



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Development Committee**

held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytyn House on Thursday 13 September 2018 at 6.30 pm

#### **Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), D Carr, A Cartie (Vice-Chair), E Anderson-Smith, M Richardson, W Taylor, D Walls

Also present: Councillor R Parker

#### **Officers:**

Malcolm Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk

Alison McCabe, Office Manager

Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

#### **Other Attendees:**

Mel Jackson, Events Co-ordinator

#### **Members of the Public - 2**

<b>Minute No</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>  <b>Councillors:</b> K Ellis, J R Potts, O Potts, L Rickerby, S Stanger. J Hughes, Town Clerk
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest And Grants Of Dispensation</b>  Councillors Cartie and Taylor declared an interest in the application from Friends of Ridley Park.  Councillor Walls declared an interest in the application from Blyth Accessible Transport.

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### **Community Grant Applications**

Friends of Ridley Park (Councillors Cartie and Taylor left the meeting whilst the discussion took place).

The Committee considered and agreed to the request from Friends of Ridley Park to spend the remaining £4,800 from a previous grant application towards reinstating a public water fountain and bottle filling station in the park.

#### **Deferred Application**

New Delaval and Newsham Residents Association (Kirsty Greenacre and Tom Bradley in attendance)

Following a detailed discussion where some concern was raised by Councillor Walls about using grant funding to pay for staff salaries, a vote was taken by the Committee where the outcome was: 6 for and 1 abstention therefore vote was carried to the request for £8,000.

#### **New Applications**

- The Blyth Development Trust – application for £25,000

Committee decided to defer this application until the next meeting in November where a member of the trust will be invited to attend and provide more information.

- St Cuthbert's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Committee agreed to the request for £400.

- Blyth Star Enterprise

Committee decided to defer this application until the next meeting in November where a member of the organisation will be invited to attend and provide more information.

Councillor Walls asked for a review of the Council's policy for awarding grants to consider whether the Council wish to award grants for salaries. This will be discussed as part of the agreed annual review process.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elswick (Blyth) All Arms Association</li> </ul> <p>Committee agreed to award £1,500 towards the cost of 2 silhouettes and the software cd's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Phoenix Theatre</li> </ul> <p>This request was considered by members and a vote taken. The outcome was: 6 for and 1 abstention therefore the vote was carried to award £7,000 to the Phoenix Theatre toward the refurbishment programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blyth Accessible Transport (Bat Bus) Plc (CIC)</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Walls left the meeting whilst a discussion took place. The Committee decided not to award a grant for this application.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Community Development Committee held on Tuesday 12 June 2018</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the above Committee were noted.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the Planning &amp; Development Sub-Committee held on 31 July 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes of the above Sub-Committee were noted.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Report on Delegated Actions</b></p> <p>Committee accepted the report on Delegated Actions in respect of the comments from the Planning and Development Sub-Committee which were submitted to NCC as part of the consultation process for the Local Plan.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Decision Report x 2</b></p> <p><u>Christmas Lighting Update</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the report and verbal feedback from the Officer Manager and agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply fitted to 5 lighting columns on Waterloo Road at a cost of £2,000.</li> <li>• Use printed boards at the base of the Christmas tree on the basis that it will be more cost effective and within</li> </ul>

budget.

- A smaller Christmas tree (20-25ft) will be purchased this year at a maximum cost of £1,565.
- String lighting will not be pursued on Havelock Street as per the recommendation from NCC. Officers will continue to explore with NCC where it may be viable to use them.
- To consider the proposal of installing 3D motifs on the canopy of the former Northumbria House in 2019/20.
- Trees on Cowpen Road - Officers will consult with NCC regarding having the columns ready to fit motifs next year. Any underspend on the budget could be used for the purchase of supply boxes. Representatives from Blachere and Festive Lighting Company will be invited to speak to the Committee about the options for hiring lighting motifs.
- Growing a tree in the Market Place -Officers to continue to look at options.
- Christmas Trees on the Gateways – Officers to continue to look at options.

#### Fireworks Spectacular 3/11/2018

The Events Co-ordinator referred to the two options outlined in her report with regard to traffic management. Councillors considered this and agreed that the second choice, continuing to educate the public, was the preferred option.

#### Christmas Lights Switch On 16/11/2018

The Committee agreed to the recommendations outlined in the Events Co-ordinator's report:

- That existing market traders are invited for the Christmas Market.
- The parade is renamed the Christmas Parade and takes a more inclusive format.
- Look to use an Event Partner to assist in achieving the parade's objectives. The Events Co-ordinator will contact all of the community groups as well as putting the information on BTC website.

#### Blyth Alive Carnival 2019

Subject to available budget, Committee agreed they would like to have a Carnival in 2019.

	<p>The Events Co-ordinator will contact community groups to receive expressions of interest and will advertise the Parade as well as drawing up an outline specification etc. It was further agreed that it may be necessary to organise a Special Committee to consider the applications.</p> <p><u>Northumberland Live Festival 2019</u></p> <p>Subject to budget, it was agreed that there should be a Northumberland Live Festival Blyth 2019 and if the event goes ahead BTC will not have its own marquee. Committee agreed to the request from the Port of Blyth that they be allowed to have their own marquee at the event. The Events Co-ordinator will approach the Port of Blyth and ask that BTC Councillors are invited into the marquee.</p> <p><u>Smooth Sundays</u></p> <p>Committee agreed to the Events Co-ordinator's request that the savings made from Smooth Sundays is transferred to the Christmas events.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Items for Information</b></p> <p>Committee noted and accepted the Information Report.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lights on Havelock Street</b></p> <p>Councillor Parker made a comment of the height of the lighting columns on Havelock Street and whether it would be possible to purchase lighting columns. It was suggested that motifs could go on the existing columns.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>

## **Members of the Community Development Committee**

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