

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the **Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Thursday 28th October 2021 at 12.00 noon Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre, Billingham**

Present Councillors: Ann McCoy (Chairman of Committee)
 Helen Atkinson
 Gina McCall
 Clare Gamble

Official: Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Michelle Bendelow (Personal)

170/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

171/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

172/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

**173/21 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2021**

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 16th September 2021, a copy of which has been previously circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

174/21 DEFIBRILATOR

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that following agreement at the Full Council meeting on 28th September a defibrillator is to be installed in John Whitehead Park to be mounted on the external wall of the café and connected to the café electrics. The Town Council is waiting for approval from Stockton on Tees Borough Council who own the building. Defibrillator location and step-by-step instructions on how to use a defibrillator to be displayed.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

175/21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

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

Billingham's Blooming Best

Next year, the Town Council will be launching a gardening competition open to all residents in Billingham. The categories will be:

- Best garden
- Best window box
- Best hanging basket
- Children's under 11's and 11-16 years old

The official launch will be in the Spring 2022, an article has been placed into the next edition of the newsletter so that residents can start planning and planting in preparation.

Further details will be available on the website and Facebook page in the New Year.

A representative from Billingham Environmental Link Programme (BELP) to be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the competition.

Members discussed sharing information onto the Facebook site signposting residents to services that offer help and support on topics such as safety i.e., encouraging people to attend organised firework displays and purchasing fireworks from reputable retailers. In the run up to Christmas as people start to think about how they will afford to pay for Christmas staying away from unscrupulous lenders and alternative financial services such as Tees Credit Union. The dangers of children swallowing button batteries, home safety and consumer protection arising from the supply of faulty goods and services.

A representative from Stockton on Tees Borough Council to be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the Local Area Delivery 2 (LAD2) scheme which is an initiative to provide energy efficiency measure to priority homes across Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

The Committee would like to set up a drop in kitchen on Mondays targeted at the homeless and food poverty where people in crisis can obtain soup and sandwich. The Deputy Town Clerk to contact the Foodbank Manager to discuss a referral system and the Homelessness Team Manager, Stockton on Tees Borough Council to be invited to attend the next meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.
- (ii) Update on initiatives identified in the action plan to be actioned as appropriate.

176/21 HOLIDAYS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME – OCTOBER HALF TERM

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council has successfully received £1,900 funding to provide a food and activity provision during the October Holiday Enrichment funded by the Public Health Team, Stockton on Tees Borough Council and facilitated by Catalyst. Activities included arts & crafts and working with National Elite Sports Coaching to deliver football and multi sports from Marsh House Sports and Community Centre.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

177/21 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

The Chairman of the Council advised Members that the Community Kitchen passed its Environmental Health inspection and has been awarded a five star food hygiene rating.

The service continues to receive referrals from partner agencies, adult social services, and carers.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.00 pm with Councillors Atkinson, Gamble, McCall, and McCoy present.

Signed.....AMC..... Date 18.11.21
Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee