

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE BARTON LAWS COMMITTEE WAS

HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2023 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Newton, Hodson, Jackson and Hamblin

BL/01/2023 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Crouch

BL/02/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

BL/03/2023 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

BL/04/2023 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

BL/05/2023 VOTE OF THE CHAIR

Councillor Hamblin proposed Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Newton
Councillor Scott proposed Councillor Hodson, seconded by Councillor Jackson

A **vote** was taken, decision was **UNANIMOUS** for Councillor Hodson to become chairman of the committee.

Councillor Hodson was voted as the 2023/2024 Barton Laws chairman.

BL/06/2023 BARTON LAWS BUILDING

Members discuss the purpose of Barton Laws which is a community building accessible to all including football teams who pay a seasonal fee to use both the pitches and the building.

The members were reminded that the Town Council received grants and loans for the Barton Laws rebuild.

The annual football fees were reviewed with the following fees agreed:

Adult teams using Barton Laws building	£525
Under 16s teams at Wigton Park	£135
Under 10s teams at Wigton Park	£65.00

Mini players	£65.00
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The need for snacks and drinks at Barton Laws was also discussed and it was agreed that putting vending machines in would be useful to the users. The office will research options.

The clerk gave an update regarding sanitary bins and explained all toilets now have sanitary bins within.

It was AGREED that we would call Stephen Glendinning to enquire about getting WIFI into the building, the clerk will report back at the next meeting.

Further uses of Barton Laws were discussed, it was agreed that a further meeting/working group was required to ensure the building is being used effectively. It was suggested that notice boards were installed within the main room to advertise and a notice board outside would be useful.

Members discussed different uses which included:
Citizen's advice
Sports classes

The inside needs some work including purchasing tables and chairs that match the new building.

Perhaps historic photos of Wigton could be placed on the walls as they are bare.

Moving forward there needs to be a maintenance plan for the building.

Members requested financial details of energy costs and running costs for the next meeting.

A slush fund is also needed to take into account unforeseen expenses.

It was suggested that further grants could be applied for to continually improve the facilities.

BL/07/2023 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The clerk provided the committee with an update on the recent fire behind the building.

Members requested a letter be sent to Mike Johnson and/or Michelle Skeer regarding the current issues.

BL/08/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – 19th October 2023

Meeting Closed at 7:20 pm

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