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BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF POLICY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012, AT 6.30PM AT THE ISABELLA COMMUNITY CENTRE, OGLE DRIVE, BLYTH.

PRESENT:

Councillors - J. Condon
K Nisbet (Chair)
R Parker
J R Potts
O Potts
P Reid
S Walker (Vice Chair)

In Attendance:

SE Rickitt – Acting Town Clerk

Reference:	Item:	Actions:
PC046/12 1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis, Gibbs-Barton and Tompkins.	
PC047/12 2.	MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2012 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2012 were agreed as true record and signed by the Chair, save for the deletion of the words <i>and accepted</i> from the Apologies for Absence. <u>The "Onslaught" Bell</u> The previously agreed searches for the bell have not yet been carried out [Councillors Rickerby and Gibbs-Barton to search the archives at Woodhorn and Councillors Potts(J) and Condon to search the storage at Fergusons to try to locate	LR AGB JP JC

	<p>assets to take effect on 1 April 2013.</p> <p>(2) The Town Council offers to work with County Council to establish what such a transfer may include and in particular whether there are alternative forms of service delivery for these assets other than a straight asset transfer. This would enable the new Councils in the summer and early autumn of 2013 to come to a considered decision for implementation during the lifetime of both Councils.</p> <p>(3) The Town Council advise the County Council that it is not prepared to take over the maintenance responsibility for the Links Cemetery at the present time, or in the foreseeable future.</p> <p>(4) The Town Council offers to work with the County Council, neighbouring Town and other Councils, and other interested bodies to see what other means there may be of assisting in the maintenance of the Links Cemetery as an important facility for the town and its neighbouring areas. An example might be the establishment of a "Friends of the Links Cemetery" group.</p> <p>Subject to the Council agreeing the above, members agreed that volunteers would be sought to carry out preliminary research.</p>	
PC050/12 5.	<p>REVIEW OF POLICIES</p> <p>The group noted that current staffing issues meant that the previously agreed programme is on hold. The Acting Clerk is to make enquiries to see if an established comparable Town Council had a policy portfolio which could be adopted with minimal changes in the first instance.</p>	SER