



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Development Committee

held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytyn House on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 6.30 pm.

Present:

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

Also Present: Councillor R Parker

Officers:

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

In attendance: M Jackson, Events Co-ordinator

Members of the Public – 0

Invited Guests -0

Minute No	
1	Apologies For Absence Councillors: L Rickerby, D Walls
2	Disclosure of Interest And Grants Of Dispensation Councillor Stanger declared an interest in item No 2 of the Planning and Development minutes regarding the Golf Club development.

<p>3</p>	<p>Minutes of the Community Development Committee Part I and II held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 and Special Meeting of the Community Development Committee held on Thursday 17 January 2019</p> <p>The minutes were noted as a true record.</p> <p>Minutes of the Planning & Development Sub Committee held on Thursday 28 February 2019</p> <p>Councillor J R Potts referred to the golf club planning application submitted on 18 January 2019 to construct 92 homes. This application will be considered by the Local Area Committee in May and there is a chance permission may be refused which will have serious financial implications for the golf club which is a valuable asset to Blyth. It was agreed that the Town Clerk will write a letter of support.</p> <p>The minutes were adopted as a true record.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Community Grant Applications</p> <p>Committee noted that there was £1,953 left in the budget and agreed to transfer £25,000 from the community centre funding to the community grant budget.</p> <p>New Applications</p> <p>Committee considered the list of applications and RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great North Ambulance Service – a grant of ££250 • Community Food and Friendship – a grant of £1,908 • VoiCes Northumberland Ltd – not to award a grant for this application • Blyth Tall Ship – a grant of £7,500 • Trakkies of Briardale – a grant of £1,000 subject to confirmation that the organisation have a bank account <p>Northumberland Community Bank – Request to change use of funds</p> <p>Councillor Nisbet and Councillor Richardson declared an interest and left whilst a discussion took place.</p>

	<p>The Town Clerk referred to the email communications received from Lauren Langton in respect of the above request to change the use of funds. Committee agreed to this.</p>
5	<p>Decision Report</p>
5.1	<p>Northumberland Live – Change of Name</p> <p>Councillors voted on the options put forward and the outcome was with a vote of 5 the new name of the festival will be Blyth Live.</p>
5.2	<p>Draft Cultural Strategy</p> <p>Members agreed that the draft document will form the basis of the new cultural strategy, which will also include heritage, etc. The finished document will be submitted to AGM and Full Council for approval.</p>
5.3	<p>Table of Events</p> <p>The Events Co-ordinator responded to queries from Councillors with regard to the table of events. The table will be amended and put on BTC website with a note added to those events that are “subject to confirmation”.</p>
5.4	<p>Charitable Organisations at Events</p> <p>The Committee discussed the requests as well as any feedback received. It was agreed that the RNLi and Daft as a Brush will be allowed to attend events to promote themselves.</p>
5.5	<p>Christmas Lights – Extension of Festive Lighting</p> <p>A detailed discussion took place around the report prepared by the Office Manager and agreed with the recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To purchase materials from the remainder of the 2018/2019 budget (£6,779) • Cost of traffic management and labour (£9,787) to be met from 2019/20 budget (£35,000) • Organise a working group to explore the options further

	Concern was raised about the street lights in the market place which have not been working for some time. The Town Clerk has raised this with the Market Manager on more than one occasion. He will now raise the matter with Glen Sanderson.
6	Any Other Business There was no other business.
7	Date and Time of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Thursday 13 June 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.

Members of the Community Development Committee

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