

**BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Special Community Development Committee**  
**Date of Meeting – 1 October 2024**

**Blue Plaque Scheme**

**Nomination of Mr. John Allen for the Blyth Blue Plaque Scheme**

**Recommendation**

The Community Development Committee consider the nomination application for Mr. John Allen (BEM) who was a member of the Blyth Boys Club for the Blyth Blue Plaque Scheme.

**The Committee RESOLVE to agree:**

The committee agree to award the Blue Plaque status to Mr. John Allen (BEM).

Ward

All

Risk Management

There is budget provision and permission has been received from Northumberland County Council (NCC) to locate the plaque on their building.

Objective

To appreciate the dedication and contribution of Mr. John Allen whose works and efforts made positive impact on the community.

Report

A nomination for the Blyth Town Council Blue Plaque Scheme for Mr. John Allen was submitted by his daughters, Mrs E Smith, and Mrs A Lewis (please see Appendix I). The applicants want the plaque to be installed on the Boys Club premises.

The Boys Club, as referred to, does not exist anymore and the location where it was operating from is now replaced with private individually owned flats which is called Richmond Court on Wright Street, Blyth. Opposite the Boys club (previously) is Bob Elliott House, which is the

property of the NCC, and they are in agreement to put the Blue Plaque on Bob Elliott house.

John received the British Empire Medal (BEM) in 1984 as evident from the Honours board, designed and provided by Borough of Blyth Valley that is available at the BTC Office.

We contacted Northumberland Country Council to confirm Mr. John Allen's 2009 Freedom award; Mr. Allen was awarded the Freedom award, but they have not confirmed any further awards.

The local station of Blyth Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) has also confirmed that John was a fundraiser for the RNLI, and he was a member of the Blyth Boys Club.

The Blyth Rotary Club also confirmed that Mr. John Allen was a member of this club, and participated in several fund-raising events of the club between 1995-1997.

It has been also confirmed by the Blyth Masonic Hall that Mr. John Allen was a member of Blyth Masonic Building and therefore was a donator to charitable causes, both locally and nationally which has assisted those in the community.

**Fahim Hotak**  
**Committee and Research Officer**

**24 September 2024**