

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the **Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Thursday 17th March 2022 at 12.00pm Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre, Billingham**

Present Councillors: Helen Atkinson (Vice Chairman of Committee)
Gina McCall
Ann McCoy (Chairman of Committee)
Maria Lacey

Official: Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Clare Gamble (Business)

In attendance: Joe Hilton – Joe Bloggs Talks and two
members of the public were also in attendance.

331/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

332/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

333/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public gave an overview of a board games group which will commence on the 7th of April in the annexe at John Whitehead Park every Thursday from 11.00am to 2.00pm.

334/21 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2022

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 24th February 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

335/21 JOE BLOGGS TALKS

Joe gave an overview of Joe Bloggs Talks which was created by two Teesside lads who have both lost friends to suicide and set up a mental health group for men. Their aim is to improve the wellbeing and mindset of men while inspiring and motivating them by providing the tools required for a positive life, filled with meaning, purpose and direction and a healthy mindset. Through books, journals, podcasts, events and more, they hope to inspire as many people as possible to improve their lives.

Joe Bloggs Talks ran their first free talk in February focused on goal setting, at Low Grange Community Centre. Guests were educated about the topic before listening to a guest speaker super heavyweight Paul Venis which included time at the end of the session for an open discussion.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

At this point Joe Hilton and one member of public left the meeting.

336/21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

The Deputy Town Clerk gave members an update on the action.

Billingham's Blooming Best gardening competition 2022 and photography competition will be launched on social media in April.

The drop in kitchen initiative to tackle food insecurity will be discussed at the next full council meeting on 22nd March 2022.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the update be noted.

**337/21 HOLIDAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (HEP) EASTER HALF TERM
HOLIDAYS 11th - 22nd April 2022**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the programme delivered by Stockton on Tees Borough Council in partnership with the Department for Education and Catalyst. We will be delivering arts and crafts, go climb and ice skating sessions at Billingham Forum. Sessions include a free nutritious meal and are available to all children and young people aged 5-16 years old who live in Stockton on Tees and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

338/21 YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

To be deferred.

RESOLVED

- (i) The committee agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of this committee in April.

339/21 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Sunday Lunch service continues to deliver a free two course hot meal consisting of a main meal and dessert for older residents of Billingham.

We continuing to receive new requests for the service direct from residents as well as referrals from other agencies.

We receive positive comments and appreciation from residents in respect of the friendly disposition of the volunteer drivers who deliver the meals each week.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.30pm with Councillors Atkinson, Lacey, McCall, McCoy and one member of public present.

Signed.....*amccg*..... Date *21 04 22*.....

Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee