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Minutes of the Special Meeting of BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors: A Cartie (Chair), K Nisbet (Vice-Chair), E Anderson-Smith, J R Potts, O Potts, J Reid, M Richardson, L Rickerby, S Stanger, W Taylor, D Walls, G Webb

Officers:

M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public:

Invited Guests: 2

1	Apologies For Absence Councillors: D Carr, K Ellis, R Parker, G Thompson. J Hughes, Town Clerk
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations Councillors K Nisbet, J Reid and L Rickerby declared an interest as NCC Councillors in Agenda Item 5, Car Parking.

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Decision Report

1. Public Question Time – Full Council

The Council considered and agreed the recommendations outlined in the report subject to some minor amendments (please see below).

- Questions have to be relevant to BTC otherwise they will not be answered.
- Written questions are preferred. However, questions will be accepted at Council.
- Only one person to answer a question.
- A person may only ask **two** questions to allow maximum public participation.
- Once a question has been answered no discussion or debate will take place on the question.
- Questions and responses will be anonymised and publicised on the BTC website (<https://www.blyhtowncouncil.org.uk/freedomofinformation.php>)

All of the above is at the discretion of the Mayor. The note on future agendas will be amended to reflect the new arrangements and the Public Question Time procedure will be available on the BTC website.

2. Office arrangements for Monday 24 December 2018

In addition to the normal arrangements over the Christmas period, members agreed to the proposal that the office is closed on 24 December 2018. Staff will take either annual leave or flexi leave in line with current arrangements for office closure over the Christmas period.

The office will be closed from 4.30 p.m. on 21 December 2018 until 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 2 January 2019.

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Blyth BID – vote on Proposal

The Chair referred to the information previously circulated to Councillors to help with their decision as to whether BTC should support the BID. It was noted that the map shows the area where businesses have expressed an interest to be part of the BID.

Councillor Reid moved that BTC abstain from the vote. Members

	voted on this and the outcome was 4 in favour and 5 against. Members then voted on how they wished to support the BID. The outcome was 5 in favour and 3 against. The ballot paper was signed by the Mayor on behalf of BTC.
5	<p>Car Parking Charges</p> <p>Members raised their concerns about the proposal to introduce car parking charges; it will also affect the residents of Blyth as car users will use residential areas to park in order to avoid charges, and will deter visitors from coming into Blyth. Reference was also made to the BTC and NCC working in partnership and it was suggested that in ongoing discussions about the partnership agreement it should be made clear that BTC do not expect to be charged for using car parks during events.</p> <p>BTC will respond to the proposals outlining all of the concerns raised.</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no further business.</p>
7	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Thursday 17 January 2019 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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