

**Burscough Town Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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><b>Welcome</b>          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><b>Apologies</b>          Cllr's Crawford, Horsley and Dereli were accepted.</p>
135	<p><b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Non-Pecuniary Interest</b>          None.</p>
136	<p><b>To receive any issues by members of the public present.</b>  <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"> <li>• A visitor 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. <b>Action: - Cllr Pope.</b> Before the next meeting the office agreed to look at options to hold the information materials and signing in book. <b>Action: - Clerk.</b></li> </ul>
137	<p><b>To receive comments from County and Borough Councillors. (Max 5 mins per Councillor)</b>          Cllr Gordon was in attendance and raised the following point: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He confirmed that the elections for May 2026, were now going ahead as planned.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Hesketh was in attendance and raised the following points: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large housing developments within the borough had been approved totalling approximately 31/2 thousand new properties. The infrastructure for these</li> </ul>

	<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"> <li>• WLBC has suspended its reduction of litter bins. Brown bins collection costs will see an increase of £1.50 per bin.</li> </ul>
138	<p><b>To receive any updates from the Police.</b> No Police Present</p> <p>a) The police surgeries hosted at the Interchange building were noted, organised on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:30pm until 8:30pm and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026 10am until 11am.</p>
139	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council and confidential Town Council meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</b> Councillors received a copies of the minutes prior to the meeting. <b>It was resolved that the minutes of the full Town Council meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were approved, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote. The confidential Town Council meeting dated 28<sup>th</sup> 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.</b></p>
140	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>It was resolved to agree that CVS conduct the Internal Audit for the financial year 2025/2026 following the closure of accounts at the end of March 2026, for a fee of £115, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Pope with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>b) <b>It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments at the Town Council meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, proposed by Cllr Purple and seconded by Cllr Fairclough with a unanimous vote. The authorisers were agreed as Cllr's Kennedy and Moss.</b></p>
141	<p><b>Traffic and Transport working group</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the Traffic and Transport working group dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 were noted.</p>
142	<p><b>Street Scene Working Group</b></p> <p>a) The minutes of the Street Scene working group dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 were noted.</p> <p>b) <b>It was resolved to allow Cllr Kennedy and the Clerk a delegated power of authority to agree works to be done on the gifted land to remove brambles / vegetation up to a total cost of £500, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>c) <b>It was resolved to agree the reminder of the quotation from the CIL budget from Illumidex for the installation of new electrical infrastructure and reinstallation of hanging baskets brackets, proposed by Cllr Pope and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote.</b></p> <p>d) <b>It was resolved to agree the questionnaire with amendments provided by Cllr Kennedy to consult with residents regarding the aspiration of a new toilet pod in Burscough Village. To be advertised on facebook and website, Action Cllr Fairclough to look a possible survey, proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Price with unanimous vote.</b></p>

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- e) **It was resolved to further plan for a festive Christmas Garden Competition display competition incorporating Cllr Moss's ideas, proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.**
- f) **It was resolved to agree the delegated power to enable the Clerk and in her absence the Deputy Clerk the authority to removal of any further 'fly' bunting / notice installations, proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Wilson with a unanimous vote.**
- g) **The email from Stephen Bissett regarding bin collections was noted. It was resolved for the Clerk to contact WLBC and provide preferences of bin collections in locations provided, proposed by Cllr Pollington and seconded by Cllr Gumus with a unanimous vote.**
- h) **It was resolved to agree the installation of larger bins in locations provided by WLBC to cut down on collections, proposed by Cllr Fairclough and seconded by Cllr Price with a unanimous vote.**

**It was resolved to hold an extraordinary meeting to further discuss Government Re-organisation, date agreed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm at the Interchange building, proposed by Cllr Moss and seconded by Cllr Kennedy with a unanimous vote.**

Date of next Town Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 starting at 7pm at the Interchange Building.

**Meeting Closed 8.55pm**