

Burscough Town Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 at Burscough Town Council
Office, Interchange Building, Station Approach, Burscough starting
at 7pm

Present

Cllr D Moss Mayor
 Cllr G Fairclough
 Cllr P Gumus
 Cllr B Kennedy
 Cllr Pollington
 Cllr Pope
 Cllr M Price
 Cllr S Purple
 Cllr B Wilson
 Jackie Maguire Clerk
 Laura Pilkington

Minutes

133	<p>Welcome The Mayor opened the February meeting with a warm welcome, to all present including new Councillors Cllr's Fairclough and Gumus who were attending their first meeting. All attendees were informed of the fire evacuation procedure.</p>
134	<p>Apologies Cllr's Crawford, Horsley and Dereli were accepted.</p>
135	<p>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest None.</p>
136	<p>To receive any issues by members of the public present. <i>Members of the public can attend the meeting or email the Clerk to bring to attention any concerns. (Max 5 mins each resident)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visitor to requiring a wheelchair to access the building had raised that they had problems accessing the building through the doors into the meeting space. Councillors in attendance discussed the matter and acknowledge that there could be a problem, they wanted to understand more of the difficulties reported. Cllr Pope, agreed to drop in the session on Thursday's and discuss the difficulties and feedback to the Town Council. Action: - Cllr Pope. Before the next meeting the office agreed to look at options to hold the information materials and signing in book. Action: - Clerk.
137	<p>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor) Cllr Gordon was in attendance and raised the following point: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He confirmed that the elections for May 2026 were now going ahead as planned. <p>Cllr Hesketh was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large housing developments within the borough had been approved totalling approximately 31/2 thousand new properties. The infrastructure for these

	<p>developments have not been put in place, developers appear to be noting railway stations to confirm access and connectivity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLBC has suspended its reduction of litter bins. Brown bins collection costs will see an increase of £1.50 per bin. The 3-x week bin collection service has been suspended.
138	<p>To receive any updates from the Police. No Police Present</p> <p>a) The police surgeries hosted at the Interchange building were noted, organised on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7:30pm until 8:30pm and Thursday 26th February 2026 10am until 11am.</p>
139	<p>To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council and confidential Town Council meeting dated 28th January 2026. Councillors received a copies of the minutes prior to the meeting. It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 28th January 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote and the confidential Town Council meeting dated 28th January 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote, duly signed by the Mayor at the meeting.</p>
140	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) It was resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance working group, RFO / Vice Mayor to accept the budget figures for 2026/2027, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>b) It was resolved to accept the recommendation from the Finance working group, RFO / Vice Mayor to accept the precept figures in the sum of £40.18, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>c) It was resolved to vire 5K from capital projects fund to the grant funding scheme budget, to enable payment of previously approved grant application from Dial a Ride of 5K, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>d) It was resolved to vire £4,323 from capital projects fund, using the remainder of the grants funding scheme to enable payment of £5,412 previously approved grant application from Burscough Bridge Methodist School, proposed by Cllr Horsley and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>e) It was resolved to vire £750 from the youth budget to the grant funding scheme to enable payment previously approved grant application from First Kick for £750, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>f) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 28th January 2026 proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Horsley with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Crawford and Price.</p>
128	<p>Civic Events</p> <p>a) The minutes of the Civic Events Working Group meeting dated 13th January 2026 were noted.</p>
129	<p>Interchange Building</p> <p>a) It was noted that the annual Portable Appliance Testing had been completed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) It was noted that the annual service of the fire alarm, intruder alarm, access control, CCTV and emergency lighting had been completed by SSSystems. c) The annual service report from SSSystems was noted. d) It was resolved to delegate to the Mayor and Clerk the powers to ask SSSystems to replace both cameras and agree a cost and move forward with replacements. Proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote. e) It was resolved to refund £300 due to exceptional circumstances for room hire following a cancellation, proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.
130	<p>Defibrillator Kiosk Manor Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was noted that the defibrillator kiosk on Manor Avenue had suffered recent vandalism. b) It was noted Ace Shelters had offered to repair with no charges incurred to the Council.
131	<p><u>Town Council Elections – May 2026</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The email provided by WLBC Electoral Services was noted. b) The ward changes from May 2026 for Burscough Town Council were noted.
132	<p>Cllr Dereli was offered a dispensation from the Town Council until fully recovered following her ill health, proposed Cllr Wilson and seconded Cllr Pollington with a unanimous vote.</p> <p>After this meeting there will be a confidential meeting of the Town Council.</p> <p>Date of next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th February 2026 starting at 7pm at the Interchange Building.</p> <p>Meeting Closed 8.52pm</p>