



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 5:30pm, in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: D Swinhoe (Mayor), D Campbell, D Carr, A Cartie, BW Elliott, TE Elliott, B Erskine, D Johnson, C Jones, D Nicholson, K Nisbet MBE, M Peart, N Rolls, J Woods

Officers:

M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), E Brown (Deputy Town Clerk), H Jenner (Principal Officer), E Mullen (Democratic Services Officer)

Members of the Public: 4

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1	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and noted from Cllr RA Baker.
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations All County Councillors declared an interest.
3	Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 October 2025 for approval. RESOLVED: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 October 2025 were agreed and subsequently signed by the Chair as a true record.

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Decision Reports

4.1 Decision report – Office Accommodation

Cllr Peart introduced the motion he proposed to the Council. The Town Clerk gave a further overview of the proposal, highlighting accommodation needs for the Town Council.

Proposed: M Peart

Seconded: N Rolls

It was RESOLVED unanimously to adopt the recommendations of the report to look at the potential of alternative office accommodation, including re-introducing the Office Accommodation Working Group.

Cllr Nisbet suggested exploring the old Argos site on Church Street as a potential option for office accommodation.

4.2 Officer Meal Allowance

This motion was initially submitted by Cllr Erskine and seconded by Cllr Peart.

Cllr Erskine highlighted his request to remove the motion from the agenda to allow for further investigation. This had not been permitted as the agenda with the motion was already published. Cllr Peart expressed, that as seconder to the motion, he remained happy for the motion to be democratically debated.

Following discussion, Members voted on the motion:

For: 1

Against: 12

Abstention: 2

RESOLVED that an Officer Meal Allowance would not be introduced.

4.3 Committee Membership

The Town Clerk gave an overview of the report and political proportionality of the Council committees for information.

	A by-election for the Councillor vacancy will take place on 18 December 2025.
5	Date & Time of Next Meeting The next meeting of Full Council will be held on Thursday 8 January 2026 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Public Question Time starts at 6:00pm and Council will commence directly afterwards.

The meeting closed at 5:53pm

Members of the Council:

D Swinhoe (Mayor)	D Johnson
R A Baker (Deputy Mayor)	C Jones
D Campbell	D Nicholson
D Carr	K Nisbet MBE
A Cartie	M Peart
B W Elliott	N Rolls
T E Elliott	J Woods
B Erskine	