

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the **Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Thursday 24th February 2022 at 2.00pm Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre, Billingham**

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

Official: Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Helen Atkinson (Business)
 Cllr Clare Gamble (Business)

288/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

289/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

290/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

**291/21 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2021**

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 18th November 2021, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

292/21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

Members reviewed progress against the action plan.

Billingham's Blooming Best 2022

The Town Council's first gardening competition has been promoted on Facebook the competition will launch in Spring. Thirteen to be contacted to see if they would like to sponsor a category. A funding application to be submitted to the Thirteen Community Fund.

Tackling loneliness/social inclusion

An initial meeting has taken place with the Social Prescribing Link Worker team, Billingham & Norton Primary Care Network to explore a drop in at Café in The Park.

A resident has contacted the Town Council to run a board games group including playing cards and dominos in the Community Hub. Members approve of this excellent idea. The resident to be invited to attend a future meeting.

A resident has set up a Billingham Wellness Walkers Group for parents with babies/toddlers to enjoy a walk around Billingham, get active, meet new people and improve mental health.

Cllr McCoy requested that Joe Bloggs Talks invited to a future meeting. Featured in the Evening Gazette this men's mental health group has been set up by two lads who have both lost friends to suicide and mental health.

Photography Competition

To be launched next month. Images to depict Billingham during the seasons and will form the Town Council corporate 2023 calendar.

Drop in kitchen

To be discussed at the next Full Council meeting. Volunteers required to run the service.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Initiatives to be actioned as above.

293/21 HOLIDAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME (HEP) FEBRUARY HALF TERM 21st to 25th FEBRUARY 2022

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council delivered arts & craft activities and funded places for children to participate in a football and multisport holiday camp at Marsh House Sports Centre. Activities were inclusive to children and young people with SEND.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

294/21 COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Stockton-on-Tees Food Power Network (SFPN) is looking for expressions of interest in developing a community pantry.

The SFPN aim to strengthen the current provision of community/eco shops which have already identified a need in supporting local communities to access affordable food.

SFPN will actively work with providers to enable them to develop their provision with funding from Stockton on Tees Borough Council, support to include Fairshare subscription, set up costs, signage, environmental health advice, training, funding to support sustainability, promotion, and marketing. The SFPN electric van can assist with the collection of surplus food from venues for transport and distribution to community pantries.

A Community Food Support Directory resource for the VCSE sector to access other organisations who provide crisis food support, specific food support, eco shops/community pantries is accessible via Catalyst website. The Town Council's Sunday Lunch service for older residents is listed in the directory.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) To visit a local Community Pantry to see how they operate.

295/21

SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

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

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

As part of student volunteering week two sixth form students volunteered their time to help at the project gaining valuable skills and experience.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 3.16 pm with Councillors Lacey, McCall, and McCoy present.

Signed.......... Date 17.03.22

Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee