

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

01 DECEMBER 2025

PRESENT: Councillors Ing (Town Mayor), Ewart, Stenson, Turnbull, Kirkbride, Chatterjee, Thompson, Foote-Wood & Peat

Officers: Mr Clark (Town Clerk), Miss Atkinson (RFO)

53. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from Cllr Rowell.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Resolved - No declarations were made.

55. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF ITEM 56)

Resolved – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matters referred to at item 56 below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

At this point the Mayor informed Cllr Foote-Wood of legal advice received that he should declare a conflict of interest being a dual role councillor and given the subject matter to be discussed.

Cllr Foote Wood excused himself from the meeting.

56. WOODLEIGH OFFICES – GROUND FLOOR ACCOMMODATION

Resolved – (a) That the council approve a new tenant on the ground floor of Woodleigh; (b) that the Clerk, as manager of Woodleigh, and the RFO continue to manage the processes/discussions, reporting back to full council as and when appropriate; and (c) That the Clerk on behalf of the council engage BHP Law, its solicitors, to oversee the Heads of Terms proposed and establish the lease.