

Minutes of a meeting of Underbarrow & Bradleyfield Parish Council held at Underbarrow Institute on Monday 9th December 2024 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Peter Swindlehurst, Ricard Carruthers, Stuart Fairclough and Sally Soady, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Steve Bavin and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Charlotte Cartwright.

24/46 Public participation: None.

24/47 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/48 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

24/49 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/50 Reports:

Councillor Bavin reported as follows:

- a. There is no further news since the last 'Bridges' meeting but it is still hoped to work towards a partial re-opening soon. The 'diversion routes' are getting some repairs carried out.
- b. The road at Hollin Bank still requires attention.
- c. The A591, Kendal Bypass, is closed overnight tomorrow.
- d. The long-standing problem with the culvert at the top of Broom Lane continues to be a problem and is being investigated.
- e. The mobile phone mast on the top of the Scar points towards Kendal and not Underbarrow. The signal in most of the parish is non-existent. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting as it was wondered if the Council could pay for wifi at the Institute.
- f. The three different systems for waste recycling in Westmorland & Furness (Barrow, Eden, and South Lakeland) are being reviewed at present. It may be that charges will be introduced for green bin waste. A [consultation/survey is running regarding the future of waste collection – this closes on 20th December and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFwastesurvey> \(or found via the Council's website/accessed in libraries\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WFwastesurvey)

24/51 Planning: None.

24/52 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Underbarrow Institute	£150.00	Donation (to make up the usual £200 from the Smithymire Charity
K M Price	£1,000.00	Reimbursement – Smithymire Charity

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council in the sum of £8,343 for the financial year 2025-26. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

d. The nationally agreed Pay Award for 2025-26 was noted and adopted. This equates to around a 3.9% increase in Clerk's salaries. The Clerk at Underbarrow & Bradleyfield is currently employed for 18.25 hours per month on Salary Point 20.

24/53 Daffodil bulb planting:

Councillor Swindlehurst reported that there are six bags of bulbs remaining and these will be planted as soon as possible. The grass verge needs cutting back too.

The flowers had been much appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

24/54 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 13th February 2025 at 7pm at Underbarrow Institute.

24/55 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. Wi-fi for Underbarrow Institute.
- b. Annual charitable donations/grants

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:

Dated: