



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 16 September 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS

Present:

Councillors: K Nisbet (Chair), M Richardson (Vice Chair), A Cartie, C Humphrey, J R Potts, J Reid, M Robson, W Taylor, A Watson

Also Present: Councillor D Carr

Officers:

Joseph Hughes, Town Clerk
David Clough, General Services Officer
Maureen Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

Members of the Public - 0

Invited Guest(s) 0

Allotment Holder Questions

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: S Stanger. M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk.
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations There were no disclosures of interest.
3	Minutes of the Special Environment Committee held on 1 June 2021
3.1	Minutes of the Partnership Working Group held on 13 July 2021 The above minutes were noted as a true record.

4	<p>Actions arising from previous Minutes</p> <p>There were no actions arising.</p>
5.1	<p>Environment Budget Monitoring Report</p> <p>The Town Clerk explained that the format is different as it has been produced from the new accounting system. It was agreed that he will arrange for the headers to be renamed to say "expenditure to date".</p> <p>Code 278 – agreed to rename this Allotments, 23rd Avenue.</p> <p>Code 006 – The Town Clerk confirmed that BTC have received the underspend from NCC.</p>
5.2	<p>Analysis of Committed/Potential Projects</p> <p>Members noted the information with regard to the above.</p>
6	<p>Decision Report 1 – Gallagher’s Field</p> <p>The Chair moved to replace the bin. This was agreed. The cost of £300 will be met from the existing budget.</p>
7	<p>Decision Report 2 – Bowes Street Play Area</p> <p>Members noted the petition received on 8 August requesting the surface in the above area is replaced with wet pour. Members discussed the pros and cons of changing the surface and it was highlighted that there are a further 5 play areas that have similar surfaces.</p> <p>The Chair moved to replace the surface and the motion was carried. The cost of this work will be included with the 2022/23 budget exercise. Provision will be made in future year’s budgets to replace the surfaces in the other 5 play areas at a rate of one per year.</p>
8	<p>Decision Report 3 – South Beach Play Area</p> <p>Committee resolved to refurbish the South Beach Play area in 2022/23. The Kitty Brewster installation will take place during 2023/24. It was noted that all attempts to identify who owns the South Beach Play area have been unsuccessful.</p>

9	<p>Decision Report 4 – Merton Square Play Park/Karbon Homes</p> <p>Members RESOLVED not to accept the transfer of the play area at Merton Square from Karbon Homes. There is no provision in the current budget to refurbish or maintain this play area.</p>
10	<p>Decision Report 5 – Defibrillators</p> <p>Following discussion, members RESOLVED to install a defibrillator on the Newsham Fruit Stall building in Newsham at a cost of £1,700, but not on the Eden Pharmacy building as there is already a defibrillator on the Briardale Community Centre. A query was raised regarding how often the defibrillators are being used.</p> <p>Action: The Town Clerk agreed to provide information about the usage of the existing defibrillators.</p>
11	<p>Decision Report 6 – Mobile Patrols</p> <p>Members considered the introduction of security patrols for a trial period of 3 months and RESOLVED not to proceed.</p>
12	<p>Decision Report 7 – Original Cowpen Soldier</p> <p>Members agreed to gift the sculpture of the original Cowpen Soldier to the Blyth Battery where it will be displayed indoors.</p>
13	<p>Parking on Pavements</p> <p>This agenda item was deferred until the next Environment Committee.</p>
14	<p>Delegation Actions Report</p> <p>There are no delegated actions to report.</p>
15	<p>Information Report</p> <p>Members noted the information report with regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotments 2. Play Areas 3. Bins 4. Bus Shelters

	<p>5. Speed Sensors 6. Sculptures 7. Flagpole</p>
16	<p>Special Allotment Issues</p> <p>There were no specific allotment issues.</p>
17	<p>Enforcement</p> <p>Members noted the information contained in the following reports. Councillor Watson declared an interest.</p> <p>1. June 2021 2. July 2021 3. August 2021</p>
18	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
19	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Environment Committee will take place on Thursday 9 December 2021 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Allotment holders question session starts at 6.00pm and will be directly followed by the Committee meeting.</p>

Members of the Environment Committee

Councillors:

K Nisbet (Chair)
M Richardson (Vice Chair)
A Barrass
A Cartie
B Erskine
C Humphrey
C Jones
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J Reid
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W Taylor
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