



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee held at 18:30 on Thursday 27 June 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: W Taylor (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), D Carr, G Davey, B Erskine, C Jones, and J R Potts.

Also Present: 0

Officers:

M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), E Brown (Principal Officer), F Hotak (Committee and Research Officer)

Invited Guest(s) – 0

Members of the Public - 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: A Barrass, S Davey, C Humphrey, K Nisbet, M Robson, and S Stanger.
2	Disclosure of Interest and Grants of Dispensation None.
3	Minutes of the previous Community Development Committee The minutes of the Committee meeting held 6 February 2024 were agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Council held 9 May 2024.

4	<p>Actions arising from Previous Minutes</p> <p>None.</p>
5	<p>Community Development Budget Monitoring Report</p> <p>The Community Development Budget Monitoring Report was presented by the Town Clerk and members of the committee were briefed about the status of the Community Development budget noting that following the publishing of the report a sum of £7500 had been received as a neighbourhood planning grant, and that income was still pending for Blyth Live.</p>
6	<p>Decision Report</p> <p>Blyth Valley Trust for Youth Members considered the report and further information provided by Cllr Taylor who was a former trustee of the charity. Following discussion, members agreed to recommend to Council becoming a trustee and amending the beneficiary areas to Blyth only. The matter of Town Council representation on the charity was deferred, for officers to present options for Council to consider and approve.</p>
7	<p>To consider deferred applications for the Community Grant</p> <p>7.1 Northumberland Citizens Advice 7.2 Friends of LV 50 The Chairman outlined the above applications, noting the receipt of supporting information. The applications were considered carefully by the members.</p>
8	<p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>none</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Potts informed the Committee of the Northumberland County Committee 'Larger Council Forum' that would be holding an inaugural meeting at County Hall on Wednesday 10 July. Two representatives of the Council were invited to attend. Agreed that Cllr Taylor and the Principal Officer attend.</p>
10	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p>

	The next meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Thursday 26 September 2024 at 18:30.
11	<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>
12	<p>Discussion and decisions regarding funding</p> <p>Members further discussed the individual deferred applications and the following grant payments were agreed.</p> <p>12.1 Northumberland Citizens Advice Members agreed to approve £5,000 to contribute toward the provision of services within Blyth to be used to support the management and supervision staffing costs for their Blyth office.</p> <p>12.2 Friends of LV 50 Members agreed to approve £3,950 for Friends of LV 50 to contribute towards converting two existing manuscripts; 'Blyth's Lightship' and 'Seven Stones to Blyth; a lightship man's journey' to become audio books available for all and in particular for those with reading difficulties and disabilities.</p>

Members of Community Development Committee

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