



## **BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**

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

held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytyn House on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 6.30 pm.

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Officers:**

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

**Also Present:** M Jackson, Events Co-ordinator

**Members of the Public – 0**

**Invited Guests -4**

<b>Minute No</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies For Absence</b>  Councillor L Rickerby
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest And Grants Of Dispensation</b>  Councillor Nisbet and Councillor Richardson declared an interest in the Northumberland Community Bank.
<b>3</b>	<b>COMMUNITY FUNDING – DEFERRED APPLICATIONS</b>  <b>BRIC – Sharon Fawcett and Ben McLaughlin in attendance</b>

	<p>A short presentation was delivered which outlined the work BRIC does (see attached). The presentation gave statistics regarding the number of people using the drop in sessions as well as their current financial situation. A number of questions were asked by members; some concern was raised that BRIC may be duplicating the work of other organisations within Blyth although Ms Fawcett assured Committee that this was not the case as they deliver skills focussed courses aimed at also building self-confidence. Since the application was made, BRIC have managed to secure £10,000 of funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Ms Fawcett and Mr McLaughin for attending and advised that they will hear of the decision regarding funding in due course.</p> <p><b>Northumberland Community Bank</b></p> <p>Lauren Langton and Tom Concarron in attendance.</p> <p>A presentation and short video was delivered by the representatives (please see attached). Ms Langton expressed her thanks at the continued support from Blyth Town Council, adding that the organisation has made huge progress since April 2017. Key points of note are that 20% of members have a Blyth post code, and a third currently have loans. The bank current has deposits of £550,000 and a percentage of that amount is loaned out. Ms Langton gave some information on the number of people who have defaulted. Mr Concarron has recently joined the organisation as a volunteer and he spoke about the work he is currently doing in Blyth to encourage more participation in the bank.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Ms Langton and Mr Concarron for their attendance.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes Of Community Development Committee held on Thursday 12 September 2019 (Part I &amp; II)</b></p> <p>To note the minutes as a true record.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes Of Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 (Part I &amp; II)</b></p> <p>To note the minutes as a true record.</p>

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Items for Information (not for discussion at Committee)</b></p> <p>Committee noted the contents of the report. Councillor JR Potts asked that an agenda item be added to future agendas to give members the opportunity to review events.</p> <p><b>Action – Committee Clerk to do.</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Report on Delegated Actions</b></p> <p>There were no delegated actions to report.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report</b></p> <p>Members discussed the recommendations outlined in the decision report and <b>RESOLVED</b> to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduce a Food Festival in place of the existing Smooth Sundays over two days (date to be confirmed) at a cost of <b>£5,000.</b></li> <li>2. To introduce traffic enforcement controls provided by NCC for both the Fireworks display and the Blyth Music Festival (6 Enforcement Officers at each). The introduction of enforcement control will be advertised in both the newsletter and on the website. The cost will be <b>£750 for each event.</b></li> <li>3. Accept the report and feedback from the Events Co-ordinator regarding the recommendations received from Piper Music following the music festival.</li> <li>4. Agree the budget of <b>£20,000 - £3,000</b> to be used for the Olympic Legacy and <b>£17,000</b> to be used at the discretion of Active Northumberland for their holiday programme. The Town Clerk will speak to Ronnie Schu to reiterate that people attending the programme must be from Blyth and will advise him that BTC cannot give a commitment of funding for 2 years.</li> </ol>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Community Development Budget Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>Members noted the information contained in the report.</p>

<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Budget 2020/2021</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk commented that the budget will go to Governance Committee in January followed by Full Council. The budget for Blyth Live will have to be increased by <b>£750</b> to cover the traffic management</p> <p>Members accepted the budget.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>The Office Manager has been advised that the lights in the trees on Bowes Street will not be suitable to use elsewhere. There is a concern that the lights in the market place are constantly in need of repair and members may wish to consider replacing them as well as looking at replacement lights for Bowes Street. It was agreed that a report will be brought back to Committee outlining potential schemes for replacement lighting.</p> <p><b>Action: Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk/Office Manager</b></p> <p>There has been a lot of positive feedback from residents about the lighting this year.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>

**Members of the Community Development Committee**

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- A Cartie (Vice-Chair)
- E Anderson-Smith
- D Carr
- K Ellis
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