



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at Arms Evertyne House on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 6.30 pm

Present:

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

Also present: Councillor R Parker

Officers:

Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk
Malcolm Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
Alison McCabe, Office Manager
Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Other Attendees:

Mel Jackson, Events Co-ordinator
Michael Rickwood, Red Cross (invited guest)

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Minute No	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillors: D Carr
2	DISCLOSURE AND GRANTS OF DISPENSATION None.
3	Report on Delegated Actions There are no delegation actions.

4	<p>Minutes of Community Development Committee</p> <p>This is the first meeting of the Community Development Committee under the new Governance arrangements.</p>
4.1	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
5	<p>Red Cross – Update on Projects in Blyth</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Mr Rickwood who attended to provide an update on the progress he has made over the past 12 months; Mr Rickwood thanked Councillor Nisbet and Councillor Anderson-Smith for their help and support as well as the people of Blyth. The aim was to help 80 over a 12 month period and the actual figure achieved was 98. To date 40% of the new target of 136 has been reached within one month and the Commissioner for Lonliness, Joe Cox, cited the scheme as a service of best practice for the country.</p> <p>Mr Rickwood shared with members some of the work that has been carried out by volunteers with great success with three of the referrals becoming volunteers.</p>
6	<p>New Governance Documents</p> <p>The Committee noted the new documents listed below. These will be attached to the agenda for the next six months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of Reference for this Committee • Mission Statement • Role of Council • Budget of the Committee
7	<p>Draft Service Plan</p> <p>The Town Clerk said that the draft service plan is being development and once the objectives for the Council have been developed the Service Plan will include an action plan and objectives for the future.</p>
8	<p>Update from Events Co-ordinator</p> <p>The Events Co-ordinator referred to the report provided for members drawing attention to the matters that required a decision from the Committee.</p>

	<p>Following discussion Committee RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a meeting of the working group in July 2018 to discuss plans for the Fireworks event. • Move the stage for health and safety purposes to the area in front of the lifeguard centre to allow for speakers to be placed from the top to bottom of the car park areas. • Cut the time of the fireworks display from 30 minutes to 20 at a saving of £2,500 (the saving will be used for the above). • Have Santa and Mrs Claus every Saturday in the run up to Christmas. They will be in a more prominent position than last year. • Ask three partner organisations to present a plan and costings for the Lantern Parade and use the £1,000 budget for this. • Ask Father Elder to "Bless the Town". <p>Councillor Walls suggested using Kitty Brewster as a car park for the park and ride during the fireworks display. The Events Co-ordinator will speak to ARRIVA about this.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Remembrance Centenary</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED to meet the additional costs of the remembrance service from the budget that had been agreed to support Blyth Regatta which is no longer taking place at a cost of £872 (budget code 1063).</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Blue Plaque Updates</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree to the nomination for a commemorative plaque in respect of Bella Reay. An approach has been made to Blyth Spartans and they have agreed to display the plaque at the Blyth Spartans Grounds. • Agree the wording for the blue plaque in respect of Bob Elliott. • Not to proceed with the plaque for Weatherspoons (formerly the Wallaw) Cinema. <p>Cost approximately £950 (budget code 902).</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Town Clerk referred to the notes from the working group and the draft consultation boards received from NCC. A discussion took place about whether BTC should proceed with the consultation exercise. Councillor J R Potts proposed delaying this until the NCC plan has been through the consultation period.</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED to defer the decision on a Blyth Neighbourhood Plan until the next meeting of the Community Development Committee in September.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Applications for Community Centre Funding</p> <p>The Committee looked at the applications from the three community centres, Cowpen Quay, Isabella and Briardale.</p> <p>Cowpen Quay Community Association</p> <p>Councillor Cartie left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Cowpen Quay Community Association.</p> <p>Isabella</p> <p>Councillor JR and O Potts left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Isabella Centre.</p> <p>Briardale</p> <p>Councillor Ellis left the room for the consideration of this application.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Community Grant of £25,000 is made to the Briardale Centre subject to further information being received.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the remaining £25,000 and Councillor J R Potts' proposal that this be moved into the general fund. Councillor Walls opposed this as there are other community centres who may wish to apply for funding.</p>

	<p>A vote was taken with the result of:</p> <p>8 = for, 1 against, 2 abstentions therefore the motion was carried.</p> <p>Committee RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To move £25,000 into the general fund – this money can be put back into the community centre budget should any additional applications be received for funding. • Retain information from Community Centres for a three year period subject to the provisions of the GDPR.
13	<p>New Applications</p> <p>Committee considered the list of applications and RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blyth Stroke Support Group – a grant of £500. • New Delaval & Newsham Residents Association - defer a decision until clarification is received around the role of the worker. • Community & Voluntary Action Blyth Valley – Committee voted as to whether to make a grant – 4 – for, 3 against, 3 abstentions therefore the motion was carried and a grant of £21,679 was awarded. • People & Drugs Ltd (Silx Teen Bar) - a grant of £15,000.
14	<p>Items for Information and Urgent Matters</p> <p>There were no urgent matters to discuss.</p>
15	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>

Members of the Community Development Committee

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