



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby requested to attend a **Meeting of BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **Thursday 15 January 2026** in the Council Chamber, Arms Evertyne House, Quay Road, Blyth. NE24 2AS. This meeting will immediately follow Public Question Time at 6.00 pm and will commence once any questions have been answered or at the latest 6.20 pm.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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

Public Question Time will take place at **6.00 pm for a maximum of 20 minutes**. A person may ask a maximum of two questions which must be relevant to Blyth Town Council. Written questions are preferred, however, questions will be accepted at Council. No discussion or debate will take place on the question once it has been answered. Only one person will answer a question. Questions and responses will be anonymised and publicised on the Blyth Town Council website. **The Question Time procedure is available on the website by following this link** [Freedom of Information Policy](#)

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.

The deadline for receipt of an apology for absence shall be the end of office hours on the same day as the meeting. Apologies for absence shall be made directly in advance and not via a third person such as another Member at the meeting.

Malcolm Wilkinson
Town Clerk

Date: 8 January 2026

AGENDA:

1	Apologies for absence
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations
3	Mayor's Announcements
4	Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 25 November 2025 To agree the minutes as a true record.
5	Actions arising from Previous Minutes Play Areas/SEND Partnership Agreement
6	Committee Minutes to be agreed: 6.1 – Community Funding Sub-Committee 11 November 2025 6.2 – Community Development Committee 25 November 2025 6.3 – Environment Committee 9 December 2025 6.4 – Governance Committee 6 January 2026
7	Blyth Trust for Youth To note the minutes from the Blyth Trust for Youth meeting which took place on 6 January 2026 and agree the recommendation.
8	New Membership Proposals To RESOLVE The new membership proposals to committees following December 2025's by-election results.
9	Internal Audit Report To note the Internal Audit Report, originally presented to Governance Committee on 6 January 2025.
10	Decision Report - Budget & Precept 2026/27 To RESOLVE to agree the Council budget, and precept, for the 2026/27 financial year.

11	<p>Council Policies</p> <p>To RESOLVE to agree the reviewed Council Policies</p> <p>11.1 Standing Orders (with inclusion of 3i and 4v as agreed in the meeting)</p> <p>11.2 Data Protection Policy</p> <p>11.3 Freedom of Information Policy</p> <p>11.4 IT Policy</p> <p>11.5 Risk Management</p> <p>11.6 Investment Strategy</p> <p>11.7 Mayoral Handbook</p>
12	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of Full Council will be held on Thursday 14 May 2026 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everyne House. Public Question Time starts at 6.00 pm and Council will commence directly afterwards.</p>
13	<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>
14	<p>Good Citizen's Award</p> <p>To consider and RESOLVE the submitted nomination for a Good Citizen's Award.</p>
15	<p>Independent Examiner</p> <p>To consider the appointment of an Independent Examiner</p>