



## BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Special Full Council held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 29 February 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** W Taylor (Mayor), A Barrass (Deputy Mayor), D Carr, A Cartie, G Davey, S Davey, C Jones, J R Potts, J Reid, M Richardson, S Stanger, A Watson.

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

**Also Present:**

**Members of the Public: 3**

**Invited Guest(s): 1**

<b>Min No</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Councillors: C Humphrey, K Nisbet, M Robson,
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interests and the Grant of any Dispensations</b> None.
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Special Council 13 February 2024</b> The minutes were noted as a true record.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Actions outstanding from Previous Minutes</b> There were no outstanding actions to consider.

<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Skate Park Location</b></p> <p>The Mayor summarised the meetings held with the public on the 8 February and the Special Council on the 13 February 2024, concerning the proposed location of the new skate park. Because of the feelings against this location by some it had been agreed by the Council that a further meeting was required to discuss this matter.</p> <p>The report from the Town Clerk was discussed and a lengthy debate followed where Councillors spoke both against and for the previously agreed new location.</p> <p>A motion was moved to carry out another consultation and to base a decision upon that result. This motion was not carried.</p> <p>A motion was then moved to locate the skate park on the previously agreed site. This motion was agreed.</p>
<p><b>6.1</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Use of Current Skate Park</b></p> <p>This report had been deferred from a previous committee and depended upon the decision made in 6 above. Given that Members agreed that the proposed location be the site for the new skate park, this results in the original skate park being surplus to requirements. Potential uses were discussed as included within the report.</p> <p>Members considered these and agreed that Officers liaise with some of the groups that use this area e.g. Isabella heap volunteer’s group, Interact group, Rotakids group and a boot camp fitness group, to gather thoughts on any potential uses for this location.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Decision Report – Social Media Protocol</b></p> <p>Members discussed the suggested Protocol and agreed that it be implemented.</p>

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

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:**

Councillor W Taylor (Mayor)  
Councillor A Barrass (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor D Carr  
Councillor A Cartie  
Councillor G Davey  
Councillor S Davey  
Councillor B Erskine  
Councillor C Humphrey

Councillor C Jones  
Councillor K Nisbet  
Councillor J R Potts  
Councillor J Reid  
Councillor M Richardson  
Councillor M Robson  
Councillor S Stanger  
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