

MINUTES

of the Committee Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 3rd June 2026 at Burnley Town Hall.

The Chairman, **Mr. E. J. Walton**, occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Ms. S. Barker, Mr. A. Hollis, Mr. T. Mitchell, Mr. N. G. Ashworth, Mr. A. R. Lucas, Mr. R. Collinge, Mr. R. J. Crossley, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. I. Emo, Dr. S. Tate, Ms. N. Edwards, and Mr. P. Hornby.

APOLOGIES: Mrs. R. Hay, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. K. Burrows, Mr. J. Livingstone and Mrs. J. Evans.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th May 2026 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

A.O.B. MATTERS: Matters for discussion at A.O.B. were put forward.

PLANNING: A number of planning applications were discussed but no decisions were taken.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: i. The Trustee report needed answers to three aspects of the Trust – our harassment policy, our social media policy and financial management. The Charity Commission report is being done by Mark Heaton KM accountants.

ii. *The late David and Caroline Smith:* Nothing heard back from Jason Walsh of St. Peter's Faculty application to the Diocese.

iii. *Civic Day, 20th June.* No action was being proposed by the Trust.

iv. *Heritage Open Days:* Charlotte Steels would like to know before 20th June about proposals for talks, walks or anything which had a theme of everyday history or working through the ages. Initial proposals: Carol Stinton to conduct guided walk around Padiham, Carole also offered 'living in the Weavers Triangle talk', Peter Hornby offered canal Corridor walk/talk on wildlife, Tony Mitchell offers '15 facts about your town' a talk he has already done for the Towneley Hall Society.

v. *Green Spaces Co-operation* at a very low ebb. No replies from Green Spaces or Simon Goff, the latter not ill as suggested at last meeting.

vi. *HMS Active affiliation with Burnley:* A meeting would be held at Town Hall.

vii. *Unknown Shoppers Statue:* The Chairman had been surprised to find the statue had been erected perhaps by Green Spaces working to their own agenda. There was no provision for recessed panels for the art work being commissioned by the Trust. There had been no contact from the Engineers, or notification for its erection on the site. There would be a meeting with the artist on 10th June.

viii. The next day, 4th June, at Gawthorpe Hall, a painting from All Saints' Church, Habergham which had been restored by Brian Hall's estate would be put in the Long Gallery at the Hall. The Chairman had been asked to speak about Brian.

FINANCES: The Treasurer gave an account of all the Civic Trust's accounts. The Trust had 35 fully paid up members and some life members. All the Trust's investments were in good order.

PADIHAM NEWS: No one had shown any interest in taking over the catering at the Cabin. Gawthorpe Hall has prospective tenant for the proposed tea rooms at the renovated barn.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 1st July 2026 at 7 pm. At Burnley Town Hall.

CHAIRMAN