

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: Shacklady (in the chair), Barlow, Langley, Magill, Munro and Williams.

2025/51. Apologies for absence.
Cllr Stobie.

2025/52. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st July 2025.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 21st July 2025 be approved as a correct record subject to amendments.

2025/53. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.
None.

2025/54. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.
A resident raised concerns about policing in the area and it was noted that the police are arranging clinics in the village in a mobile unit to provide opportunity for community engagement, these will take place on 26th September and 17th October between 10am and 12pm however, the location of the unit was unclear.
Concerns were also raised about parking around the station following the Hightown Pub putting up notices that only patrons could now use their car park. A number of residents attended to express concern about the offshore transition project.

2025/55. Application by Ørsted East Irish Sea Transmission Limited.
RESOLVED that links to project information would be placed on the website so residents could submit feedback to the consultation process and hard copy feedback forms would be made available for collection from the Alt Centre.

2025/56. Sefton Healthwatch report.
RESOLVED that a representative from the healthwatch team be invited to the next meeting so enquiries can be made as to how they will be obtaining further feedback from residents and whether they would like us to make the Alt Centre available for this.

2025/57. Remembrance wreath.
RESOLVED that the cost of the wreath of £50 be approved and the wreath to be ordered online.

2025/58. Christmas lights switch on.

RESOLVED that the date for the switch on be set for Monday 24th November 2025.

2025/59. Clothing bank at Alt Centre.

RESOLVED that the preferred location of the bank was on the verge opposite the boat yard along the outside of the fence line. The clerk will enquire with Sefton whether this is permitted under the terms of the lease.

2025/60. Reports of meetings.

Cllr Magill reported on the public consultation meeting regarding the Orsted project.

2025/61. Correspondence.

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident concerned about poor mobile signal. Sefton planning department confirmed that there were currently no plans submitted in relation to phone masts.

Correspondence was also received regarding the poor state of the play equipment in the park. The swings have all gone and hopefully the park will now be moved up in the queue for new equipment from Green Sefton.

It was noted that the overhanging bushes in the park have now been cut back.

2025/62. Planning applications.

RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2025/63. Cash flow to end of June 2025.

The financial position at the end of June was noted.

2025/64. Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule circulated be approved.
