



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Events Committee (Part II) held at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 23 March 2017 at 5.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: K Nisbet (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), A Gibbs-Barton, M Parker, R Parker, J R Potts, L Rickerby

Also Present: Councillor O Potts

Officers:

J Hughes Town Clerk
M Wilkinson Deputy Town Clerk
M Hawthorne Committee Clerk

Members of the Public – 0

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor C Bruce
2	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS None.
3	PART II – AN EVENT IN BLYTH This meeting of the Committee was called to consider further information provided by the Events Co-ordinator in respect of the Tall Ship Festival and the request from the organisers that the Council consider providing financial support;

	<p>The report circulated by the Events Co-ordinator gave updated information on the meetings she has attended and highlights a number of issues including a lack of plan for the public offering and no clear traffic management plan. Similar concerns have been raised by other parties. The Chair circulated a letter received from the development trust stating that they no longer wished to use the services of the Events Co-ordinator and asking the Council if they would consider financial support. Charles Copeland has received notification that Paul Taylor is to be the Events Manager. Councillor J R Potts advised that he has spoken to Mr Taylor who confirmed he is involved and that the event is being scaled down with the focus being on the riverside. Councillor Potts asked Committee to consider delaying a decision until the Events Committee on 28 March in order to gather more information.</p> <p>The Committee had a detailed discussion and the general feeling was that it would be more feasible to support such an event in 2018 as this could be included in the Council's budget exercise. Councillor R Parker moved that the Council should not fund this event. The Chair seconded this motion and it was carried.</p> <p>The vote was 7-0 = against.</p> <p>Committee further agreed that the Events co-ordinator should not attend the meeting planned for Friday 24 March 2017.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk will write to the Blyth Development Trust to advise them of Committee's decision not to support the event.</p>
4	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT BUSINESS
5	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday, 28 March 2017, 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.

MEMBERS OF THE EVENTSCOMMITTEE

Councillors:

K Nisbet (Chair)
A Cartie (Vice-Chair)
A Turnbull
C Bruce
A Gibbs-Barton
M Parker
R Parker
J R Potts
L Rickerby
A Turnbull

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ACTIONS FROM COMMITTEE

Minute No	Action	Responsible Officer	Comments	Date Action Completed
1	A letter to go to Blyth Development Trust advising that BTC will not be supporting the event	Deputy Town Clerk		

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