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**Minutes of the Special Meeting of BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 6.00 pm

**Present:**

Councillors: A Cartie (Chair), K Nisbet (Vice-Chair), R Parker, J R Potts, O Potts, M Richardson, S Stanger, W Taylor, D Walls, G Webb

**Officers:**

J Hughes, Town Clerk  
M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: 0

Invited Guests: 0

**A minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of Councillor Bernard Pidcock on 9 February 2019**

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>  Councillors: J Reid, L Rickerby, G Thompson. M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk.
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations</b>  None.
<b>3</b>	<b>Blyth Town Council Newsletter</b>  The Town Clerk referred to his report which outlined the recommendation to introduce a newsletter to keep members of the public in the town informed of the work of Blyth Town Council.

	<p>A lengthy discussion took place with the following points being raised for inclusion in the newsletter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed first issue for March and proposed second one in November to include festive greetings from BTC.</li> <li>• Put information in regarding events for the rest of the year.</li> <li>• Information/photographs of Councillors.</li> <li>• What BTC do – areas of responsibility as there have been queries from the public.</li> <li>• Future plans of the Council.</li> <li>• Where BTC Office is – lots of people don't know.</li> <li>• The first newsletter will go out around about the time of council tax bills, so it was suggested that there is something in the newsletter to show how BTC are spending their money.</li> </ul> <p>Following a vote, the outcome was unanimous that BTC should introduce a newsletter and increase the budget by £10,000. The costs for this year will be met from 2019/20 reserves.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Northumbria in Bloom</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk advised that an invitation has been received for the Spring meeting of Northumbria in Bloom. Following the introduction of the new governance arrangements, the budget for this is in Environment Committee (previously Events Committee). Councillor Nisbet has been a representative, together with the Office Manager and Jimmy Reith for a number of years. The Town Clerk proposed that the Chair of Environment Committee, Councillor O Potts, Councillor Nisbet, the Office Manager and Jimmy Reith attend the workshop. The Council agreed to the proposal.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Full Council and Annual General Meeting will be held on <b>Thursday 9 May 2019</b> in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>

## **MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

A Cartie (Mayor)	J Reid
K Nisbet (Deputy Mayor)	M Richardson
E Anderson-Smith	L Rickerby
D Carr	S Stanger
K Ellis	W Taylor
R Parker	G Thompson
J R Potts	D Walls
O Potts	G Webb