



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee held via Zoom on Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 4.30 pm

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

Officers:

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

Members of the Public – 2 Invited Guests – 1

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence
2	Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation None
3	Minutes of Community Development Committee held on Tuesday 22 September 2020 (Part I & II) The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	Actions arising from previous Minutes Minute No 4.5 – Heritage Map – has now been printed and distributed to community centres and the library. Copies will be distributed further when current restrictions are lifted. (Achieved) . Interactive Map – the interactive map is now live on the BTC website. (Achieved)

<p>5</p>	<p>Minutes of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 17 November 2020 (Part I & II)</p> <p>The minutes were noted as a true record.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Community Development Budget Monitoring Report</p> <p>Members noted the contents of the report and the following was noted:</p> <p>Budget Code 1003 – This budget was set in January 2020 before Covid -19 and there is no provision for next year. Should the Council not return to normal then a report will come back to Committee to decide whether to vire money from another area of the budget.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Olympic Legacy</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Ronnie Scheu to the meeting; Ronnie gave a lot of detailed information about how the team had worked in the community to deliver a programme of activities for children during lockdown, aimed at those in the most vulnerable and deprived wards. Each week a different piece of equipment was given away to the children. Numbers averaged between 10-20 and mostly were of primary school age. It was noted that the older age group do need targeting as well. In response to comments from members that some areas were not included in the programme, Ronnie asked that members contact him directly to ensure the areas are covered in any future session, stating that he would welcome suggestions from Councillors.</p> <p>Councillor Taylor asked about the “ability2Play” sessions – Ronnie confirmed this is part of the disability programme, working with children and young adults with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities. The team worked with 15 participants, 2-3 times a week at the rugby and cricket ground.</p> <p>Members agreed with Councillor Potts’ comment that the Olympic Legacy goes ahead in it’s original format in 2021, but this will be dependant on restrictions being lifted.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Ronnie for attending.</p>

<p>8</p>	<p>Decision Report</p> <p>Members considered the recommendations outlined in the report and RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to a blue plaque to commemorate Richard Stannard. The Committee Clerk will carry out further research to determine a suitable location. 2. To make a grant of £5,000 to Engage – this will be met from the underspending on the events budget.
<p>9</p>	<p>Budget 2021/2022</p> <p>Budget information for the Community Development Committee was shared with members. It was approved to go to Governance Committee and then Full Council for ratification. There were some queries detailed below.</p> <p>1004 Easter Event – there was a query whether this will go ahead due to Covid -19. The Deputy Town Clerk explained that The costs have been rolled forward to the Committee budget as it may be possible to deliver the event. If not, then suitable alternatives will be looked at and on that basis, it is recommended the budgets stay as they are.</p> <p>1060 Blyth Live - the Deputy Town Clerk explained that a deposit had already been paid for the headline act in 2020 and as the event did not go ahead, a credit has been made for the event in 2022. The budget reflects that the Council has to make an advance payment for an artist for the 2020 festival.</p> <p>1007 Summer Carnival – a question was asked about income from this event. The Town Clerk said there has been no income from events. There may be opportunities to ask for donations for charity should the Council wish to charge for events</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Delegated Actions Report</p> <p>There were no delegated actions to report.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Information Report</p> <p><u>Santa’s Visit</u> – going well with lots of positive feedback. Widescope are going to put a video on BTC website of a little boy watching Santa. The video was taken by his mother who asked that it be shared.</p>

	<p><u>Blue Light of Hope</u> – due to some issues this will not go ahead. The Events Co-ordinator will monitor the situation and advise whether it will be able to go ahead at a future date.</p>
12	<p>Review of Events</p> <p>There were no events to review.</p>
13	<p>Any other Business</p> <p><u>Santa’s Visit</u></p> <p>BTC has received a lot of positive comments and photos from residents of Blyth. There were some initial issues with the routes etc however, the Council have worked closely with Widescope to resolve these issues and the streets were split into zones with a live map. The Customer Services Assistant has continuously updated the website to inform residents when Santa is likely to be arriving in their zone. The Mayor extended special thanks to the Events Co-ordinator and Customers Services Assistant and to everyone who has worked hard to deliver this event. Everyone agreed that the event was brilliant and something they would like to see happen again next year.</p>
14	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Tuesday 16 February 2021. If the current arrangements continue this will be an electronic meeting.</p>
13	<p>Part II</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>

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