

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Thursday 16th September 2021 at 12.00 noon Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre, Billingham

Present Councillors: Ann McCoy (Chairman of Committee)
Helen Atkinson
Michelle Bendelow
Clare Gamble

Official: Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Gina McCall (Personal)
Cllr Sheila Smart (Personal)

105/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

106/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

107/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present and no questions received on this occasion.

A member of the public had submitted an email in respect of cooking on a budget suggesting that shops within the Town Centre e.g., green grocers and butchers could offer an in-store discount voucher/recipe bag. The Deputy Town Clerk to look into this.

108/21

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17th JUNE 2021**

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 17th June 2021, a copy which has been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

109/21

DEFIBRILATOR

Members were asked to consider a request for the installation of a defibrillator within John Whitehead Park. Location of public access defibrillators in Billingham to be identified details to appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

RESOLVED

- (i) To recommend to the next Full Council meeting on 28th September that a defibrillator be installed in John Whitehead Park.

110/21

REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

Members discussed updates on the initiatives identified in the action plan and recommendations made to the Café Management Sub Committee.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members as agreed at the Full Council meeting in July a membership application has been submitted to Dementia Friendly for Councillors to become Dementia Friends and Café in The Park to become a Dementia Friendly Café.

The Town Council will be running a gardening competition categories to include:

- Best Window Box
- Children under 11's and 11-16's
- Community Project
- Best hanging basket

Prizes, date, and judges to be confirmed. Details of the competition to be advertised in the next edition of the newsletter and BTC website.

Members discussed a visit to Lilyanne's Coffee bar in Hartlepool. The café is working with Hartlepool & Stockton Health to enable GP surgeries to prescribe a cup of coffee to patients they think are suffering from loneliness.

Every Wednesday a Social Prescribing Link Worker is on hand to help patients deal with loneliness by just chatting or encouraging them to try social clubs, classes, or sports teams.

Members considered a request from a Councillor to run a Befriending service. Members felt that this was out with the remit of the Town Council and similar services are currently operating within the Borough.

BTC website to have a dedicated Community Wellbeing page. Directory of local social and sports clubs to be uploaded to the site.

Following on from the Household Health check fortnight earlier in the year Billingham Communities will be running themed pop up session in Café in the Park. On the second Monday of every month agencies and services will be available to give support and advice to residents. Details advertised on social media. Stockton & District Advice & Information Centre to be invited to give advice following the drop in payment of £20 a week in Universal Credit and Billingham Foodbank.

The Community bookshelf is set up in the café for members of the public to borrow, swap, or donate books.

The Town Council will be running a photographic calendar competition. Photographs to depict Billingham during the seasons i.e., Summer, Spring, and Winter. The winning photographs will feature in the Town Council's corporate 2023 calendar.

The Chairman of the Council informed Members that the Town Council will be working in partnership with The Royal British Legion (Billingham Branch) to facilitate this year's Remembrance Sunday parade on Sunday 14th November at the Garden of Remembrance on Station Road.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Update on initiatives identified in the action plan to be actioned as appropriate.
- (iii) Social Prescribing Link Worker to be invited to attend next meeting.

111/21 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Members requested that this item be deferred to next year.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

112/21 HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME (HAF) 2021 – OCTOBER HALF TERM

The Summer Holidays, Activities & Food Programme provision enabled children and young people aged 5-16 years old who live in Stockton on Tees and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals to take up a place for 4 weeks of activities including a nutritious meal. The programme is funded by the Department for Education, managed by Stockton Borough Council, with Catalyst contracting and supporting providers throughout the programme. The Town Council was appointed as Lead Organisation for Area 1 working and planning with providers to facilitate activities and food within their geographical area to meet the requirements of the HAF programme.

During August the Town Council delivered a Sports in the Park provision 3 days a week which included lunch.

Stockton on Tees Borough Council Public Health Team will be funding an October half-term holiday provision and are looking for providers of activities and nutritious food during the week of 25th October – 29th October. The Town Council will be submitting an application.

Members considered a request from a Councillor for two school leavers to be employed for a Summer holiday scheme. Unfortunately, the Town Council does not have funding.

The Town Council is planning October half term activities which include a themed afternoon tea, fancy dress competition, pumpkin carving, and glitter glow party. Children will be painting poppies onto pebbles to mark Remembrance Day.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

113/21 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

The Chairman of the Council gave an update over 110 hot two course meals are delivered every Sunday to elderly residents in Billingham. Feedback received from residents has been excellent.

A free trip to Whitby for residents in receipt of a Sunday Lunch is being explored subject to external funding. Residents have been requested to complete an expression of interest form.

RESOLVED

The meeting concluded at 1.15 pm with Councillors Atkinson, Bendelow, Gamble and McCoy present.

Signed AMCC Date 28 10 21
Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee