



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Events Committee** held at  
Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6.30 pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), E Anderson-Smith, R Parker, M Richardson, S Stanger, W Taylor

**Also present:**

**Councillors:** J R Potts, O Potts

J Hughes                      Town Clerk  
M Hawthorne                Committee Clerk  
M Jackson                    Events Co-ordinator

Members of the Public – 1  
Invited Guests - 4

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Councillors: A Cartie, K Ellis, L Rickerby
<b>2</b>	<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS &amp; THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS</b>  None.
<b>3</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2017 INCLUDING ACTIONS</b>  Committee agreed to ADOPT the minutes.

<b>3.1</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>  There were no matters arising.
<b>4</b>	<b>HEADWAY ARTS PRESENTATION – BLYTH CARNIVAL</b>  Allie gave a short presentation showing slides which captured the event. Photos were also circulated. It was noted that take up was slow from community groups and the hope is for next year that there will be improved engagement from businesses. A discussion took place around the possibility of the event moving to Ridley Park, however, the Chair said she would like it to remain in the market place. Headway Arts are looking for financial support for the 2018 Carnival. The Town Clerk commented that the Events Co-ordinator will consult Committee on a programme of events for next year and the request will be considered at that point.
<b>5</b>	<b>BLYTH REGATTA 2018 PRESENTATION (please see attached slides for detailed information).</b>  Clive Grey and Claire Young gave a presentation on their plans for the Blyth Regatta 2018. They are working on areas that were not so successful this year and the event notification with an outline vent place was placed in August 2017. Funding has been secured from various sources. Clive asked if BTC would be prepared to contribute £5,000 toward the event to cover marketing and insurance. The Council would be credited with supporting the regatta and the BTC logo displayed. The organisation would like the Mayor of BTC to open the event.  The Chair thanked Clive and Claire for the presentation and advised that a decision would be made in due course.
<b>6</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OR ITEMS FOR URGENT ATTENTION</b>  The Events Co-ordinator asked Committee to consider her request for Keith Newman to provide a monthly service to the Council by way of providing press releases. Keith has been successful recently in getting the Council on BBC Radio, ITV and BBC news as well as Made in Tyne and Wear. The Events Co-ordinator

	<p>clarified that is something different to the advertising the Council pays for in Living Local. The cost is £100 per month and there is sufficient in the Events Co-ordinator's budget to pay for this.</p> <p>Committee agreed to the request.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>DATE &amp; TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 21 November 2017, 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>PART II</b></p> <p><b>An Event in Blyth</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>

## **MEMBERS OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Councillors:

K Nisbet (Chair)	A Cartie (Vice-Chair)
E Anderson-Smith	K Ellis
R Parker	M Richardson
L Rickerby	S Stanger
W Taylor	

### **ACTIONS FROM COMMITTEE**

<b>Minute No &amp; date of Committee</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Date Action Completed</b>
Minute No 6 25/7/17	Explore with NCC extra costs for the larger light columns	ES Officer	Ongoing	
Minute No 7 3/10/17	Further research required re the possibility of a Powerboat Race in Blyth	Events Co- Ordinator	Ongoing	