



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 25 November 2025 immediately following the Special Full Council meeting which commenced at 5:30pm, in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS.

Councillors: M Peart (Chair), D Nicholson (Vice-Chair), RA Baker, D Campbell, D Carr, BW Elliott, D Johnson, C Jones, K Nisbet MBE, N Rolls, and D Swinhoe.

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

Also present: Cllr TE Elliott

Invited Guest(s) – 0

Members of the Public – 2

Minute No	
1	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and noted from Cllr B Erskine.</p>
2	<p>Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation</p> <p>Councillor BW Elliott declared an interest following Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that he will be taking part in this meeting but will not be voting.</p> <p>County Councillors declared their interest.</p> <p>Councillors D Carr, BW Elliott and N Rolls declared that they are members of the County's Strategic Planning Committee and would not be taking part in discussions relating to Item 5 on the agenda.</p>

	<p>Councillor Mark Peart declared an interest in Item 6.1 on the agenda, and would not be taking part in discussions relating to this item. Councillor Denise Nicholson will be chairing this item.</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the previous Community Development Committee meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the previous Community Development Committee meeting held 25 September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.</p>
4	<p>Actions arising from the previous minutes.</p> <p>None.</p>
5	<p>5.1 Planning Application for consideration as a consultee</p> <p>25/03518/FUL – Demolish dwelling to create additional area of parking for Extra Care Facility – 28 Delaval Terrace</p> <p><i>Councillors BW Elliott, D Carr and N Rolls left the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk gave an overview of the application and the property better known to residents as the Station Master’s House.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr C Jones to formally object to this application due the heritage of the site and request that consideration be given to incorporating the building into the proposed extra care facility. This was seconded by Cllr RA Baker.</p> <p>It was unanimously RESOLVED to formally object to this planning application.</p> <p><i>Councillors BW Elliott, D Carr and N Rolls returned the meeting.</i></p> <p>5.2 – Consultation on extinguishing right of way in Bebside & Kitty Brewster Ward.</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that the public right of way across the rail track, which is now in use, is being proposed for removal due to safety concerns.</p>

	<p>It was agreed to delegate the Chair, Vice Chair and Officers to determine a response to this consultation.</p>
6	<p>Decision Reports</p> <p>6.1 Blue Plaque - RNLI</p> <p><i>Councillor M Peart left the meeting. Cllr D Nicholson chaired this agenda item.</i></p> <p>It was unanimously RESOLVED to recognise the legacy of the RNLI with Blue Plaque status for the Blyth RNLI Lifeboat Station.</p> <p><i>Councillor M Peart returned to the meeting.</i></p> <p>6.2 Blue Plaque – North Farm Miners Memorial Garden</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update that the risk management on this item following agreement of the previous agenda item, which meant that the budget would be overspent although there was provision within balances. It was also requested to extend the budget for the information board from £500 to £2000 to provide something more appropriate for the site.</p> <p>It was unanimously RESOLVED to recognise the North Farm Miners Memorial Garden with Blue Plaque status, listing in the Blyth Heritage Trail, and agreed to erect an information board at the site. It was also agreed to extend the budget for this item.</p> <p>It was agreed to delegate the responsibility of determining the text for the Blue Plaque, information board and heritage trail to Cllr D Nicholson with Council Officers.</p>
7	<p>Community Development Budget Monitoring 2025/26</p> <p>The budget monitoring for Community Development Committee 2025/26 was noted by the committee.</p>
8	<p>Community Development Budget 2026/27</p> <p>The Town Clerk gave an update on the proposed Community Development Budget for 2026/27 which included event costings from September's committee meeting.</p>

	<p>The Mayor queried adding a new budget for a Mayoral event. The Clerk informed Civic events would come under the Governance budget.</p> <p>Following discussions, and clarification on the Events budget for 2026/27, it was unanimously RESOLVED for the Community Development Budget 2026/27 be recommended to Governance Committee at their next meeting on 6 January 2026.</p>
9	<p>Blyth Celebrates – Bus Shelter Vinyl Stickers</p> <p>The Deputy Town Clerk explained that Blyth Celebrates are working with artists to produce some large photographs showcasing Blyth and have requested to put them as vinyl stickers in our bus shelters at the bus station. The Deputy Town Clerk has already gone back to them with some further questions.</p> <p>It was agreed that this is delegated to the Chair, Vice Chair and Officers to determine whether to proceed with this.</p>
10	<p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>None</p>
11	<p>Date & Time of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 17 February 2026.</p>

The meeting closed at 18:48 pm.

Members of Community Development Committee

M Peart (Chair)	D Johnson
D Nicholson (Vice Chair)	C Jones
R A Baker	K Nisbet MBE
D Campbell	N Rolls
D Carr	D Swinhoe
B W Elliott	VACANCY
B Erskine	