



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON
TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

Councillors: A Bradley, L Monks, T Needham, and C Parry.

Clerk to the Council: S Youngman.

C Hughes, Sports and Recreation Officer and L Pedley, Community Clean up Champion.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors N Berry, L Bradley, and M Jackson.

85 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Head, E North, and M Walton.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

86 TO CONSIDER ITEMS THAT REQUIRE THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

87 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

88 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2026

Council members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

89 MONTHLY REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER

Council members were provided with a copy of the report, which included updates on the ongoing school sports competition, the success of the Easter Holiday Camp, and the launch of the youth club. Members also noted the forthcoming challenge game between Armthorpe Academy and Tranmoor Primary School.

The Sports and Recreation Officer further advised that he had been invited to attend a meeting with Doncaster Council and other local providers to discuss the wider provision of youth clubs across the area.

90 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CHAMPION

Council members were provided with the latest newsletter, which included an overview of the month's activities, including the Great British Spring Clean event held over a 16-day period. The Clean-Up Champion expressed disappointment at the low level of community participation, despite local businesses and schools being given the opportunity to take part and being offered a choice of days and times.

Councillor C Parry reported ongoing issues with broken glass on the park at Wickett Hern Road and offered to assist with future litter-picking sessions.

The Clean-Up Champion further advised that a litter-picking session had been arranged with Armthorpe Brownies on 22nd April for Earth Day.

91 ESTATES MAINTENANCE OFFICER ROLE

Council members were asked to consider providing the Clerk with the authorisation to purchase a van and grounds maintenance equipment for the new member of staff. Council members were provided with a list of equipment with estimated costs for each item.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to be provided with delegated authority to purchase the equipment in accordance with the agreed budget of £25,000.00.

92 EVENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Council members were provided with a list of payments to approve on behalf of the Events committee.

RESOLVED: To approve the following payments:

1. £5,995.00: RBF Displays: Provision of firework display on 4th November 2026.
2. £1,137.00: Vocon Traffic Management: Road closure management for the Remembrance event.

93 ALLOTMENT PONDS

Council members were provided with a report outlining the liabilities and legal considerations associated with the presence of ponds on allotment plots. The Clerk advised that the Council's insurance provider had confirmed that, as third parties maintain the individual plots, the policy does not extend to cover any accidents or injuries occurring on those plots, irrespective of whether ponds are present. Insurance cover applies only to the public areas of the allotment site for which the Council is solely responsible.

The Clerk further reported that allotment tenants had been asked to provide details of any ponds on their plots, including size and depth. To date, four tenants have confirmed that they have ponds in place.

RESOLVED: That tenants be advised that, while the Council recognises the ecological value of wildlife ponds, the Parish Council is not insured for any liabilities arising from ponds located on individual allotment plots, and that tenants be invited to discuss alternative habitat-enhancing options, such as damp areas or small wetland features, to support local wildlife without creating additional risk.

94 POLICIES

a. Cemetery Management

Council members were provided with a copy of the policy.

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

b. Terms and Conditions for Hiring Armthorpe Community Centre

Council members were provided with a copy of the amended policy.

RESOLVED: To approve the amendments.

95 CORRESPONDENCE

a. Request from Armthorpe Rovers Junior Football Club.

Council members were provided with a copy of the email requesting permission to use Briar Road Field should the current user no longer require the site.

RESOLVED: To approve the request.

96 ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE MATTERS

a. Accessibility Questionnaire Feedback

Council members received a report summarising feedback from community centre users on accessibility.

RESOLVED: To add the feedback to the accessibility action plan.

b. Installation of Hot Water System

The Clerk reported that the new hot water system had been installed; however, a complication had arisen regarding the installation of the control equipment required to boost the system. A further engineer had inspected the installation and provided a quotation of £48.00 per hour to undertake the necessary remedial work.

RESOLVED: To approve the further costs.

c. Male Toilet Repairs

The Clerk advised that the plumber who installed the hot water system had completed the repairs to the toilets reported at the last meeting, and that the associated costs would be presented at the next meeting.

d. Accessibility Report

The Clerk advised that work is ongoing to obtain costs for the priority 1 and M issues.

97 NEXT MEETING DATE

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 18th May 2026 at 7pm.