

**MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JULY 2019**

Members of the Public Present: 2

Question 1

I have been asking about improvements to the town since 2017 and have also asked BTC to help by putting pressure on where it may be needed in order to get things done. I asked for permission for a group to take over the planters near Wilkinson's. Since last year the plants have been neglected and nothing has been done this year.

Answer

Blyth Town Council are in consultation with Northumberland County Council and traders in the Bowes Street area regarding the proposed improvements. This scheme will be discussed at the Environment Committee on Tuesday 30 July when someone from NCC will be in attendance. The plans are subject to final approval and include removing the pagoda and replacing planters with some similar to those in the market place.

BTC put a considerable amount of money in their budget for that scheme, however, NCC have decided to include it in the Local Transport Plan and they are going to fund it.

Question 2

There is now a Town Forum for Blyth. Why have been not been asked to join? Also if the trees are removed from Bowes Street can they not be saved and put in the Market Place in tubs?

Answer

The Town Forum was set up by the regeneration unit from NCC and four Councillors as well as the Town Clerk were invited to be part of the forum. There is an event arranged for 28 September 2019 via the town forum in Blyth and it will be open to members of the public to allow them the change to give their input and make comments about the plans to date.

With regard to the trees, advice has been taken and it isn't possible to relocate them. BTC are committed to replacing trees and work closely with NCC.