

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2011 at the Briardale Community and Training Centre, Briardale Road, Blyth, at 7.00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors: - S Davey
K Ellis
J Newman
K Nisbet (Deputy Mayor)
R Parker (Mayor)
J R Potts
O Potts
P Reid
L J Rickerby
I M R Tompkins
S Walker

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Noddings, Town Clerk

No Members of the Public were present

Councillor Parker, Mayor opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA

C044/11 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted for Councillors A L Gibbs-Barton and F Wilson.

C045/11 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2011:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 November 2011 were discussed, agreed and signed as a correct record with the following amendment and addition: -

Councillor S Walker stated that she had been present at the meeting although she had not signed the attendance sheet.

Item C033/11 6. Bullet Point 5 -Councillor Parker expanded on the issue regarding the trophy.

Initials:

CO46/11 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

There were no disclosures of interest.

CO47/11 4. MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER AND 6 DECEMBER 2011

Councillor Nisbet proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 17 November be agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Walker. **Agreed**

Councillor Walker proposed that the minutes for the meeting held on 6 December be agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Parker.

It was recorded that the Christmas Festival had been another success and that the emergency plans to cope with adverse weather conditions on the Saturday had been excellent. The collaboration of the Keelrow Management was much appreciated.

CO48/11 5. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2011

Councillor Nisbet proposed that the minutes be moved and adopted and this was seconded by Councillor J R Potts. **Agreed**

Item P056/11 5. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the SE Area Planning team regarding the legality of the wheel clamping notice in the car park at the take-away on Newcastle road. **Action Agreed: SN**

CO49/11 6. NOTES FROM THE POLICY WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2011

Councillor Parker proposed that the minutes from this meeting be adopted this was seconded by Councillor Newman. **Agreed**

CO50/11 7. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2011

Councillor J R Potts proposed that the minutes from this meeting be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor O Potts. **Agreed**

Councillor J R Potts talked through the budget development process and explained that there was information outstanding from Northumberland County Council.

Initials:

C051/11 8. TOWN TWINNING

- 8.1 Civic Exchange Participants to Solingen – the Labour Party had produced a list of six nominated Councillors to participate in the Civic Visit to Solingen and the Liberal Democrats had undertaken to provide a list of four nominations. Information required urgently for hotel and flight bookings.
- 8.2 A discussion took place regarding the possible programme of events for the Civic Visit to Blyth in July 2012 – ideas for venues and activities were invited. Councillor Parker reported that a meeting had taken place with the organisers of the Citizens Exchange in order that arrangements could be co-ordinated.

C052/11 9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS:

- 9.1 Community Engagement Group arranged for 5 January 2012, 10.00am at Ebor House.
- 9.2 The Mayor enquired whether there was any need for a special meeting to be organised regarding the Consultation on the Draft Charter with Northumberland County Council. It was agreed that Councillors would email their comments to the Town Clerk before the Christmas break and that their comments, once co-ordinated, would be submitted to NCC. **Action Agreed: SN**
- 9.3 The Mayor stated that he hoped that the Annual Town Meeting would take place in April 2012 and that there would be more of a structure to the event. It was also stated that Blyth Town Council's Annual Meeting would not take place on the same date and the Annual Town Meeting.
- 9.4 The Mayor stated that he had been in discussion with Steve Bucknall of Northumberland County Council regarding the introduction of a Blyth Town Council Notice Board in the Market Place. This is being actioned.
- 9.5 The Town Clerk stated that Groundwork North East had requested that they have the opportunity to make a presentation at the next Council Meeting and that there was an opportunity to be involved in a Sustainable Communities Project. It was agreed that an invitation to the next Council Meeting would be extended and that involvement in the project should start as soon as possible because of the short lead time before initial submissions. **Action Agreed: SN**

Initials:

C053/11 10. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Thursday 12 January 2012 but Councillors were advised that this meeting may be changed if an additional Finance Committee Meeting was to be held in January. Date, time and venue to be confirmed.

OPEN SESSION:

As there were no members of the public present there was no open session.

Signed by the Chair: 

Date: