



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Special Community Development Committee** held via Zoom on Tuesday 23 March 2021 at 3.00 pm

**Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), A Cartie (Vice Chair), J R Potts, M Richardson, S Stanger

Also present: Councillor J Reid

**Officers:**

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

M Jackson, Events Co-ordinator

**Members of the Public – 0    Invited Guests - 0**

Minute No	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Councillor L Rickerby
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation</b>  None
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the Community Development Committee held on 16 February 2021</b>  The minutes were noted as a true record.
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions arising from the Previous Minutes</b>

	Minutes No 5.1 Blue Plaque – Richard Stannard – ongoing work to identify a suitable location.
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Decision Report – Blyth Live and other large events</b></p> <p>The Chair referred to the report provided by the Town Clerk and asked the Events Co-ordinator to provide an update; The Events Co-ordinator confirmed that she has spoken to insurers who have no objection to the event going ahead, with the extra measures in place. Members agreed that putting fencing around the site would not be the most practical solution and agreed with the proposed measures for testing all traders, bands and Councillors involved with the event. Extra costs will be incurred and the Events Co-ordinator will offset these by not using screen at the back of the stage.</p> <p>A date of 24 July 2021 has been identified and this does not coincide with any other events in the area. If the headline act booked for the 2020 event is not available there is a replacement act free on that date.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that some may raise concerns about event proceeding, however, members felt it would be good for the residents of Blyth following such a difficult period.</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to proceed with the event subject to the current restrictions being lifted and the date will be publicised on the BTC website.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on Tuesday 17 June 2021. If the current arrangements continue this may be an electronic meeting.</p>
<b>7</b>	<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>

### **Members of the Community Development Committee**

K Nisbet (Chair)

A Cartie (Vice-Chair)

E Anderson-Smith

D Carr  
K Ellis  
A Parsons  
J R Potts  
M Richardson  
L Rickerby  
S Stanger  
W Taylor