

# BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of Council Meeting** held on Thursday 15 March 2012 at the Isabella Community Centre, Ogle Drive, Blyth, at 6.30pm.

## **PRESENT:**

Councillors: - S Davey  
A Gibbs-Barton  
D Lovatt  
J Newman  
K Nisbet (Deputy Mayor)  
R Parker (Mayor)  
J R Potts  
O Potts  
P Reid  
S Walker

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Noddings, Town Clerk  
Mr S Bucknall, Northumberland County Council  
Members of Signet Planning Team  
Mrs Marsh, Residents Group

15 members of the public were present.

Councillor Parker, Mayor opened the meeting as detailed in the agenda. He then went on to explain that Mrs Marsh had contacted Blyth Town Council to enquire whether the protest group could make a presentation. Signet Planning were to proceed with their 15 minute presentation and the protest group had been allocated 5 minutes then the floor would be opened up for the Members to ask questions of both parties.

## **AGENDA**

### **C077/11 1. PRESENTATION BY SIGNET PLANNING REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL SITE**

The presentation is available on the website [www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.blythtowncouncil.org.uk).

After much discussion and questions this part of the agenda concluded at 7.15pm with Signet Planning offering further meetings with residents and stating their willingness to keep discussion open.

## **Initials:**

In closing the debate Councillor Parker asked that Blyth Town Council be informed of all future meetings and thanked everyone for their input.

Councillor Parker advised the meeting that Item 11 would be dealt with after Item 4.

**C078/11 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted for Councillors J J Condon, K Ellis, P J Lovatt, L J Rickerby and I M R Tompkins.

**C079/11 3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2012:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 February 2012 were proposed a true record by Councillor R Parker, seconded by Councillor A Gibbs-Barton and following discussion **agreed** and signed as a correct record.

**C080/11 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**C081/11 11.1 TRANSFER OF SERVICES FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

Agency Agreements and Service Level Agreements had been promised in the next few days and Councillor Parker moved that the Town Clerk be given delegated powers to deal with these documents in consultation with the Mayor.

Councillors J R Potts and P Reid raised their concerns that these powers could not be delegated. Councillor A Gibbs-Barton felt that these powers could not be delegated if more discussion or negotiation was needed.

It was agreed that a sub-committee such as Planning & Development, Assets or Policy could consider these documents. As the next scheduled meeting was to be the Planning & Development Committee on Thursday 29 March 2012 it was resolved that the documents would be discussed then.

Councillor P Reid enquired about the insurance issues and was assured that the Agency Agreement would enable Blyth Town Council to put appropriate Public Liability Insurance in place.

**Initials:**



**C082/11 5. MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2012**

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

Councillor K Nisbet advised the meeting that there were two issues that needed to be addressed as the next Events Committee was not scheduled to take place until Tuesday 24 April 2012.

- 5.1 Press Release for Photography Competition** – the draft was agreed with the addition of information regarding the Prize Money of £150, £50 and £25 for Under 16's and Over 16's.
- 5.2 Summer Fair** – Members were asked if they had any additional requirements that the Events Co-ordinator could be working on. It was agreed that there were none.

**C083/11 6. MINUTES OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY AND 8 MARCH 2012**

Councillor K Nisbet proposed that the minutes be adopted en bloc and this was seconded by Councillor R Parker. **Agreed**

**C084/11 7. MINUTES OF POLICY GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2012**

Councillor R Parker proposed that the Minutes be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor K Nisbet. **Agreed**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Policy Group would take place on Thursday 7 June 2012.

Councillor P Reid proposed that Working Group Meetings be removed from the Council Minutes in future.

Councillors J Newman and K Nisbet enquired about the Submarine Bell and Honour Boards at the Civic Centre. **Agreed Action: SN to make enquiries and report back to Members.**

Councillor P Reid proposed that a letter be written regarding the name board from the hospital. **Agreed**

**Initials:**

**C085/11 8. MINUTES OF ASSETS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2012**

Councillor Parker advised the Members that this meeting had not been Quorate and requested that the outstanding issues regarding the quotes be approved by Council to avoid delaying the work. **Agreed**

**C086/11 9. NOTES FROM THE LAUNCH MEETING OF BUSINESS GROUP HELD ON 1 MARCH 2012**

Councillor Parker stated that this had been an excellent meeting and thanks the staff for their efforts. **Agreed**

**C087/11 10. NOTES FROM WORKING GROUP REVIEWING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNITY FUNDING 2012-13 HELD ON 6 MARCH 2012**

Proposed by Councillor R Parker, seconded by Councillor J R Potts. **Agreed**

**C088/11 11. REPORTS** (Item dealt with after Item 4 in the Agenda)

**C089/11 12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ACTIONS REGARDING EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**12.1 Michael Sweeney Charity Event** – regretted that this was not feasible this year.

**12.2 Timeline Plan for all Events** – document accepted with the understanding that slippage would be inevitable.

**12.3 Continental Markets** – proposals accepted and further information to be provided.

**C090/11 13. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS:**

**11.1 Olympic Legacy Proposal** – the proposal was accepted.

**C091/11 14. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Thursday 10 May 2012 following the Annual Meeting. Venue to be confirmed.

It was noted that the Annual Town Meeting would take place on Thursday 19 April 2012 at the Isabella Community Centre.

**Initials:**



**OPEN SESSION:**

- A member of the public commended the staff for the Calendar produced in 2011; the only criticism being that it was late. Expressed a willingness to assist by selling them in the Market Place.
- The Events Co-ordinator explained that the whole process has been brought forward this year and explained the timescales.
- Councillor Gibbs-Barton reiterated that it had also been suggested that postcards be produced this year.

There being no further questions the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

**Signed by the Chair:** .....

**Date:** .....