



Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of a Special Full Council held on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 2.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: W Taylor (Mayor), M Richardson (Deputy Mayor), A Cartie, K Nisbet, J R Potts, J Reid, S Stanger

Officers: Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk, Malcolm Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public: 2

Invited Guests: 0

The Chair announced that there would be a Part II to the meeting regarding the Broadway Play Area

1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Councillor Anderson-Smith</p>
2	<p>Disclosure of Interests and the Grant of any Dispensations</p> <p>None.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the Emergency Covid Council Meeting held on 23 March 2021</p>
4	<p>Actions arising from the previous meeting</p> <p>There were no outstanding actions.</p>
5	<p>Community Grant Policy</p> <p>The Committee considered the proposed three amendments to the existing Community Grant policy (listed below) and agreed to the changes.</p> <p>◆ The recipient must agree to participate in suitable publicity and to acknowledge the Town Council’s contribution, eg by stating "supported by Blyth Town Council" and by displaying the logo on associated materials as appropriate.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The recipient must agree to provide evidence of expenditure to account for the use of the grant. ◆ The recipient must agree to provide suitable feedback on the use of the funding, eg a short report, photos etc, and allow representatives of the Town Council to visit* on request to monitor progress. *This will depend on the nature of the purpose of the grant <p>Councillor Taylor referred to the issue of unrestricted funds when considering applications. It was agreed that the policy should be amended to read “Where an organisation has unrestricted funds in excess of 50% of their operating costs, then detailed information must be provided for any approved projects that have been agreed for implementation in the next 2 years.”</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Approval of the documents below in connection with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return following the recommendation of the Governance Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council’s Internal Auditor’s Report 2. Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/2021 3. Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021 4. Accounting Statements for 2020/2021 <p>Council approved the above papers which will be signed by the Mayor and sent to the External Auditor.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 17 May 2021, 6.30 in the Training Centre, Port of Blyth, Quay Road, Blyth Northumberland NE24 3PA</p>
<p>9</p>	<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 THE COUNCIL:

Councillor W Taylor (Mayor)

Councillor M Richardson
Councillor E Anderson-Smith
Councillor D Carr
Councillor A Cartie
Councillor K Ellis
Councillor K Nisbet
Councillor A Parsons
Councillor J Potts
Councillor J Reid
Councillor L Rickerby
Councillor S Stanger
Councillor G Thompson
Councillor G Webb