

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the Planning & Services Committee Meeting Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 6.30 p.m. Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre

Present Councillors: Michelle Bendelow (Chair of Committee)
Clare Gamble
Gina McCall
Colin Pollard
Royce Sandbach
Jim Scollen
Jennifer Shotton

Official: Miss Vicky Lloyd – Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Ann McCoy (No apologies received)
Sandy Peebles (No apologies received)

270/21 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements on this occasion.

271/21 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

272/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

**273/21 MINUTES OF PLANNING & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
7th DECEMBER 2021**

Members were asked to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021.

RESOLVED

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

274/21 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider planning applications received for the month of December 2021.

RESOLVED

- (i) No comments to be submitted.

275/21 CAFÉ UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that throughout February & March the café will remain open Tuesday to Thursday between 10.00am to 3.00pm.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

276/21 EVENTS UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members of the following:

Billingham Carnival & Garden Show

This year's carnival will be held in John Whitehead Park on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th September. An initial meeting has taken place with Billingham Legacy Foundation Supporters Group (BLFSG). This year marks the 70th anniversary of the craft fair and BLFSG want to include a Civic Marquee and work with all schools and local craft groups across Billingham on a Queens Platinum Jubilee project artwork will be displayed in the marquee.

A Strong Women competition will be held on the Saturday, along with the traditional Strong Man competition on the Sunday.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

We are looking at an event on Thursday 2nd June within John Whitehead Park commencing at 1.00pm and finishing at 10.00pm after the national beacon lighting. Exploring the possibility of organising a picnic in the park (Big Community Lunch). A meeting will be arranged shortly to discuss plans and members are asked to submit ideas.

Holiday Enrichment Programme (HEP) – February Half Term Holidays 21st – 25th February 2022

The Town Council has been successful in obtaining funding from Public Health, Stockton on Tees Borough Council coordinated via Catalyst to provide a food and activity provision across the holidays. We will deliver holistic arts & crafts nature sessions for 72 children over three days on **Monday 21st February, Tuesday 22nd February & Wednesday 23rd February**. Sessions will be held at the Café/Community Hub at John Whitehead Park and will run from 10:30am to 12:30pm & 1:00pm to 3:00pm (age range 5 to 16 years). Spaces will be available for children under SEND. Children will receive a hot nutritious meal from the café.

Working in partnership with National Elite Sports Coaching (NESC) the Town Council will provide 100 places for children to participate in indoor football and multi sports activities at Marsh House Sports & Community Centre. Sessions will run Monday to Friday between 9.00am to 3.00pm (with an early drop off at 8am available). Spaces are available for children under SEND (age range 5-12 years). NESC will be providing snacks, drinks & lunch.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

277/21 TREES IN STOCKTON ON TEES INITIATIVE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Stockton on Tees Borough Council (SBC) in partnership with national charity Trees for Cities, has secured funding to plant 16,000 new trees over the next two winters to improve the Borough's canopy cover and help tackle 'green inequality' in more deprived areas.

Residents, schools, charities, and businesses are being invited to get involved, and community tree planting events will be held on the Saturday of each planting week between 9.30am to 11.30 am.

As well as funding for standard trees SBC has been able to acquire a number of fruit trees (a mix of (predominately) apples, pears, plums, and cherries) that could be planted at an appropriate location within our Town/Parish area. SBC will supply the fruit trees with stakes, mulch, and guards. The Town Council must commit to the maintenance of the trees essentially watering them.

We have acquired five fruit trees (apple & plum) to be planted at the front and back of the community garden. The fruit will be used for our community projects. Planting will take place at the beginning of March.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

278/21 NEWSLETTER – SPRING EDITION UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the design work for the Spring newsletter has been completed the next stage is printing and distribution.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

279/21 ROADWORKS REPORT

There were no items to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

280/21 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

There were no licensing applications to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.45 p.m. with Councillors Bendelow, Gamble, McCall, Pollard, Sandbach, Scollen and Shotton present.

Signed  Date 8/3/22
Chairman of Planning & Services Committee