



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL'S EVENTS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytyn House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 6.30 pm.

Present:

Councillors:

Councillor A Cartie (Vice-Chair in the Chair), Councillor C Bruce, Councillor M Parker and Councillor J R Potts.

Non Committee Members:

Councillor R Parker

Officers:

Town Clerk (Corporate Services) – Sue Noddings

Assets Officer – Sean Robinson

Invited Guests:

Representative from Active Northumberland.

Representative from Headway Arts

Members of Public: 0

119/15/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Gibbs-Barton, Councillor K Nisbet, Councillor L Rickerby, Councillor A Turnbull and Steve Bradley (Blyth Town Team).

120/15/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND ANY GRANTS OF DISPENSATION

None.

121/15/03: MINUTES FROM EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 25th November 2014 were **AGREED** by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

122/15/04: REVIEW OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Events Co-ordinator provided an outline for this item. It was noted that a recommendation had come in from Councillor C Bruce regarding the enhancement of lighting.

Councillor A Cartie agreed with Councillor C Bruce that enhancement was needed.

Councillor C Bruce enquired as to whether money had been put aside for the enhancement of the Christmas Lighting. The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) provided a response highlighting that invoices were awaited from Northumberland County Council.

Discussion was then held regarding payment to the National Grid for the Christmas Lighting.

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) commented that she would further investigate this area and provide Councillors with further information regarding any discounts and sales available. **Action: SN**

Councillor C Bruce enquired as to the best contact for encouraging businesses to assist in Christmas displays. The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) commented that Steve Bradley from Blyth Town Team would be the best contact.

Discussion was then held regarding encouraging businesses to host Christmas Trees and whether the lamp standards were able to accommodate certain types of Christmas lighting.

Councillor J R Potts suggested a budget of £5,000 for the enhancement of Christmas Lighting. This was **AGREED** by the Committee.

123/15/05: 2015/2016 PROGRAMME

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) provided an outline for this item. It

was noted that Councillor Nisbet had provided the guidance that 3 large events were to be organised.

Councillor C Bruce commented that both the Fireworks and Christmas Events were demands and popular with the people of Blyth.

The Events Co-ordinator Paul Taylor provided an outline regarding potential tie-ins for the potential upcoming summer Maritime Event.

The Chair proposed that the same budget be proposed for the Summer Event. This was **AGREED** by the Committee.

The Committee also **AGREED** to stick up to the separation of Christmas events over the weekends prior to Christmas.

Discussion was then held as to the logistics for the Fireworks Events.

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) also opened discussion as to the photography competition and associated Calendars. Councillors commented that they were keen for this to advance. It was **AGREED** that this was to advance.

124/15/06: 2015/2016 BUDGET

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) commented that following discussion in the item above that she was to populate the budget list and circulate it to all Councillors as part of the budget setting process.

It was **AGREED** that a presentation is to be arranged in the new year from Christmas Lighting providers as well as Mark Kane from Northumberland County Council.

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) provided an update on Northumbria in Bloom and the associated partnership working. It was put forward that a £20,000 budget be proposed for the budget setting process for Blyth in Bloom to assist in Blyth's bid for Northumbria in Bloom.

This proposal was **AGREED** to be put forward for the budget setting process.

125/15/07: PROPOSAL FOM ACTIVE NORTHUMBERLAND (OLYMPIC CYCLING PROGRAMME)

Lee Pairs provided an outline for his proposal from Active Northumberland.

It was noted that involvement had been sort with the schools in Blyth and

the need to provide a strong support network to encourage young people to get involved in cycling.

It was noted that Active Northumberland are seeking support to assist in developing the resources to deliver this proposal.

Lee Pairs went on to further outline the work being conducted by Active Northumberland in the Blyth area for people of all ages.

The Town Clerk (Corporate Services) commented that this proposal would include the development of coaches and appropriate training.

Councillor J R Potts commented that he would like to see it investigated as to whether the Council could purchase the bikes at a discount. It was commented that this is to be further investigated. **Action: SN**

It was **AGREED** that funding was to be provided from the Olympic Legacy budget for £5,300 with scope to investigate if the bikes could be purchased at a lesser cost.

The Committee also **AGREED** to stick up to the separation of Christmas events over the weekends prior to Christmas.

126/15/08: ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR ITEMS FOR URGENT ATTENTION

None.

127/15/09: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** by the next Meeting of the Evens Committee scheduled to take place on the 27th January 2015 at 6.30 pm

The Committee also **AGREED** to stick up to the separation of Christmas events over the weekends prior to Christmas.

Meeting closed at 7.45

MEMBERS OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Councillors: -	C Bruce	
	A Cartie	(Vice-Chair)
	A Gibbs-Barton	
	K Nisbet	(Chair)
	M Parker	
	J R Potts	
	L Rickerby	
	G Thompson	
	A Turnbull	
Officers:	S Noddings	Town Clerk (Corporate Services)
	S Robinson	Assets Officer
	A McCabe	Office Manager

PLUS INVITED PARTICIPANTS:

Paul Taylor – Events Co-ordinator (Contractor)
Michael Nicholson – National Market Traders Federation
Steve Bucknall – Northumberland County Council
Steven Bradley and/or another representative of Blyth Town Team
Representative from Friends of Ridley Park
Representative from the Port of Blyth
Representative from Northumbria Police
Representative from BVAL
Representative from Aspire2Achieve
Representative from Headway Arts
Representative from BAIT
Representative from Royal Northumberland Yacht Club

Date:

Signed:

Blyth Town Council
Olympic Cycling Programme

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Summary details of the Olympic Cycling Programme which forms part of the Blyth Town Council Olympic Legacy Programme.

Date: To start from February 2015 (subject to agreement from Blyth Town Council).

Venue(s): The Blyth Academy with additional (junior) venue at Morpeth Road Primary School.

Age Groups: 11-18 years (Blyth Academy), 6-11 years & Family (Morpeth Road Primary).

Participants: 50 participants at The Blyth Academy, 100 at Morpeth Road Primary School.
Total 150 participants.

Volunteers: 10 Young Leaders from The Blyth Academy supporting the delivery of sessions at hub site & satellite venues.

Coach Ed: 10 Young Leaders trained as Cycle Leaders.

Partners involved in the project:

- Active Northumberland
- Northumberland Sport
- Bike 4 Health
- Blyth & Bedlington School Sport Programme
- The Blyth Academy
- Morpeth Road Primary School
- Barnesbury Cycling Club
- Tony Blair Sports Foundation

Project Summary.

To build a network of cycling clubs in Blyth, creating a clear pathway for young people to continue cycling into adulthood. To provide young leaders with a qualification of interest to them and voluntary experience which will enhance employability and help sustain the project moving forward.

Evidence of Need/Demand.

At present, an established programme at Morpeth Road Primary school has generated a significant demand for cycling provision in Blyth. Following transition from primary to secondary education, approximately 100 young people each year are unable to continue cycling participation for a number of reasons including:

-No access to a bike at home.

-Morpeth Road Primary School struggle to meet demand and are unable to accommodate pupils who move up to secondary education.

-Bikes owned by Morpeth Road Primary School are unsuitable (too small) for young people aged 11-18 years.

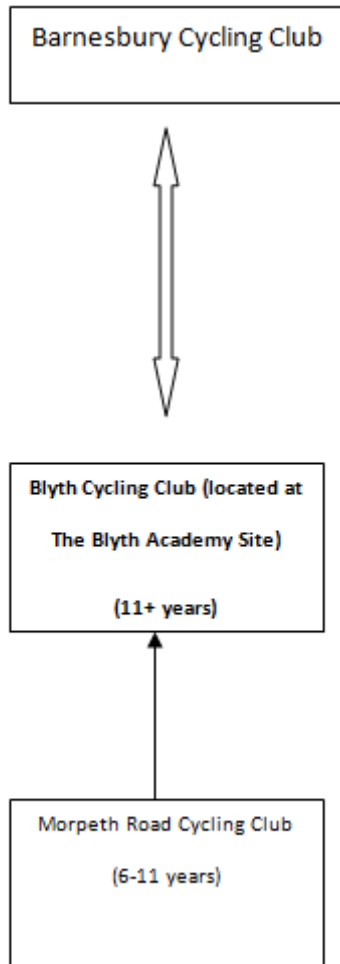
-There is no community cycling club available for 11+ years in Blyth.

There is currently a waiting list of 50 people aged 11+ years without access to cycling provision. This will grow in September 2015 as pupils move into secondary education and begin to face the barriers highlighted above.

Project Description.

Following a series of partner meetings and consultation with young people in Blyth, there is a commitment to create a pathway for young people so they can continue cycling participation into adulthood. Existing provision for 6-11 year olds has already been a success but has further highlighted the lack of opportunities for young people once they reach 11 years old.

In order to meet a growing demand amongst young people aged 11+ years, a community club is required in Blyth.



A community cycling club will be established by Active Northumberland and Bike 4 Health based at The Blyth Academy. Sessions will take place weekly and will provide an opportunity for young people to develop cycling skills and take part in sessions covering bike mechanics and maintenance. The club will include indoor and outdoor sessions, cycling sessions across Northumberland and larger cycling challenges (eg Coast to Coast).

Barnesbury Cycling Club have incentives already in place to ensure membership to a local club is affordable.

Students from The Blyth Academy will be recruited as volunteers to support the delivery of the project. A 'Cycling Award for Young Volunteers' qualification will be delivered in partnership with Tony Blair Sports Foundation so volunteers have the training required to support young cyclists during sessions.

Costs.

20 bikes	£6010.56
20 helmets	£234
Coach costs*	£2000
Coach Education	£300
Bike Service Plan	Built into bike costs
Facility costs*	Offered in kind by The Blyth Academy
TOTAL	£8544.56

*Coach and facility costs based on 35 weeks (70 hours).

Contribution towards the project.

Northumberland Sport	£3000 (confirmed towards bike and coach costs)
TBSF	£300 (confirmed towards coach education)
Blyth Town Council	£5244.56 (unconfirmed – towards bike and helmet costs)
The Blyth Academy	Facility costs in kind
TOTAL	£8544.56

Sustainability.

A bike service plan has been built into the quote from the equipment supplier (Start Cycle). Bike 4 Health will also incorporate bike maintenance into sessions so participants and young leaders (volunteers) can support the maintenance of equipment.

10 young leaders will be recruited and trained annually to support the delivery of cycle sessions. Support towards this will be provided by Tony Blair Sports Foundation and Blyth & Bedlington School Sport Programme.

The Blyth Academy are committed to sustaining sessions at the end of the project. Active Northumberland and Bike 4 Health both offer qualified coaches to lead on the delivery of sessions. Once the project is established, taster programmes will be delivered in local Primary Schools and Blyth Academy will provide cycling within curriculum sessions, signposting participants into the club.