

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FULL COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the Public Present:

John Tuttiett
Maureen Levy
Alice Levy
Ian Levy
Paul Taylor

Questions from Paul Taylor

1) Have the Council applied for funding from either the Coastal Communities or Coal Fields funds or similar for any projects that Blyth needs?

Answer - It is up to NCC to apply for those funds.

2) Were there any planned projects from the underspend from last year's budget totalling nearly £115,000.00 (£24,000.00 from Market regeneration, £30,000.00 from community grants budget and £58,000.00 from savings in other areas all approximate) earmarked to use this money on.

Answer - there are no projects planned.

3) I repeated last year's request of recording and showing in the minutes of public attendance, questions and answers, this would help people interested but for one reason or another cannot attend meetings.

Answer - it would be looked into and put into action at a future date.

4) Litter, we mentioned the discussions had on this forum two weeks ago regarding litter left by football clubs around town playing fields, (a member of this forum also brought up this question) I pointed out that I had spoken to a representative of NCC and they would get the relevant department to send out a circular to the league and clubs of their responsibility regarding litter from both the home and away teams and supporters.

There was a general consensus throughout the chamber that like many other places we have a litter problem, full litter bins shows a lot of people do care about their environment but the council would like the general public to help them identify those that need to be serviced and they will get to them as quick as possible.

I also asked if they would consider Christine Mowbray's suggestion of a litter campaign involving local schools etc of different age groups and show the winners work in a poster campaign around town, apparently another organisation that uses this forum has put the idea forward and are currently working out the details how to move forward on that.

5) Has the council got a plastic free project or one planned.

Answer - not at the present time but will look into formulating one.

6) Put on behalf of a forum member... Any projects planned for in and around the Avenues.

Answer - none as yet, it was also pointed out that as much as they would like to, but because of it's design, there is no usable land of any size that could be used for any large projects on the estate.

7) Do you have any information about the new planned relief road?

Answer – Blyth Town Council has not received any updates form NCC as yet.

John Tuttiett

1) Raised the issue of parking around Plessey Road and Broadway field. Mr Tuttiett has spoken to NCC who indicated it was a police matter. There are issues with litter on the field also. Mr Tuttiett asked if BTC would write a letter to NCC raising the concerns with regard to people parking on the grass outside of residents houses etc.

Answer – The field is owned and controlled by NCC. As far as car parking is concerned, NCC have Enforcement Officers and BTC also employ a part time Enforcement Officer. Dog fouling is a major issue in the town and it is difficult to identify the owner of a dog who has not acted responsibly. BTC do not have any authority on highways and parking is a police matter. However, anyone can park their car on a highway. Councillor Nisbet advised sending an email to Glen Sanderson,

Local Services, outlining all of the issues raised. Councillor Potts said the Council could send a letter to say issues have been raised about notices for football, asking them to approach the FA.