BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Community Development Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 8 February 2022 in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House, Quay Road. NE24 2AS

Present:

Councillors: A Cartie (Chair), W Taylor (Vice Chair), A Barrass, C Jones, K Nisbet, J R Potts, S Stanger

Also Present: Councillor M Richardson

Officers:

Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk
M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Minute No	
1	**Apologies for Absence** Councillors: D Carr
2	**Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation** None
3	**Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on 16 December 2021** The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	**Actions arising from the Previous Minutes** **Agenda Item 6 –** Councillor Taylor asked for clarification around which events generate an income and for this to be

	reviewed. **Update** - a report will be submitted to the next Community Development Committee on 16 June 2022. **Agenda Item 7** – request to pay £160 re the clean up exercise following the Fireworks Display – clarification what the amount is for **update -**£160 for hire of equipment and has been met buy NCC. To explore alternative venues and also look at improved enforcement **update** – work continues on this. **Agenda Item 7** Town Clerk to convene a meeting with all parties to discuss organisation of future Remembrance Day parades. **Update –** a meeting took place on 3 February with the RBL and Derek and Helen Fairbairn. The RBL have some further work to do and another meeting has been convened for 7 April. RBL confirmed they will be doing a services at Newsham, Ridley Park and Cowpen (this one will be held on 11 November). The RBL are also looking at holding an even to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Falklands war in June but do not have the finer details of what this will entail. **Agenda Item 8 –** Light a Beacon for Queen's Platinum Jubilee & Commemorative Coin. Commemorative Coin update – options for a commemorative medal were displayed on the board and members indicated their preferred choice but had some questions about whether it medal will be in a presentation box etc. Members agreed to the additional expenditure in order to have the reverse of the medals engraved with the words "a gift from Blyth Town Council". Total cost will be in the region of £5,671. Councillor Taylor suggested that Councillors may be able to assist with the distribution of the medal to the children via schools. Light a Beacon – the Events Co Ordinator continues to identify a suitable location to light a beacon.
5	**Minutes of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on 1 February 2022 (part I & II)** To note the minutes as a true record.
6	**Community Development Budget Monitoring** Members noted the contents of the monitoring sheets.

7	**Decision Report 1 – Queen's Jubilee** Councillor Nisbet moved an amendment to the recommendation outlined in the Decision Report so that the budget of £5,000 from within the Community Grants Budget 2022/23 is opened to residents of Blyth, to run alongside the NCC fund. This motion was carried. There will be an application form and fact sheet as any organisation applying will have to be made aware that they will have to apply for a road closure and complete an events notification if more than 12 people are participating. Clean up operation – the Town Clerk will raise this at the Partnership Working Group next week. Special Community Grants Sub Committees will be organised to consider any grants received. **Action: Further work to be carried out on application form/fact sheet etc.**
8	**Decision Report 2 – Classics in the Park** Members considered the recommendation outlined in the Decision Report and **RESOLVED** to agree to changing the "Classics in the Park" event to include the Queen's Jubilee Celebration at an additional cost of £3,500. The event will be held on Sunday 5 June. Families would be asked to bring their own picnics and there will be music and songs from each decade of Her Majesty's reign. If the weather is poor the event will relocate to Blyth Sports Centre.
9	**Reviews of Events – Decision Report 3 – Santa Tour** The Events Co Ordinator reported that figures were down 35% this year and referred to her recommendation "that the Committee consider reverting to having Santa in the Keelrow with gifts for the children of Blyth. Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation. It was noted that Operation Elf gave 870 presents to people in Blyth at Christmas 2021.

10	**Delegated Actions Report** There were no delegated actions to consider.
11	**Information Report** There were no items of information to report.
12	**Any Other Business** **Blyth Carnival** Members discussed the proposal that the Carnival move to a Saturday as attendance figures were low in 2021. Following discussion it was agreed that the Carnival should take place on Sunday 26 June, taking into consideration that publicity for the event needs to be improved. This date will be the culmination of a week of events in Blyth, starting with the Blyth Live Festival on 18 June.
13	**Date and Time of Next Meeting** The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House.
14	**Part II** 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.

Members of Community Development Committee

A Cartie (Chair)
W Taylor (Vice Chair)
A Barrass
D Carr
G Davey
S Davey
B Erskine
C Humphrey

C Jones
K Nisbet
J R Potts
M Robson
S Stanger