BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL held on Thursday 29 October at 5:30pm, in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: M Peart (Mayor), D Nicholson (Deputy Mayor), D Carr, BW Elliott, TE Elliott, B Erskine, D Johnson, K Nisbet MBE and N Rolls.

Officers:

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

Members of the Public: 0

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1	**Apologies for absence** Apologies were received and noted from Councillors RA Baker, D Campbell, A Cartie, C Jones (approved absence), and M Nicholson, D Swinhoe and J Woods.
2	**Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations** None.
3	**Minutes of the Meeting of Blyth Town Council held on 15 October 2026 for approval.** RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting of Blyth Town Council held on 15 October 2026 were agreed and subsequently signed by the Chair as a true record.
4	**Date & Time of Next Meeting**

	The next meeting of Blyth Town Council will be held on **Thursday 14 January 2026** in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House. Public Question Time begins at 6pm, and Council will commence directly after.
5	**Part II** Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960; that in view of the confidential nature of the business 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.
6	**Bus Shelter Improvement Programme Tender Decision Report** The Principal Officer gave an overview of the report and the scoring in the tender process. *Cllr Erskine entered the meeting 17:38.* Council agreed unanimously: • To award the contract for the bus shelter improvement scheme and that Officers work with the contractor as appropriate on timescales and approved solar lighting where appropriate. • To delegate Officers to explore with NCC options for using the Bus Shelter Improvement Scheme grant beyond the contractor associated costs. • If allowable, for any unused grant to be used for new installations, and to delegate Officers to select the next bus shelters from the approved list which will require replacing. • Officers produce a further report on the outcomes regarding the use of other budgeted grant/council funds and if these can be utilised alongside this program.
7	**Office Accommodation** Officers provided progress on this. Further information will be provided as and when received.
8	**Environment Appraisal Options** A presentation was delivered by the Principal Officer on the current core and enhanced arrangements. Members thanked the Principal Officer for her informative presentation.

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	Members had a comprehensive discussion about the core and enhanced services delivered by NCC. The Principal Officer will share the presentation with Members.

The meeting closed at 19:00

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