

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council held at 6.00 pm on Thursday 22 July 2021 in the Port of Blyth Training Rooms, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 3PA

Present:

Councillors: M Richardson (Mayor), J R Potts (Deputy Mayor), A Barrass, D Carr, A Cartie, C Jones, K Nisbet, J Reid, W Taylor, A Watson

| Joseph Hughes | Town Clerk |
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| Malcolm Wilkinson | Deputy Town Clerk |
| Maureen Hawthorne | Committee Clerk |

Members of the Public: 0 Invited Guests: 0

There were no questions for Public Question Time

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence |
| | Councillors: C Humphrey |
| 2 | Disclosure of Interests and the Grant of any Dispensations |
| | None. |
| 3 | Mayor's Announcements |
| | Good evening and welcome to the Full Council Meeting. |
| | As you will all know, HMS Blyth is coming into Port tomorrow and we are delighted that Blyth is their chosen destination. |
| | On Friday lunchtime, I will welcome the ship on the Quayside and there will be an exchange of gifts followed by a small reception in the Council Chamber. On Friday evening I will be |

| 5 | Minutes resolved by the following Standing Committees (Any Councillor wishing to raise a matter from the minutes below should speak to the Chair/Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk in advance of the meeting) |
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| | There were no actions outstanding. |
| 4.1 | Actions outstanding from Previous Minutes |
| 4 (iv) | Minutes of the Special Covid Council held on Wednesday 23 June 2021 – part II |
| 4(iii) | Minutes of the Special Covid Council held on Wednesday 23 June 2021 – part I |
| 4(ii) | Minutes of the Special Full Council held on Thursday 17 June 2021 |
| 4(i) | Minutes of the Special Full Council held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 |
| 4 | The following minutes were noted as a true record |
| | A question was asked about a future ship being named HMS Blyth and it was agreed that the Town Clerk will make enquires and write to the appropriate person regarding this. |
| | HMS Blyth is going to be decommissioned and I have been invited to attend a ceremony in Rosyth, together with the Town Clerk and the Mayoress, Councillor Nisbet, on 4 August. There are funds available in the Civic Events budget to meet the costs. |
| | Blyth Town Council would like to accept the Commanding Officer's offer of having the HMS Blyth's Ship's Bell on a long term loan once this has been confirmed by the RN Historical Branch. This will be an ongoing link between the town of Blyth and our affiliated ship. |
| | On Saturday there will be an opportunity for Councillors and invited guests to tour the upper part of the ship. It has not been possible to open the ship up to members of the public due to the ongoing concerns around Covid 19 but I hope that lots of people will come along to the Quayside to see the ship. |
| | attending a reception on the ship along with the Mayoress, the Deputy Mayor, two former Mayors and their wives as well as the Town Clerk. |

| 5.1. | Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 20 May |
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| 5.2 | Minutes of a Special Environment Committee held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 |
| 5.3 | Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on Thursday 17 June 2021 |
| 5.4 | Minutes of a Special Community Development Committee held on Tuesday 6 July 2021. |
| 5.5 | Minutes of the Governance Committee held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 (part I & II) |
| 6 | The Following minutes Minutes to be considered by Standing Committees for approval (for information only) were noted |
| 6.1 | Minutes of the Partnership Working Group held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 |
| 6.2 | Minutes of the Partnership Working Group held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 |
| 6.3 | Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 |
| 6.4 | Minutes of the Community Funding Committee held on Tuesday 1 June 2021 (Part I & II) |
| 7 | Decision Report |
| | 1. Blyth Town Council Policy and Procedures |
| | Council RESOLVED to approve the list of policies and procedures and note the proposed changes to the Risk Management Policy and Public Question Time Policy. |
| | 2. Blue Plaque – Richard Stannard |
| | Council RESOLVED to agree the wording for the blue plaque. |
| 8 | Any Other Business |
| | There was no other business. |

| 9 | Date and Time of Next Meeting |
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| | The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Thursday 14 October 2021 in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House. Public Question Time commences at 6.00 pm and Council will commence directly afterwards. |
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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor M Richardson (Mayor) Councillor J R Potts (Deputy Mayor) Councillor A Barrass Councillor D Carr Councillor A Cartie Councillor G Davey Councillor S Davey Councillor B Erskine Councillor C Humphrey Councillor C Jones Councillor K Nisbet Councillor J Reid Councillor M Robson Councillor S Stanger Councillor W Taylor Councillor A Watson