



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 11 June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: W Taylor (Chair), A Cartie (Deputy Chair), A Barrass, D Carr, C Jones, K Nisbet, J R Potts, M Richardson and S Stanger.

Officers: M Wilkinson, Town Clerk, E Brown, Principal Officer, F Hotak, Committee and Research Officer.

Also Present:

Members of the Public – 0

Invited Guest(s) 0

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| 1 | Apologies for absence Councillor: J Reid |
| 2 | Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations Councillor Barrass declared an interest in item 5.5, Councillor Potts in 5.6, and Councillor Cartie in item 5.7. |
| 3 | Minutes of the previous Community Funding Sub-Committee The minutes of the 6 February 2024 meeting were noted as had previously been agreed at the Annual Council on 9 May 2024. |
| 4 | Actions arising from the Previous Minutes None |
| 5 | To consider new Applications listed below. 1. Blyth Royal British Legion 2. Blyth Resource & Initiative Centre (BRIC) 3. Blyth Tall Ship |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Blyth Rugby Football Club 5. Briardale House Youth & Community Projects Ltd 6. Isabella Community Association 7. Cowpen Quay Community Association (Buffalo Centre) 8. People and Drugs Ltd (Silx Teen Bar Youth Project) 9. ESCAPE Family Support 10. Northumberland Pride Limited t/a Pride Action North 11. Citizens Advice Northumberland 12. Holding Hearts Therapeutic Services CIC 13. Community & Voluntary Action Blyth Valley 14. Newsham and New Delaval Youth Forum 15. Blyth Spartans Juniors Football Club <p>The Chairman outlined the above applications, noting the receipt of supporting information. The applications were considered carefully by the members.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>There were no delegated actions since the previous meeting.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Part II</p> <p>Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Discussion and Decisions regarding Funding Applications</p> <p>Members further discussed the individual applications and the following grant payments were agreed.</p> |

1. Blyth Royal British Legion was approved funding of £ 400 to support with the costs of marching band to lead parade to cenotaph for Remembrance services.
2. Blyth Resource & Initiative Centre (BRIC) was approved funding of £5,000 to contribute to the costs of employability tutor who manages drop-in services to support job search applicants and online assessments.
3. Blyth Tall Ship was approved funding of £ 10,000 to contribute to the cost of shipwright carpenter to run sessions and oversee the health and safety of volunteers.
4. Blyth Rugby Football Club was approved funding of £ 5,000 to upgrade the third training pitch in the Southwest corner of the site with lighting to create an all-year training pitch. This funding would be conditional of evidence of planning permission approval being provided.
5. Briardale House Youth & Community Projects Ltd was approved funding of £ 5,000 to employ a member of staff to facilitate older persons activities. Cllr Barras withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.
6. Isabella Community Association was approved funding of £4,875 to offer local people free hot dinner once per week (Every Friday between 12.15 pm and 12:45 pm). Councillor Potts withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item. It was agreed that further information should be requested for this type of scheme in the future to ensure that a filtering system be included so that those more in need would benefit from the funding.
7. Cowpen Quay Community Association (Buffalo Centre) was approved funding of £ 5,000 to replace windows on the lower floor of the building to provide increased energy efficiency, reduce noise pollution, and improve security. Councillor Cartie withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this item.
8. People and Drugs Ltd (Silx Teen Bar Youth Project) was approved funding of £ 5,000 to contribute to the costs associated with evening provision in the Teen Bar.
9. ESCAPE Family Support was approved funding of £ 5,000 to support the costs of two sessional workers to support the Family Support Worker.
10. Northumberland Pride Limited t/a Pride Action North was

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| | <p>approved funding of £ 1,250 to contribute to organising and delivering a family pride event in partnership with the South East Central Family Hub.</p> <p>11. Citizens Advice Northumberland application was deferred subject to further information being provided on how much financial support has been provided from the Town/Parish Council sector in the last financial year.</p> <p>12. Holding Hearts Therapeutic Services CIC was approved funding of £ 3,450 to support them in continuing to provide the Grief Youth Group to bereaved children and young people in Blyth.</p> <p>13. Community & Voluntary Action Blyth Valley was approved funding of £ 10,000 to contribute towards core costs to enable the CVA to continue to provide services free of charge for the benefit of community groups delivering services in Blyth.</p> <p>14. Newsham and New Delaval Youth Forum was approved funding of £10,000 to contribute towards salaries of the Senior Youth Worker and three part-time workers.</p> <p>15. Blyth Spartans Juniors Football Club was approved funding of £5,000 to contribute to installation of specialist reinforced rebound fencing behind each goal at the Wensleydale pitch.</p> <p>A total of £74,975 was approved for the above-mentioned organisations and groups.</p> <p>The meetings closed at 7.50pm</p> |
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The above Sub-Committee is delegated with the management and development of the council's grant scheme and has the power to resolve any individual applications **without** recourse to the standing Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FUNDING SUB COMMITTEE:

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| W Taylor (Chair) | K Nisbet |
| A Cartie (Vice Chair) | J R Potts |
| A Barrass | J Reid |
| D Carr | M Richardson |
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