

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026 AT THE ALT CENTRE**

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

2026/15. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Langley.

**2026/16. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th
November 2025.**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th November 2025 be approved as a correct record subject to amendments.

2026/17. Declarations of interest - Members are requested to give notice of any interest relating to any item on the agenda.

None.

2026/18. To adjourn the meeting to receive public comments.

None.

2026/19. Sefton Healthwatch report.

Representatives from Sefton Healthwatch attended to discuss the GP provision within the parish. The overall rating for the practice in the report prepared in August 2025 is poor. Discussions have continued with the practice since that time and an action plan was presented to PC24. It was confirmed that there was no plan to close the surgery at this time. A telephone hub has been set up and will operate from Litherland. The NHS commissioner has met with PC24 and advised that they are delivering the service levels required under their contract. Healthwatch will meet with PC24 every quarter to follow up on the action plan, raise any further issues and feedback to the CQC. PC24 is in the process of producing a patient leaflet explaining how the hub system works.

2026/20. Alt Centre.

RESOLVED that:

- • Fire risk, Legionella risk, PAT and EICR reports be approved in respect of the Alt Centre at a cost of up to £600 plus VAT; and
- • Boiler service and certification for the Alt Centre be approved up to £300 plus VAT.

2026/21. Christmas 2026.

Options will be obtained to increase the festive light provision for future years for further consideration.

2026/22. Reports of meetings.
None.

2026/23. Correspondence.
Cllr Barlow provided an update relating to correspondence with the police regarding the remembrance service. The police advised that 2 PCSOs were deployed to Hightown for the service but did not make their presence known to anyone at any time. Mersey police have guaranteed to have a police presence there next year to assist people crossing over to the cenotaph.

2026/24. Planning applications.
RESOLVED that the applications be noted.

2026/25. Budget and precept 2026/2027.
RESOLVED that the precept for 2026/2027 be set at £28,325.

2026/26. Accounts paid and for payment.
RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule circulated be approved.
