



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Wednesday 29th July 2026

All Town Council Meetings are open to the Public and Press

Monday 3rd August 2026 at 7:00pm, Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall.

Background papers are available for viewing by appointment before the meeting. These will be circulated to Councillors in the days before the meeting.

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Matt Postlewaite, Project Engagement Lead for the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP), along with representatives from Cascade Infrastructure and Strabag UK, will give a short presentation to the Council and members of the public on the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme. Once the presentation has concluded, the Council meeting will commence.

AGENDA

60 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

- 60.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.
- 60.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

61 Declaration of Interest: -

- 61.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 61.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

62 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).

63 To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 6th July 2026 as a true and accurate record.

64 To receive the Police Report & allow members to ask questions for information - If any.

65 To receive a Report from NYC Councillor (for information only) - If any

66 Financial Matters:

- 66.1 To receive and note current bank balances; Unity current account as **£43,452.02**, the Public Sector deposit account balance as **£85,000.00** and the Virgin current account as **£31,419.17**.
- 66.2 To note the pre-authorised salary and pre-agreed contractual payments.
- 66.3 To approve the payments.

- 67 To consider and comment upon New Planning Applications:**
- 67.1 26/03542/ADV Advertisement consent for 2.no externally illuminated fascia signs. Bentham Community Primary School, Low Bentham Road, High Bentham, LA2 7BP
 - 67.2 TPO NO. 60/2026 (CRA) Beech Tree TPO on the site of Moulterbeck House, Slaidburn Road, High Bentham, LA2 7LT
- 68 Council matters:**
- 68.1 To consider the Sickness Absence Policy with update from YLCA.
 - 68.2 To consider the Maternity Pay and Leave policy.
 - 68.3 Outstanding ROIs and Sexual Harassment Legislation Training.
- 69 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**
- 69.1 To receive the Clerk's report.
 - 69.2 Roadworks in and around Bentham.
 - 69.3 Playground equipment at PHPF and GRPA.
 - 69.4 To consider the Community Asset Transfers for Cleveland Square, the Rose Garden, Low Bentham and the Grasmere Public Convenience.
 - 69.5 Cars parked on the pavement near Bentham Community Primary School (circulated to members).
 - 69.6 Ongoing graffiti issues near Goodenber Road Play Area.
- 70 Correspondence received:** To receive information on the following new correspondences and decide further action, if any;
- 70.1 Environment Agency return email.
 - 70.2 Angus Fire update.
 - 70.3 Senior Consultant Traffic Engineer regarding double yellow lines.
- 71 To receive an update on the Bentham Boost and decide further action where necessary.**
- 71.1 Booking of the Town Hall for the Bistro night on 7th November.
 - 71.2 To consider a Street Furniture Licence for memorial benches in Bentham.
- 72 To receive Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
- 73 Items for next meeting and minor items for information only.**
- 74 Dates of next meeting:**
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| Bentham Boost meeting: | Tuesday 4th August 4:00pm Golf Club |
| Council and Environment Agency meeting: | Wednesday 5th August |
| Buildings Committee: | Thursday 6th August 6:30pm |
| Full Council: | Tuesday 1st September 2026 7:30pm |
| Open Spaces Committee: | Thursday 24th September 2026 7:30pm |

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