



Minutes of the Partnership Board held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 25 July 2023, in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House

Board Members Present: Cllr K Nisbet (Chair), W Taylor (Mayor) A Cartie, J Potts, JG Davey, D Carr, S Stanger.

Councillors Present: M Richardson

Officers: J Hughes Town Clerk, D Clough, General Service Officer.

Consultant: P Kemp

Northumberland County Council: G Gavin HNS NCC, S Wardle Divisional Manager NCC, R Wealleans NCC Area Manager, W Robson, Senior Team Leader (Blyth)

MINUTES

1	Apologies A, Cartie and JG Davey,
2	Minutes of the Partnership Board held on 18 April 2023 The minutes were noted as a true record.
3	Matters Arising from the minutes (not covered by the agenda) No matters arising
4	Reports
4.1	Manager Report ; The report was accepted and RW highlighted the issues that have arisen with the grass cutting programme.
4.2	Core Financial; accepted as true record

4.3	BTC Financial Report; accepted as true record
4.4	<p>Senior Team Leaders Report; accepted as a true record</p> <p>Cllr Potts asked if the Fly Tipping figures have increased. RW replied that figures are consistent over the period. Cllr Nisbet informed the meeting that there had been an increase in the number of three-piece suites in her area and because of the deployable cameras the issues have been shifted to other areas. Hopefully the new cameras will pick some of the culprits up.</p> <p>Cllr D Carr asked if anyone had been caught on the cameras, at this time they have just been deployed and the stats from Enforcement will show any fines that area issued by Enforcement.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor informed the meeting while walking around estates in his Ward he had discussions with residents who had noticed the cuts have gone from ten days to being further apart.</p> <p>Cllr Nisbet asked if the open spaces in front of Social Housing were still being cut and used Seafield Street as an example. RW advised that all social Housing is cut and the team are actually cutting in that area today.</p> <p>Cllr Richardson as an observer asked a question which the Chair agreed to allow regarding weeds. Cllr Richardson had sent an email to R Wealleans three weeks ago and as yet had not received a response which will be looked into.</p> <p>G Gavin thanked the BTC Officers for picking the varieties of bedding that have been used in the planters etc which are starting to give some great displays.</p>
4.5	<p>Decision report Wildflowers</p> <p>The board agreed to the revised cost £1640.00 for the reseeded of the wildflower beds in spring 2024 Budget code 710 NCC & BTC Partnership – Projects & Maintenance</p>
4.6	<p>The Actions that were highlighted in the report have been carried out by officers.</p>
4.7	<p>Information Report (read only)</p>

5	A.O.B None
6	Date & Time of next Meeting Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 10 am this is the Partnership Board breakfast meeting

Members of the Partnership Board

K Nisbet (Chair)

W Taylor

J Potts

A Cartie

G Davey

S Stanger

D Carr

D CLOUGH

General Service Officer

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