



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS which commenced at 6:30pm.

Present:

Councillors: D Swinhoe (Chair), N Rolls (Vice Chair), D Johnson, C Jones, D Nicholson, K Nisbet MBE, and M Peart.

Officers: M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), E Brown (Deputy Town Clerk), and E Mullen (Democratic Services Officer)

Members of the Public – 0

Invited Guest(s) - 0

1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllrs D Campbell, BW Elliott, M Nicholson</p>
2	<p>Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations</p> <p>Cllr Swinhoe declared a personal interest in Blyth Cricket Club.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the previous Committee Funding Sub Committee</p> <p>The minutes of the previous Committee Funding Sub Committee meeting held on 11 November 2025 were agreed as a true record in the Full Council meeting held 15 January 2026.</p>
4	<p>Blyth Stroke Support Group</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk explained that Blyth Stroke Support Group have been in contact requesting permission to amend the purpose of their grant spending, which was awarded in November 2025, as per our community grant terms and conditions.</p> <p>RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to allow Blyth Stroke Support Group to amend the purpose of their grant spending as agreed at the meeting on 11 November 2025; following savings made from purchasing items granted in sales to use the remaining</p>

	£221 to purchase a circulation booster and small items such as compression socks to make up the total spend.
5	<p>To consider new Applications listed below. The Chairman highlighted the applications to be considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adaptive Ocean Academy 2. Blyth Cricket Club 3. Citizens Advice 4. Community Food and Friendship 5. Leading Link 6. Pride Action North 7. Railway Medical 8. Blyth Valley Enterprise Ltd.
6	<p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>There were no delegated actions since the previous meeting.</p>
7	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 9 June 2026 at 6.30pm</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 was RESOLVED that it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.</p>
9	<p>Discussion and Decisions regarding Funding Applications</p> <p>Members further discussed the individual applications. Prior to discussion, members noted that at the previous meeting it was agreed to not award organisations more than £5,000, as per our policy. The following grant payments were agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adaptive Ocean Academy RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19 to support the application for adaptive changing equipment with a grant of £5,000.

2. Blyth Cricket Club

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 to support the application for a new bowling machine plus balls with a grant of £2,459.

3. Citizens Advice Northumberland

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, s.137 to support the application for costs towards the management and supervision of the Blyth Service, noting the benefit this service provides to the whole community with a grant £5,000.

4. Community Food and Friendship

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, Section 137 to support the application for the annual rent of the hall to host their community support services with a grant of £4,800.

5. Leading Link

Members requested that the organisation resubmit their application to the next meeting of this committee, providing further details about their youth leadership program and clarity on the organisation's sustainability and how they're running operationally.

6. Pride Action North

Members voted to not support this application noting that the group could achieve this from their own unrestricted funds.

7. Railway Medical

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, s.137 to support the application for the costs of running wellbeing workshops and a gardening project with a grant of £3,000.

8. Blyth Valley Enterprise Ltd.

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19 that members were minded to support with the amount of £3719.90 subject to

	further information being received on what funding for maintenance was provided during the asset transfer of the centre from NCC and what do date has been spent. It was delegated to the Chair, Vice Chair, Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk.
	The meeting closed at 7.50 pm