



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 24 November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS

**Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), M Richardson (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, C Jones, J R Potts, J Reid, S Stanger, W Taylor, A Watson

**Also Present:** Councillor D Carr

**Officers:**

J Hughes, Town Clerk, M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, D Clough, General Services Officer

**Other Attendees:** (0)

**Members of the Public** (1)

Minute No	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Councillors: A Barrass, Councillor B Erskine, C Humphrey, M Robson</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Disclosure of Interests Grant of Dispensations</b></p> <p>There were no disclosures of interest.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes were noted as a true record</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Actions arising from previous Minutes</b></p> <p>Bolam Avenue Allotments Boundary-change to boundary line. <b>(ongoing)</b></p>

<b>5</b>	<p><b>Environment Budget Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>Members referred to the budget monitoring report and the following queries were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Taylor enquired about BTC &amp; NCC seats -DTC explained the difference.</li> <li>• <b>Code 898 MLIS</b> - the DTC clarified this code relates to County Councillors funding for projects</li> <li>• Cllr Taylor enquired if the vehicle which the Environment Enforcement officer uses was costed separately - DTC clarified the vehicle was included within the SLA.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Decision Report 1-Millfield Gardens Play Area</b></p> <p>The committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to the consultation process to proceed with residents regarding the relocation of the play area and the size to be the same as others in Blyth.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Decision Report 2 - Kitty Brewster Play Area</b></p> <p>The committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to the consultation with residents regarding the location of the play area and the age range in that area. The year that this takes place will be dependant upon other potential grant streams.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Decision Report 3 – South Beach Teen Trail</b></p> <p>The committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree the Teen Trail refurbishment is to be carried out in 2030/31.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Decision Report 4 – Council Vehicle</b></p> <p>The committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to acquire a vehicle to carry out external work and inspections and it will have the BTC logo on it.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Decision Report – Budget 2023/24</b></p> <p>The committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to take the wet pour programme out of the budget.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Delegated Actions Report</b></p> <p>There were no delegated actions to report.</p>

<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>Information Report</b></p> <p>Members noted the content of the report with regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allotments</li> <li>2. Play Areas</li> <li>3. Bins</li> <li>4. Bus Shelters</li> <li>5. Defibrillators</li> <li>6. CCTV Systems</li> <li>7. Speed Sensors</li> <li>8. Trees</li> <li>9. Planter Wraps</li> <li>10. Plessey Road</li> </ol> <p><b>Action: Officers to investigate why the Defibrillators were returned without any notification</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Enforcement</b></p> <p>Reports are circulated on a monthly basis. Members are reminded that any queries should be raised with the Town Clerk upon receipt of the reports.</p>
<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business items raised</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Thursday 23 February 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.</p>
<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>Part II</b></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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