

BILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Communications Sub Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 5th April 2022 at 11.30 am
In Meeting Room C, Billingham Library

Present: Councillor Colin Pollard
 Clare Gamble
 Ann McCoy (arrived at 11.38am)

Official: Miss Dee Smith, Town Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr J Scollen (Illness)
 Cllr G McCall (Personal)

351/21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

- Housekeeping

352/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

353/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Kevin Pitt from the Billingham Legacy Foundation attended the meeting to provide information on how the organisation was set up. Members were advised that the Town Council have always been a supporter of the Legacy Foundation but not a corporate sponsor and has never paid a subscription.

Members then considered Cllr Pollard's proposed article which includes the Legacy Foundation and agreed to use the following wording:

Billingham Town Council have supported the Billingham Legacy Foundation since inception.

354/21 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Members were asked to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2022.

Signed.....

Date

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Chairman to Billingham Town Council

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the above meeting, a copy which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

- (i) The Town Clerk advised members that the spring newsletter has now been delivered. A few queries from members of the public regarding the information on the precept have been received and answered.
- (ii) Members considered articles for the next edition of the newsletter which included an article submitted by Councillor Pollard titled 'Billingham Town Council The Early Years'.

At this point in the agenda, members unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders for 15 minutes to allow Kevin Pitt to speak about the Billingham Community Newspaper.

Members were advised that the newspaper was initially started by five people and once set up, a board was formed. The previous Executive Officer of the Town Council was a board member, but this was on an individual basis (not as part of the Town Council).

Councillor Gamble proposed that in the next Town Council newsletter, there would be no reference to the Billingham Community Newspaper. This was seconded by Councillor McCoy.

It was suggested that in a future edition of the newsletter, to include an article on the Billingham Legacy Foundation.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted
- b. Members agreed to withdraw the part of Councillor Pollard's article that references the Billingham Community Newspaper.

A vote was taken: 2 For, 1 against, 0 abstentions.

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COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Members were presented with the Draft Communications Strategy.

Signed.....

Date

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Chairman to Billingham Town Council

RESOLVED

To defer the strategy to a future meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12.35 pm with Councillors Pollard, Gamble and present.

Signed.....
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Chairman to Billingham Town Council

21/06/22.

Date