



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Governance Committee held **via ZOOM** on Thursday 25 February 2021 at 4.00 pm

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), W Taylor (Vice-Chair), E Anderson-Smith, A Cartie, K Nisbet, A Parsons, J Reid, M Richardson, S Stanger, G Webb

Officers:

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

Other Attendees: - 0

Members of the Public – 4

Minute No	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Councillors: D Carr, L Rickerby</p>
2	<p>Disclosure Interests and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>None</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the Governance Committee held on Tuesday 29 September 2020</p> <p>The minutes were noted as a true record.</p>
4	<p>Actions Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>There were no actions arising.</p>
5	<p>Decision Report</p> <p>Insurance of War Memorials</p>

	<p>The Town Clerk referred to the Decision Report which gives information regarding the transfer of assets from NCC and a note which states "The 2 Councils agree that the Town Council shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and insurance of the War Memorials".</p> <p>Officers have gathered evaluations and the insurance cover for the memorials is estimated at £1 million. The insurance premium for this level of cover would be £6,000 per annum.</p> <p>There is an option to either partially insure or the Council could self-insure where any repairs would be met from balances.</p> <p>It was confirmed that BTC do have public liability cover for the memorials.</p> <p>Councillor Reid suggested contacting other Councils in Northumberland to see if they have insurance cover for war memorials. Members agreed with this.</p> <p>Councillor Reid also suggested asking NCC why they suggested BTC should insure the memorials in the first place and there was also talk of looking at the agreement superseded by the Partnership Agreement</p>
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business to consider.</p>
7	<p>Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Governance Committee on Thursday 29 April 2021 at 2.00 pm. If current restrictions continue this will be an electronic meeting.</p>
8	<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 excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.</p> <p>There were no Part II items.</p>

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