



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Full Council held at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 13 February 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: W Taylor (Mayor), D Carr, A Cartie, G Davey, S Davey, K Nisbet, J R Potts, J Reid, M Richardson, M Robson, S Stanger, A Watson.

Officers: J Hughes, Town Clerk, Malcolm Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk.

Also Present:

Members of the Public: 0

Invited Guest(s): 1

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1	Apologies for Absence Councillors: A Barrass (Deputy Mayor), C Humphrey, C Jones.
2	Disclosure of Interests and the Grant of any Dispensations None.
3	Minutes of Full Council 11 January 2024 The minutes were noted as a true record.
4.	Actions outstanding from Previous Minutes There were no outstanding actions to consider.

5.1	<p>Mayor’s Announcements – Ship’s Bell</p> <p>The Mayor reminded Members that the presentation of the bell from HMS Blyth will be presented to the Council on the 14 March at a Royal Navy event at Bede Academy.</p>
5.2	<p>Mayor’s Announcements – Skate Park Update</p> <p>The Mayor reported very fully about the meeting with residents on the 7th February, painting a picture of the feelings of the people who attended the meeting. The main concerns raised were regarding the consultation exercise, condition of other skate parks in the town, existing levels of ASB in the area, possible other locations and previous promises made by other organisations pre 2009 of methods to tackle ASB.</p> <p>Dave Apomah, Shred The North, spoke about the benefits of the area, the positive responses received from the consultation exercise, and the steps that could be taken to address ASB, as he had experienced when introducing previous projects elsewhere.</p> <p>The Police gave feedback on the current and previously few complaints as logged on their system, plus their planned initiatives in the Town to tackle ASB. Residents were encouraged to report all forms of ASB, as without this, the “heat maps” that are vital to tackle issues such as this, cannot reflect the actual position.</p> <p>He felt the Council needed to reflect on his report and come back to a future meeting to decide on the issue where the proposed and other location/s can be further considered.</p>
6	<p>Decision Report – Rent Abatement Request</p> <p>Members discussed the request from a few allotment holders that the Council waived the rent charge for the first 6 months of 2024/25.</p> <p>After discussion Members did not agree to changing the policy of rent collection and thereby denying this request.</p>

7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
8	<p>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Public Question Time starts at 6.00 pm and Council will commence directly afterwards.</p>

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

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Councillor D Carr
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Councillor B Erskine
Councillor C Humphrey

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