



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Thursday 4 October 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS

Present:

Councillors: K Nisbet (Chair), M Richardson (Vice-Chair), A Cartie, J R Potts, J Reid, M Robson, S Stanger, W Taylor, A Watson

Officers: M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk, M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk.

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Councillor C Humphrey. J Hughes, Town Clerk. D Clough, General Services Officer
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations There were no disclosures of interest.
3	Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 The minutes were noted as a true record.
4	Actions arising from previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda Item 3.1 – purchase of seats using recycled materials – options will be given at the next Environment Committee• Agenda item 4 - The Town Clerk will write to NCC to confirm the provision and liability for street furniture e.g., Bus Shelters and Seats, at the new Railway Stations within the Town(ongoing – DTC to progress)• Agenda Item 5 – Officers to carry out a full review of Notice Boards (achieved)Bolam Avenue Allotments boundary –

	change to boundary line, adding trees to the asset register (ongoing)
5	Environment Budget Monitoring Report Members noted the content of the budget monitoring report. No queries were raised.
6	Decision Report 1 – Rainbow Seats The Committee RESOLVED to agree to the replacement of 7 seats with the same number of recycled plastic seats in the vicinity of Morrisons car park. The cost will be met from NCC Councillor Nisbet’s MLIS fund. It was noted that if necessary the seats can be relocated.
7	Decision Report 2 – Gateway Signs The DTC advised that decision report was written prior to the death of Queen Elizabeth II and that the Platinum Jubilee signs have already been removed and put back to the original format. Committee RESOLVED to agree to changing the Tour of Britain signs at Broadway to depict a mixture of current events, for example Remembrance Day and Christmas, and also include a montage of photos of the Town. The estimated cost of the boards and vinyl wraps is £1,400 . The proposed images will be shared with members before the final versions are produced.
8	Decision Report 3 – Skate Park Consultation Discussion took place around the detail of the recent consultation exercise, noting that there were 163 responses which showed the vast majority being positive. The S106 panel at NCC recommended that £66,000 be allocated to BTC to help toward the skatepark on the proviso that the Council liaise with NCC and Shred the North. Members agreed it is also important to involve Silx in this process. Members RESOLVED to relocate the skate park and accept the S106 funding and associated terms of this offer from NCC in addition to contacting Silx etc. A follow up report will be submitted to members as a result of the initial consultation.

<p>9</p>	<p>Decision Report 4 – Partnership Agreement</p> <p>A discussion took place and Committee RESOLVED to agree the membership of the negotiating team. It was further agreed to the use of a consultant in the final stages of the process. The negotiating team will comprise of: The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Mayor, Chair of Environment, Chair of Governance and the General Services Office</p> <p>The final draft agreement for 2024 onwards will be submitted to the Partnership Board for agreement followed by Environment Committee and Council. Progress reports will also be provided.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Draft Service Plan</p> <p>Members RESOLVED to approve the Draft Service Plan taking into account the points raised with regard to cctv, allotment income, budget allocation for replacement of bus shelters etc.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Delegated Actions Report</p> <p>There were no delegated actions to report.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Information Report</p> <p>Members noted the contents of the report with regard to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allotments 2. Play Areas 3. Bins 4. Bus Shelters 5. Defibrillators
<p>13</p>	<p>Specific Allotment Issues</p> <p>There were no specific allotment issues.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Enforcement</p> <p>Reports are circulated on a monthly basis. Members are reminded that any queries should be raised with the Town Clerk upon receipt of the reports.</p>

15	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>South Beach Play Area</p> <p>The DTC advised that the play area will be ready for inspection on 5 October prior to signing the project off. It was noted that a photo shoot will be organised with the Mayor and all members week commencing 10 October.</p>
16	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Environment Committee will take place on Thursday 24 November 2022 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Allotment holders question time starts at 6.00 pm and will be directly followed by the Committee meeting.</p>
17	<p>Part II</p> <p>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.</p>

Members of the Environment Committee

Councillors:

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