



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Community Development Committee** held via Zoom on Tuesday 16 February 2021 at 4.30 pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), A Parsons, J R Potts, M Richardson, L Rickerby, W Taylor

**Officers:**

Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk  
 Malcolm Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk  
 Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk  
 Alison McCabe, Office Manager

**Members of the Public – Invited Guests - 1**

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| <b>1</b>  | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Councillor Anderson-Smith</p>  |
| <b>2</b>  | <p><b>Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation</b></p> <p>None</p>   |
| <b>3</b>  | <p><b>Bella Reay Play</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Ed Waugh to the meeting. Ed thanked everyone for the invitation to the meeting and the support from BTC. He gave the following update; The play will start its run on Thursday 23 March 2022. There will be 5 performances at the Phoenix, and the run will take in Alwick Newcastle, Whitley Bay and South Shields. The first draft of the play will be ready by 30 June 2021 and there will be a workshop with the Director and Actress in August 2021. Ed said that in the</p> |

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|            | <p>meantime he will be speaking to people in Blyth via telephone and zoom and anyone who would like to be involved is welcome. A "Wor Bella" website should be set up by mid-April as well as an exhibition of memorabilia and anyone who can help with photographs etc should get in touch. There will be weekly talks and open rehearsals. Ed will keep members informed of developments and they will be invited to the opening night. The Chair thanked him for his attendance.</p> |
| <b>4</b>   | <p><b>Minutes of Community Development Committee held on Tuesday 1 December 2020</b></p> <p>Amendment to Minute No (Budget 2021/2022)</p> <p>This should read that a credit has been made for the event in 2021.</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>   |
| <b>5</b>   | <p><b>Actions arising from previous Minutes</b></p>   |
| <b>5.1</b> | <p>Minute No 8 Blue Plaque – Richard Stannard – Committee Clerk to identify a suitable location (ongoing)</p>   |
| <b>6</b>   | <p><b>Minutes of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 2 February 2021</b></p> <p>This meeting was cancelled as there is no money left in the budget.</p>   |
| <b>7</b>   | <p><b>Community Development Budget Monitoring Report</b></p> <p>In answer to a query the Town Clerk confirmed that the invoice for the Olympic Legacy has been requested.</p>   |
| <b>8</b>   | <p><b>Decision Report 1</b></p>   |
| <b>8.1</b> | <p><b>Potential Events 2021/22</b></p> <p>Members discussed the options for events outlined in the decision report due to ongoing restrictions. The following was noted:</p> <p><b>1. Virtual Easter Event</b></p> <p>Not to proceed with this as it would not be accessible to everyone.</p>   |

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|  | <p><b>2. NHS and Frontline Workers day – 5 July 2021</b></p> <p>On hold until further announcements are made by the Government. A report is going to Environment Committee regarding the purchase of a flagpole and it is hope this will go on Elfin Walk.</p> <p><b>3. Farmers Market and food Festival</b></p> <p>This cannot be progressed at present.</p> <p><b>4. Blyth Live</b></p> <p>To proceed with a video showing highlights of Previous events on You Tube at a cost of £3,000-£3,500. This will only be done if the live event cannot go ahead. The Events Co-ordinator will do some further work to see if she could secure a date with suppliers that do not require deposits and will feedback to members.</p> <p><b>5. Fireworks</b></p> <p>To go ahead on Saturday 6 November 2021 subject to current restrictions being lifted.</p> <p><b>6. Remembrance Sunday</b></p> <p>If the restrictions are still in place a film will be made similar to the one in 2020.</p> <p><b>7. Thank you Carnival</b></p> <p>The Events Co-ordinator suggested bringing this together with the thank you day as there would only need to be one cost for road closures however further guidance needs to be issued, and if so, discussed further with Members. This would generate a large audience and is subject to restrictions. Leading Links will be involved as they won the expression of interest to do the carnival in 2020 which could not go ahead because of restrictions.</p> <p><b>8.2 Christmas Light Switch on</b> – agreed to the Santa visit, over 5 nights as well as a Winter Wonderland. Members also agreed to choose a Community Champion to switch on the lights alongside the Mayor.</p> |
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| <b>8.3</b> | Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to have Councillor Nisbet and Councillor Taylor as representatives on workstreams involved with the future development of culture and other events/issues within the town.   |
| <b>8.4</b> | Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to extend the festive lighting from Asda through Bebside for 2021.   |
| <b>8.5</b> | Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree to remove the condition on the payment of the Community Grant to Friends of Ridley Park for the park gates that was awarded from the 2020/21 budget, subject to the money being used for the reason it was awarded. If the project does not go ahead FoRP will have to return the money to BTC. |
| <b>9</b>   | <b>Decision Report 2</b><br><br>Committee <b>RESOLVED</b> to an alternative to a blue plaque for to commemorate the Blyth Battery by way of a piece of sandstone with a plaque attached.   |
| <b>10</b>  | <b>Information Report</b><br><br>There were no items for information.  |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>Delegated Actions Report</b><br><br>There were no delegated actions to report.  |
| <b>12</b>  | <b>Review of Events</b><br><br>There were no events to review.   |
| <b>13</b>  | <b>Any other Business</b><br><br>There was no other business.  |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b><br><br>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Tuesday 17 June 2021. If the current arrangements continue this may an electronic meeting.   |
| <b>15</b>  | <b>Part II</b><br><br>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business  |

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|  | about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. |
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