# BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee held on Tuesday 10 November 2026 in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS which commenced at 6:30pm.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** M Peart (Chair), N Rolls (Vice Chair), D Campbell, D Carr, BW Elliott, TE Elliott, D Johnson, D Nicholson, and K Nisbet MBE

**Officers:** E Brown (Deputy Town Clerk), H Gregory (Community Engagement Assistant), and E Mullen (Democratic Services Officer)

**Members of the Public – 3** **Invited Guest(s) – 0**

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| **1** | **Apologies for absence**<br><br>Apologies were received from Cllr D Swinhoe. |
| **2** | **Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations**<br><br>It was noted that Cllrs Carr and Rolls sit on the Community Chest at Northumberland County Council. |
| **3** | **Minutes of the previous Community Funding Sub Committee**<br><br>The minutes of the previous Community Funding Sub Committee meeting held on 8 September 2026 were agreed as a true record at the Meeting of Blyth Town Council held 15 October 2026. |
| **4** | **To consider new applications for the Community Funding:**<br>Members discussed the individual applications. As members of St Cuthbert's Church were present at the meeting, the Chair agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda. The following grant payments were considered:<br><br>**8. St Cuthbert's Church**<br>It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local |

Government Act 1972. S.137 to support the application for their Christmas Tree event with a grant of £1,000.

Members of St Cuthbert's Church thanked members for supporting their application and extended an invitation for all Members to attend their event.

**1. Blyth Battery**
It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, s.137 to support the application for costs towards Blyth Battery Goes to War with a grant of £5,000.

**2. Blyth Cricket Club**
It was noted that Cllr Swinhoe had offered £200 of his Small Schemes Funding to support this project.

It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. S.19 to support the application by purchasing the batting cage at £1,950 and gifting it to Blyth Cricket Club and a grant of £2,211.04 towards the shed and paving. It was noted that Cllr Swinhoe was also supporting this with £200 from his Small Schemes to make up the total requested.

**3. Blyth Riverside Community Allotment**
It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972. S.137 to support the application for costs towards equipment for the continued development of their community allotment with a grant of £3,000.

**4. Headway Arts**
It was RESOLVED to move this item to Part II of the meeting.

**5. Isabella Community Association**
It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972. S.137 to support the application for new tables and chairs and for Blyth Town Council to purchase and gift the required tables and chairs up to a cost of £4,119.40.

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| | **6. K Street CIC**<br>It was unanimously RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972. S.137 to support the application for their 12-week pilot programme with a grant of £4,300.<br><br>**7. Loud Arts**<br>It was RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972. S.137 to support the application for Sing & Sign sessions and Voices Choir with a grant of £5,000. |
| **5** | **Delegated Actions**<br><br>There were no delegated actions since the previous meeting. |
| **6** | **Date and Time of Next Meeting**<br><br>The next meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House on **Tuesday 9 February 2026** at 6.30pm |
| **7** | **Part II**<br><br>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 was RESOLVED that it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw. |
| **8** | **Discussion and Decisions regarding Funding Applications**<br><br>Members further discussed the individual applications where it was agreed to move to Part II.<br><br>**1. Headway Arts**<br>Following discussions, it was RESOLVED not support the applications for funding to support Headway Arts' application.<br><br>Members did not see the funding of core costs as value for money when working within a limited budget when policy stated initial or short-term support for core costs only. Members would however welcome an application supporting a project. |

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| | It was proposed to recommend to Community Development Committee to amend the Community Funding policy providing further clarity on core costs. |
| | The meeting closed at 19:08pm |

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