Council Meeting Agenda

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

To MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** to be held on **Tuesday 24 November 2026** at **6pm** in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS

Issued by Malcolm Wilkinson, Town Clerk, on 17 November 2026.

Agenda Items

1. Teams meeting with National Grid

2. Welcome and apologies

3. Declarations of interest

4. Approval of previous minutes
   The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 September 2026 were approved at the Meeting of Blyth Town Council held on 15 October 2026.

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

6. Community Development budget monitoring report 2026/27

7. Strategic objective interim report for Community Development Committee
   The Committee is recommended to note the emerging consultation findings relevant to its service responsibilities.
   The Committee RESOLVE to agree the trial of an electronic monthly newsletter.

8. Seaside telescope
   The Committee RESOLVE to agree to:

   - *Accept the seaside telescope as a Town Council asset, subject to the necessary permissions being obtained.*
   - *Delegate to Officers responsibility for the final location and installation arrangement in consultation with Northumberland County Council, should the telescope be accepted as an asset and purchased.*

- *Support Groundworks NE with the installation of their telescope on Commissioners Quay and accept ownership if their project is supported by Councillors MLIS funding.*

9. Blue Heritage Plaque Nomination
   To consider the nomination of The Buffalo to receive a Blue Heritage Plaque and RESOLVE to agree the award of Blue Heritage status.

10. Blyth Market
    It is recommended that Members do not pursue the transfer of operational responsibility for Blyth Market at this time, given the significant financial commitment, limited existing trader base, operational constraints and uncertainty surrounding future growth. Instead, BTC should continue work to explore alternative, lower-risk opportunities to support and revitalise the market.

11. Community Development Budget 2027/28

12. Date of next meeting
    The next Meeting of the Community Development Committee be held on Tuesday 16 February 2027 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House.

13. PART II (if required)
    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.

Councillors

M Peart (Chair)
D Nicholson (Vice Chair)
R A Baker
D Campbell
D Carr
A Cartie
B W Elliott
T E Elliott
B Erskine
D Johnson
K Nisbet MBE
N Rolls
D Swinhoe