. (Decision required)

Following a short discussion, the Financial Budget Summary was approved by Members.

**Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.**

Seconded by Cllr P. Hannah-Wood

9. CTC Financial Risk Register

To consider the document presented for 2026-27, as re-affirmed by the Finance, Employment & Services (FES) Committee. (Decision required)

Following a brief discussion and a few minor suggestions the presented Risk Register was approved by members.

***Proposed by Cllr D. Cockburn-Price
Approved by Council.***

Seconded by Cllr A. Bell

10. Colne In Bloom

To receive an update from the Chairman of Colne In Bloom on the work that the Charity has been undertaking this month.

This Item was removed by the Chairman due to the pre-election period.

11. The Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival 2026

To receive an update on the progression of the organisation and operational elements for the 2026 Festival.

It was noted that 203 tickets and 40 camping pitches have already been sold, placing the sales slightly ahead of the previous year. The 2025 festival won the award for the UK Blues Based festival of the year. The festival has now won this award three times, cementing its place in the UK Blues Hall of Fame. Councilors expressed their formal thanks to all officers, Colne Blues Society and the volunteers for their dedicated year-round work.

It was suggested by councilors for future festivals that black and brown bins be placed together to prevent the misuse of recycling bins for general waste.

12. Colne Neighbourhood Plan

To receive an update from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee on the progress of the Project. (Information only)

An update was provided and noted by members.

A discussion took place regarding potential heritage assets within the town. It was noted that site visits are required for the bottom of Walton Street and Doughty street, to assess whether these areas meet the criteria for Special Character Assets.

13. Planning

To provide the opportunity to comment on Planning Applications lodged in Colne and environs since the last Full Council meeting.

	Application Number	Applicant	Location	Proposal
1	26/0158/TPO	Mr Roland Jones	Klondyke Central Caravan Prospect Farm Caravan Site 3 Lenches Road	We wish to fell 2 Hybrid Poplar trees, T1 and T3 on the plan, plus the remains of a previously topped Hybrid Poplar, T2 on the plan. The reason for their removals is that they are the wrong trees, in the wrong place. Given the limited

			Colne Lancashire BB8 8ET	<p>space between the trees and the home, these trees will become far too big in a very short time. The owner is happy to plant a Birch and a Rowan as replacement trees.</p> <p>CTC Comment: Given the arbitrary reason given for removing the trees, Colne Town Councillors are concerned that this may be an underhand attempt to make more space to fit in more homes. The trees are only now in the wrong place because they have placed a caravan adjacent to them. If this is approved, Colne Town Council is concerned that this could set a precedent for the future felling of trees for illegitimate reasons.</p>
2	26/0164/VAR	Great Dunmow Power Limited	Land To The South West Of Phillips Lane Works Phillips Lane Colne	<p>Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 20/0776/VAR</p> <p>CTC Comment: No comment.</p>
3	26/0160/HHO	Mrs Akhnooq Anwar	34 Barrowford Road Colne Lancashire	<p>Full: Erection of dormers to front and rear roof slopes.</p> <p>CTC Comment: Objection The proposed dormers are not in keeping with the character of the existing dwellings. The full-width design is considered excessive, and the windows are not central, which ruins the existing aspect ratio of the windows of the property. It was suggested that a smaller dormer, similar to the one at number 52 on the same street, would be more appropriate.</p>
4	26/0185/FUL	N/A	Unit 4 Silk Way Business Park Whitewalls Drive	<p>Full (Major): Erection of a food retail unit (Use Class E) with associated access, car parking, servicing and landscaping</p> <p>CTC Comment: Colne Town Councillors raised significant concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed unit to residential dwellings. It was requested that the building's design be adjusted to better blend with the surroundings, quantity of external lighting be reduced and that delivery hours be strictly restricted to mitigate the impact on residents.</p>
5	26/0141/FUL	Mr Simon Breton	Spring Gardens Farm Daisy Street Colne Lancashire BB8 5ER	<p>Full: Conversion of the remaining central section of an existing barn to form 1 no. dwelling including associated external alterations.</p> <p>CTC Comment: Objection The excessive number of windows is detrimental to the character of the original building. It is recommended that the design be re-evaluated to retain the appearance of a traditional barn.</p>

6	26/0188/TWR	Mr Michael Kellett	Christ Church Vicarage Keighley Road Colne Lancashire BB8 7HF	See attached report with schedule and site plan CTC Comment: No comment.
7	26/0217/HHO	P Macadam & L Duerden	Craigmore Keighley Road Colne	Full: Erection of a detached residential annexe CTC Comment: This development is in the grounds of a non-designated heritage asset in the CNDP and is in a Conservation Area. Colne Town Councillors raised concerns regarding the architectural quality of the proposed development. It is suggested that more character and higher standards are implemented into the design to better ape the character of the main building.
8	26/0227/HHO	Mr Charles Green	5 Bent Lane, Colne	Full: Demolition of existing side and rear extensions, erection of two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension with altered vehicular access. CTC Comment: Colne Town Council welcomes this development.
9	26/0198/LBC	Mr John Massie	2 Colne Hall Linden Rd, Colne	Listed Building Consent: Replacement of windows and door for flats 1-4. CTC Comment: Objection This is a listed building within a Conservation Area and it is vital that the historical integrity of the structure is maintained. It was suggested for the applicant to explore alternative solutions such as thermal or secondary glazing while retaining the original frames and installing an internal door leaving the existing door in place. If the door is to be replaced, the design and materials should be like for like.
10	26/0168/ADV	Gold River Ventures Ltd	3 Albert Road Colne Lancashire	Advertisement Consent: Display of 1 no. illuminated fascia sign to side elevation CTC Comment: Objection Colne Town Council objects to the application for additional signage as this is too excessive for a Conservation Area. Members also expressed significant concern regarding the existing advertisements at this location. It is requested that Pendle Borough

				Council investigate the changes main within the last decade, as they appear to be non-compliant with the Conservation Area regulations.
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14. Correspondence Received

Details of any correspondence that the Full Council has received that requires presenting or reviewing at Full Council.

Members discussed the ongoing statutory consultation for the Calderdale Energy Park, which remains open until June. It was noted that this is currently a work in progress and has not yet been finalized.

Significant concerns were raised regarding the proposed route through Colne, specifically the projected volume of HGV traffic and the impact on the roads and subsequent pollution. Potential flooding risk is associated with the site location and new road construction. Concerns were also raised regarding drilling and peat depth assessments being conducted during bird nesting season.

Given the volume of concern, the Council intends to review the project continuously to stay updated on all developments and further investigate local impacts.

Action: Members to maintain a close watch on all project updates and administration to collect comprehensive data regarding the impact on the project. This information will be used to prepare the council's formal statutory response. Cllr A. Bell to look at providing a draft framework for the response and for this item to be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

15. Items for a future month's Agenda

Points raised under this item are for information only. Any debate should be limited to five minutes. Points raised will be considered for inclusion as an agenda item at a future meeting.

- Calderdale Energy Park

16. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 19th May at 6.30 p.m.

This meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.