



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held on Thursday 17 September 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS

This meeting will immediately follow the question session for Allotment Holders which starts at 6.00 pm and will commence once any questions have been answered or at the latest 6.20 pm.

Anyone wishing to submit a question regarding allotments can do so by emailing info@blythtowncouncil.gov.uk or Tel: **01670 361668**.

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

D Johnson (Chair)	D Nicholson
J Woods (Vice Chair)	M Nicholson
R A Baker	C Jones
D Campbell	K Nisbet MBE
D Carr	N Rolls
B W Elliott	D Swinhoe
B Erskine	

Electronic devices can be used to access Committee papers. Please ensure that mobile phones are switched to silent mode during the meeting. Members are reminded to observe the Blyth Town Council Code of Conduct.

The Council Chamber will be open to members of the public 10 minutes before the meeting is about to commence.

Please remember to sign in.

Apologies for absence shall be made directly in advance and not via a third person such as another Member at the meeting. Should a member be unable to attend the meeting, they must write to the Town Clerk with their apologies and proposal for a substitute member a minimum of 24 hours before the meeting takes place, so that the details of the substitution are made available to the Chairman. Details of substitutions will be recorded in the minutes.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Malcolm Wilkinson".

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk

Date: 10 September 2026

AGENDA

1	Apologies for Absence
2	Disclosures of Interests and Grant of Dispensations
3	Minutes of the previous Environment Committee The minutes of the previous Environment Committee meeting held 21 May 2026 were agreed at the Full Council meeting held on 16 July 2026.
4	Actions arising from previous minutes
5	Committee Budget Monitoring Report
6	Information Report To note the following reports for information: - Inclusive play provision update - Virement of funds update - Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association community garden update
7	Decision Report –Dog Park Consultation and Future Actions The Committee RESOLVE to: • note the consultation report • consider any future actions in line with the development of strategic objectives. • request officers to assess existing and planned private provision and identify whether a genuine unmet need remains; and • only if an unmet need is identified, progress indicative costing and requirements (to be agreed by Council), potential locations and external funding opportunities for a Council-supported facility.
8	Decision Report – Bus Shelter Improvement Plan Funding The Committee RESOLVE to agree: - The list of bus shelters for replacement under the North East Mayoral Strategic Authority (MSA) Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) funding scheme. - The timeline of delivery of the project.

9	Decision Report – Request for Self-Funded Standpipes The Committee RESOLVE to agree that Blyth Town Council, as the landowner, will not permit or support self-funded standpipes to be added to allotment sites.
10	Decision Report re. Permitting Cockerels on Allotment Sites The Committee RESOLVE to agree to: - Continue the custom and practice of permitting cockerels and cocks on certain allotment sites across Blyth for current tenants only, at their current number only. - Apply the tenancy agreement and allotment law consistently going forward; no incoming tenants are permitted cockerels or cocks on sites managed by Blyth Town Council (BTC) or Newsham and New Delaval Allotment Association (NNDAA). - Cockerels and cocks are permitted on sites managed by Blyth Smallholdings and Allotments Association (BHSA: Bolam, 20th Avenue and 23rd Avenue) under the current lease arrangements, running until 9 August 2030.
11	Delegated Actions There are no delegated actions to consider.
12	Date & Time of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Environment Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 8 December 2026. Allotment holder question time starts at 6.00pm and the Committee will commence directly following that.
13	Part II 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.
14	Inclusive Play Report