



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee held at 5.50 pm on Thursday 15 June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS

Present:

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

Also Present: Councillor Anna Watson

Officers:

J Hughes, Town Clerk, M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Invited Guest(s) – 1

Members of the Public - 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: D Carr, G Davey, S Davey, B Erskine
2	Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation None
3	Minutes of the Previous Community Development Committee There were no previous minutes to note.
4	Actions arising from Previous Minutes None

5	<p>Community Development Budget Monitoring</p> <p>Members noted the contents of the report.</p>
6	<p>Decision Report 1 – St George’s Day Event</p> <p>Members considered the options within the report and agreed that a Children’s Colouring in Competition be held to celebrate this event. Consideration should also be given as to when to start the competition taking into account School holidays.</p>
7	<p>Decision Report 2 -Community funding grant recipients</p> <p>Members noted that an audit of grants allocated in 2022/23 was being carried out, and also agreed that a reception be held for those recipients to talk about the benefits their grant has brought. The time and date will be confirmed in due course.</p>
8	<p>Local Transport Plan</p> <p>Members considered the list of requests from the local community, provided by NCC, in relation to highways and transport priority issues in the Town.</p> <p>Members highlighted that some of the scheme proposals had been addressed and asked that the Town Clerk clarify the process with NCC.</p> <p>After discussion Members agreed that the 3 proposals to be forwarded to NCC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zebra Crossing ref O052Q384 • Wright St./Durban St./Disraeli St resurfacing and • Path between Fulmar Drive/Sandringham Drive
9	<p>Delegated Actions - none</p>

10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Lighthouse Community Hub Project</p> <p>Wendy Atkinson gave a presentation about the project which is in involved with Child Poverty and the effects of it.</p> <p>During the recent pandemic, Newsham Primary School supported many families in different ways and are now participating in a Government trial to consider methods to prevent Child Poverty. From this the idea of a Community Hub came about involving the ex-Caretaker’s house at the school, which will require funding to renovate.</p> <p>Wendy then outlined the journey of the Project to date, their successes, and future plans.</p> <p>Members thanked Wendy for her presentation and the good work of the Project.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation is at Blyth Town Council Home</p>
11	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Thursday 28 September at 6.30 pm.</p>
12	<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>

Members of Community Development Committee

W Taylor (Chair)	C Humphrey
A Cartie (Vice-Chair)	C Jones
A Barrass	K Nisbet
D Carr	J R Potts
G Davey	M Robson
S Davey	S Stanger
B Erskine	