



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON
TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

Councillors: A Bradley, C Head, and C Parry.

Clerk to the Council: S Youngman.

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors E North.

01 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Chairperson for the year ahead.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Vice Chairperson for the year ahead.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor A Barrington.

03 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Monks and T Needham.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

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

None.

05 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None declared.

06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2026

Council members were provided with a copy of the minutes.

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

07 MONTHLY REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER

Council members were provided with a copy of the report, which included an update on the youth club sessions, a drop in session for 12–16-year-olds on 28th May, followed by a request for funding to the sum of £4,940.32 for a summer camp.

RESOLVED: To request further information regarding staffing and proposed income from the project.

08 COMMUNITY CLEAN UP CHAMPION

Council members were provided with the latest newsletter, which included an overview of the month's activities.

09 ESTATES MAINTENANCE OFFICER ROLE

Council members were provided with a report from the Clerk itemising the equipment purchased to date. Council members were asked to consider approving the purchase of a mobile phone for the new member of staff due them working alone.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to be given the authority to find a mobile phone contract with a budget of £30.00 per month.

10 EVENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the payment of £398.00 to Mr Dan Team for the provision of a disco and entertainment at the Halloween and Christmas parties.

11 ALLOTMENTS

a. Meeting with tenants.

Council members were asked to agree a date to meet with tenants to discuss the options for wetland areas.

RESOLVED: To meet with tenants on 15th June at 6pm.

b. Additional Water Tap

The Clerk advised members that a request had been made for an additional tap to serve the new allotment plots. Albemarle Homes had agreed to install the tap; however, concerns had been raised by tenants regarding the already low water pressure on site.

RESOLVED: Not to proceed with installing an additional tap.

12 ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE MATTERS

a. Installation of water storage system

The Clerk advised that the work to install the water storage system is complete.

b. Repairs to male toilets

The Clerk advised that the repairs to the male toilets are complete and the costs for the work amounted to £307.35

RESOLVED: To approve the costs.

c. Installation of flooring in the Clean-up Champion Shed

Council members were provided with a quote to install a wooden floor in the shed.

RESOLVED: To approve the quote received from G J Joinery at a cost of £320.00.

d. Evacuation Chair

Council members were provided with quotes for the provision of an evacuation chair.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a chair from St John Ambulance at a cost of £535.00 plus vat.

e. Wi-Fi System

The Clerk reported ongoing connectivity issues with the system and presented members with costings for two Fibre-to-the-Property solutions to address the problem.

RESOLVED: To approve the installation of two 300Mbps systems at a cost of £65.94 per month each.

f. Accessibility

The Clerk provided members with an update on the costs to install a sign over the entrance to the community centre which ranged between £5,500.00 and £10,450.00.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to obtain quotes for two wall mounted signs.

The Clerk provided members with costings for the installation of a radio-frequency door-opening system. Councillor C Parry raised concerns regarding the reliability of such systems and the ongoing difficulty in securing contractors to undertake repairs when faults occur.

RESOLVED: To prioritise the budget on the installation of an automatic door opener and alarm.

13 **SUPPORTING THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMENS ASSOCIATION (SSAFA)**

Councillor C Brodhurst-Brown advised that Armthorpe has one of the highest concentrations of ex-service residents and asked that the Council consider supporting the charity by assisting with fundraising activities and providing a venue for such events.

RESOLVED: To make a recommendation to Full Council members to support the organisation.

NEXT MEETING DATE

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 7pm.