



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Monday 17th March 2025

Minutes of the Extra ordinary meeting of Monday 17th March 2025 at 7:30pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall

Cllrs Adams, Burton, Paige, Ryan and Stanard.

MOP 2

Town Clerk C Burrow

Assistant Town Clerk E Langan

236 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

236.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllrs Marshall and Taylor

236.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

APPROVED

237 Declaration of Interest: -

237.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

NONE

237.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

NONE

238 To receive Comment & Concerns:

Public participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consultation. (NB: for non-agenda items members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification; the period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).

NONE

239. To consider small scale infrastructure improvements for visitors rejuvenating the **Bygone Bentham Heritage Trail**.

RESOLVED – to accept the funding and complete the update of the Bygone Bentham Heritage Trail.

240. To consider Bentham Town Council being the **lead applicant** on behalf of the Bentham Business Boost Partnership applying for the North Yorkshire Mayoral Vibrant and Sustainable High Street Fund; to enhance productivity within Bentham, consider the feasibility of a multifunctional events space, improving accessibility to the Town Centre and infrastructure.

240.1 To agree to submitting the latest audited accounts.

AGREED to submit accounts.

240.2 To be willing to absorb any cost overruns on the project.

AGREED to absorb the costs.

240.3 To consider employing a Networking Facilitator and a Co-Ordinator.

RESOLVED to employ a Networking Facilitator/Co-Ordinator in role.

240.4 To submit an application form as lead applicant on behalf of the Bentham Business Boost Partnership.

RESOLVED TO AGREE to submit the application as the Lead Applicant.

241. To postpone the Open Spaces committee meeting.

RESOLVED – agreed to move the Open Spaces to Monday 31st March 2025 at 7:30pm.

242. Items for next meeting **and minor items for information** only.

NONE

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