



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 22 February 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, NE24 2AS.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** K Nisbet (Chair), A Barrass, A Cartie, C Jones, J R Potts, J Reid, M Richardson, S Stanger, and A Watson.

**Also Present:** D Carr

**Officers:** J Hughes, Town Clerk, M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk and D Clough, General Services Officer.

**Invited Guests: 0                      Members of the Public: 4**

<b>Minute No</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  Councillors: B Erskine, C Humphrey, M Robson W Taylor.
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interests Grant of Dispensations</b>  None
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the Special Environment Committee held on Tuesday 6 February 2024</b>  Agreed the minutes as a true record.
<b>4</b>	<b>Actions arising from Previous Meetings</b>  The tender documents for the Axwell Drive play area have been issued.
<b>5</b>	<b>Environment Budget Monitoring Report</b>  Noted and agreed.

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Deposits for allotment sites and keys</b></p> <p>Members discussed the report and agreed that for new Council tenants:</p> <p>A deposit of £100 be collected on the commencement of the tenancy which will be returned if the plot is left in a reasonable condition at the termination of tenancy.</p> <p>A deposit of £10 for a site key be collected at the start of the tenancy and returned when the key is returned at the termination of the tenancy.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Skip allocation</b></p> <p>Members agreed to increase the allocation of skips, to 2 per year, on those sites managed by the Council.</p> <p>Members also agreed that Officers look at how the availability of skips is communicated to plot holders.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Change of Use of Skate Park</b></p> <p>Members agreed that this report be deferred to the Special Council on the 29 February 2024, when the location of the new skate park will be further discussed.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Refurbishment of Bolam Water System and Access to Lanes</b></p> <p>Members agreed to Officers going out to tender to install a new water system on the Bolam site. The cost of this will be from balances.</p> <p>The access to allotment lanes had also been discussed in Allotment Question Time where it had been agreed that a meeting be arranged with the Charman, Secretary and one member from the association along with the Chair of the Environment Committee and Officers, to discuss this matter further.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Officer Information Report – Tenth Avenue Meeting</b></p> <p>Noted</p>

<b>11</b>	<b>Officer Information Report – 24-02-22</b>  Noted
<b>12</b>	<b>Delegated Actions</b>  None
<b>13</b>	<b>Enforcement</b>  The information reports were noted.
<b>14</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>  None
<b>15</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 28 May 2024. Allotment holder question time starts at 6.00 pm and the Committee will commence directly following.
<b>16</b>	<b>Part II</b>  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.  No items discussed.

### Members of the Environment Committee

K Nisbet (Chair)	J Reid
A Barrass (Vice-Chair)	M Richardson
A Cartie	M Robson
B Erskine	S Stanger
C Humphrey	W Taylor
C Jones	A Watson
J R Potts	