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**Minutes of the Meeting of BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, on Thursday 25 July 2019 at 6.30 pm

**Present:**

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

Officers: J Hughes, Town Clerk, M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

**Members of the Public: 2**

**Invited Guests: 0**

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>  Councillors: K Ellis, L Rickerby, G Thompson
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations</b>  None.
<b>3</b>	<b>Mayors Announcements</b>  The Mayor gave some feedback on his first 3 months in office, adding that he has enjoyed every minute; some of the events he has attended includes the opening of the flower festival, the swimming gala, as well as presenting awards at the beach lifeguard competition.

	<p>Other notable events are the Northumberland Day celebrations, the Civic event for Mayors and Mayoress' in the North East. The Mayor was also a judge at Croftway Got Talent, there were 10 acts and all were brilliant. He has been interviewed by the BBC and wrote a piece about "the day in the life of a Mayor" for NALC.</p> <p>Two highlights of the past few months have been the Northumberland Live at Blyth Festival and the Blyth Carnival.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes of The Meeting of the:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM and Full Council held on Thursday 9 May 2019</li> </ul> <p>Council agreed to <b>ADOPT</b> the minutes as a true record.</p>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Council noted the following Committee Minutes which will go to the next Committee for approval as a true record:</b></p> <p>Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on Thursday 13 June 2019</p> <p>Minutes of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 4 June 2019 (Part I &amp; II)</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the Community Budget Support Grant – it was explained that whilst a decision was made to merge the two budgets any changes to the Community Budget Support Policy would be made and submitted to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>Minutes of Planning &amp; Development Sub Committee held on 2 July 2019</p> <p>Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Tuesday 21 May 2019</p> <p>Minutes of the Special Governance Committee held on Thursday 9 May 2019 and the minutes of the Governance Committee held on Tuesday 2 July 2019.</p>

<b>6</b>	<p><b>Minutes to be considered by Standing Committees for approval (<i>for information only</i>)</b></p> <p>Minutes of the Accommodation Working Group held on Thursday 4 July 2019  Minutes of the Events Working Group held on Thursday 11 July 2019</p> <p>Minutes of the Partnership Working Group held on Thursday 2 May and 16 July 2019</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Report on Delegated Actions</b></p> <p>There are no delegated actions to report on.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Councillor Parker raised the issue of the review of the governance arrangements and asked if a meeting could be arranged as soon as possible. The Town Clerk explained that this matter is in hand, he is meeting with Mr Kemp on Thursday 1 August to discuss the draft programme. This will be shared with the Chairs then a session arranged for all members. It was suggested that Thursday 10 October 2019 would be a suitable date.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on <b>Thursday 10 October 2019</b> in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Part II</b></p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.</p> <p><b>Office Accommodation</b></p>

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