



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 10 June 2025 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Quay Road, Blyth, NE24 2AS.

Present:

Councillors: D Swinhoe (Chair), N Rolls (Vice Chair) D Campbell, D Carr, BW Elliott, D Johnson, C Jones, D Nicholson, K Nisbet MBE, and M Peart.

Officers: M Wilkinson, Town Clerk and E Brown, Deputy Town Clerk

Also Present: Cllr R A Baker and Cllr T E Elliott (Part).

Members of the Public – 1

Invited Guest(s) 0

1	Apologies for absence None.
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations Cllrs Johnson, Nicholson, Rolls, and Swinhoe declared an interest in agenda item 3.8 being customers of the Rugby Football Club.
3	To consider new Applications listed below. 1. 8th Blyth Sea Scouts - 2. 10th Blyth Scout Group 3. Ashington & District Male Voice Choir 4. Bede Academy 5. Bede Academy 6. Blossoming Communities 7. Blyth Resource & Initiative Centre 8. Blyth Rugby Football Club 9. Blyth Tall Ships 10. Boxing Well 11. Cowpen Quay Association 12. CVA Blyth Valley 13. Headway Arts

	<p>14. Holding Hearts CIC 15. Marine Medical Social Prescribers 16. Pheonix Theatre 17. Silx</p> <p>The Chairman presented the above applications. Members discussed them and carefully considered them.</p>
4	<p>Delegated Actions</p> <p>There were no delegated actions since the previous meeting.</p>
5	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Community Funding Sub Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House on Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 6.30 pm</p>
6	<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 was RESOLVED that it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded, and they were instructed to withdraw.</p>
7	<p>Discussion and Decisions regarding Funding Applications</p> <p>Members further discussed the individual applications and the following grant payments were agreed:</p> <p>1. 8th Blyth Sea Scouts RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976, section 19 to support the application for the purchase of the camping equipment to the gross value of £4947.10. The Town Council would purchase the equipment and gift it.</p> <p>2. 10th Blyth Scout Group RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976, section 19 to support the application for the purchase of the 8 x paddleboard packages to the gross value of £3200. The Town Council would purchase the equipment and gift it.</p>

	<p>3. Ashington & District Male Voice Choir RESOLVED to defer the application pending clarification on the funding already received for uniforms and whether any funding has been applied for from other Town Councils.</p> <p>4. Bede Academy RESOLVED not to support the community event.</p> <p>5. Bede Academy RESOLVED this application be deferred pending clarification on whether this would be classed as double taxation. Should double taxation be ruled out it was delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to authorise a contribution of £4105 to support the reflection garden pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137.</p> <p>RESOLVED to suspend standing orders at the meeting had exceeded 1.5 hours.</p> <p>6. Blossoming Communities RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to support running costs of the weekly sessions with a grant of £5000.</p> <p>7. Blyth Resource & Initiative Centre RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to support the functional Maths and English sessions with a grant of £5000.</p> <p>8. Blyth Rugby Football Club RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976, section 19 to a grant of £5000 towards improving footways as part of significant upgrading of facilities.</p> <p>9. Blyth Tall Ships It was proposed to grant £4200; this went to the vote with 4 in favour and 6 against. RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 144 to grant £8361.60 towards accessibility improvements.</p> <p>10. Boxing Well It was proposed to grant £2885; this went to the vote with 4 in favour and 6 against. RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1976, section 19 to grant £1442.50 towards</p>
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autistic women's sessions. Participation numbers would be reviewed in 6 months' time and further consideration would be given to granting a further £1442.50.

11. Cowpen Quay Association

RESOLVED to not support the application for costs towards replacement fire exit stairs.

12. CVA Blyth Valley

RESOLVED pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to grant £5000 to continue to support local groups and invite a further grant application in 6 months' time should additional funding still be required.

13. Headway Arts

It was proposed to grant £5000; this went to the vote with 4 in favour and 6 against.

RESOLVED to not support the application towards the running costs of the centre.

14. Holding Hearts CIC

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to grant £3450 towards the costs to providing youth grief sessions.

15. Marine Medical Social Prescribers

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to grant £1700.25 towards community wellbeing events.

16. Pheonix Theatre

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to grant £4600 towards seated dance classes.

17. Silx (People and Drugs Limited)

RESOLVED unanimously pursuant to Local Government Act 1972, section 137 to grant £10,000 towards detached youth work and evening sessions.

It was suggested that local community groups be invited to meet with the council as was done some years ago.

The meetings closed at 8.25 pm