



## **BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL (Full Council) meeting held at 6:00 pm on Thursday July 18, 2024, in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS.**

### **Present:**

**Councillors:** A Barrass (Mayor), A Cartie (Deputy Mayor), D Carr, G Davey, S Davey, B Erskine, K Nisbet, J R Potts, J Reid, M Richardson, M Robson, W Taylor, and A Watson.

### **Officers:**

M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), E Brown (Principal Officer), M F Hotak (Committee and Research Officer).

### **Members of the Public: 3**

#### **Questions from the public:**

A member of the public raised concerns about Blyth Jet ski Club and other Jet ski users, claiming that the activities are posing high risk and danger on land and in water. The resident asked three specific questions of the Town Council:

Has Northumberland County Council consulted Blyth Town Council regarding the Jet ski situation?

Has there been any Risk Assessment carried out and who is liable?

Will Blyth Town Council support moving jet skis out of south beach to another beach?

The Chair asked Cllr Taylor to respond as he had previously been included in correspondence relating to this issue. Cllr W Taylor informed that Blyth Town Council has not yet been consulted by NCC regarding jet skis. Cllr Taylor was not aware of any risk assessments and did not know who would be liable. Regarding the third question, Cllr Taylor reminded the members of the Town Council obligation to provide leadership, the desire

for a Blue Flag accreditation for environmental and safety standards at South Beach, and the aim to reduce anti-social behaviour through the Long-Term Plan for Towns. Cllr Taylor asked the Chair to call a meeting with representatives of relevant organisations to discuss further and in line with a NCC delegated decision regarding launching.

Members discussed further including concerns of lack of consultation and the need to report incidents to police.

Cllr Carr informed about the delegated decision regarding launching.

The Mayor concluded that Blyth Town Council will arrange a meeting with NCC regarding this issue.

<b>Min No</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Councillors: C Jones, S Stanger
<b>2</b>	<b>Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations</b>  None.
<b>3</b>	<b>Mayor's Announcement</b>  The Mayor briefed the members on her community involvement, and she specifically named few of the events that she attended and enjoyed, such as, The D-Day event and proclamation, Blyth Live, the Blyth Town Carnival, live music, and an event at the Glasshouse where she appreciated the talent of the young people of Bede Academy.
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on the 28 May 2024</b> to agree the minutes and a true record.  The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Actions outstanding from Previous Minutes</b>  None.
<b>5</b>	<b>Committee Minutes to be approved.</b>  5.1 Environment Committee 28 May 2024 minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.  5.2 Community Funding Sub Committee 11 June 2024 minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

	5.3 Community Development Committee 27 June 2024 minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Decision Report</b></p> <p>6.1 Review of Policies At the request of the Mayor, the Principal Officer briefed the members on the need to do an annual review of its policies and procedures. The following policies relating to the Governance were presented: Standing Orders Financial Regulations Code of Conduct Financial Risk Management CCTV Procedure</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that all suggested amendments be accepted apart from the suggested amendment in Standing Order 5.3, which would remain as previous wording.</p> <p>6.2 Blyth Valley Trust for Youth It was RESOLVED that Blyth Town Council become the Corporate Trustee for the Blyth Valley Trust for Youth. Five individuals were agreed as proposed committee members for the Trust: 1- Cllr W Taylor 2- Cllr C Jones 3- Cllr A Barrass 4- Cllr J Reid 5- Cllr B Erskine</p> <p>Principal Officer E Brown will be providing financial and administrative support.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Delegated Decision Report</b></p> <p>There are no delegated decisions to report.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>This item is only for items of information to be given to Town Councillors and for items which either the Committee Chair or Town Clerk consider to be genuinely urgent.</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING</b>

	<p>The next meeting of the Blyth Town Council will be held on Thursday 10 October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House. Public Question Time Starts at 6.00pm and Council will commence shortly afterwards.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6:58 pm</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Part II</b></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 COUNCIL:**

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A Cartie (Deputy Mayor)  
D Carr  
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B Erskine  
C Humphrey  
C Jones  
K Nisbet  
J R Potts  
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M Robson  
S Stanger  
W Taylor  
A Watson