



**Minutes of the Partnership Board held at 10.00 am on Tuesday 16 April 2024, in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House**

**Board Members Present: Cllr K Nisbet (Chair), A Cartie, J Potts, W Taylor, G Davey.**

**Councillors Present:** M Richardson

**Officers:** J Hughes, Town Clerk, E Brown, Principal Officer, D Clough, General Service Officer, J Russell, General Service Assistant.

**Consultant:** P Kemp

**Northumberland County Council:** S Wardle NCC Divisional Area Manager R Weallean NCC Area Manager, W Robson, Senior Team Leader (Blyth)

**MINUTES**

<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> S Stanger
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Partnership Board held on 30 January 2024</b>  The minutes were noted as a true record.
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the minutes (not covered by the agenda)</b>  None
<b>4</b>	Reports
<b>4.1</b>	R W Some grass areas have been cut, inspections have been carried out by officers who have agreed some areas are still too wet for machines to travel on  K.N raised a point regarding weeds on the North Farm Estates asking if they could be dealt with.

<p><b>4.2</b></p>	<p>R W also informed the meeting that it was taking the larger Mechanical sweeper 6-8 weeks to complete a route</p> <p>JP Enquired about the bus shelters on the Bus Station</p> <p>RW informed the meeting that he was awaiting quotations for the lance extensions to get the roofs of the shelters cleansed</p> <p>Core Financial; accepted as true record and there is a rebate of £11697 being made to BTC.</p> <p>JP enquired about the overtime RW explained how that was as high.</p> <p>GD asked how many cuts had been lost because of the wet conditions.</p> <p>WR responded to the question that possibly 4 cuts had been lost.</p>
<p><b>4.3</b></p>	<p>WR reported that all the seasonal posts had been filled but one post has been readvertised.</p>
<p><b>4.4</b></p>	<p>The 1<sup>st</sup> cut on the gateway edges has been completed. From 16/04/2024 the team will be moving into the residential areas Chase Farm/ Cowpen.</p> <p>The plants for the Sensory Graden are ordered and will be planted up when delivered in plenty of time for the D Day celebration.</p>
<p><b>4.4</b></p>	<p>Officer Negotiation Meeting 6-3-24 Accepted as Read</p>
<p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p>Members Negotiation Meeting 26-03-24 Accepted as Read</p>
<p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p>WT asked had anything been resolved regarding the maintenance and management on Bowes Street</p>
<p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p>GSO informed that as yet no response had been received from R Strettle and G Gavin was going to speak to R Strettle about the same.</p>
<p><b>4.5</b></p>	<p>KN asked for a breakdown of the work areas in Blyth. WR responded to the question.</p>

<b>4.6</b>	Information Report (read only)
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Urgent issues approved for discussion</b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p>None</p>
	<p><b>Date &amp; Time of next Meeting Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 2 pm in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House.</b></p> <p><b>A special board meeting will be held to consider the MOU agreement for year end 31/03/2025.</b></p> <p><b>The date is to be confirmed.</b></p>