

Billingham Town Council

**Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 12.30 p.m.
Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

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| Present Councillors: | Ann McCoy (Chairman) Helen Atkinson (Vice Chairman) Clare Gamble Jim Scollen Maria Lacey |
| Official: | Mrs Kate Minza, Administration Officer Ms Tracy Reece, Activities Coordinator |
| Also in attendance: | Councillor Gina McCall, Jo Radley (Billingham Team Parish) and Clare Branson (Catalyst) |
| Apologies: | None |

124/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all present.

To send a thank you to Ian Bartlett (Citizens Advice Bureau) for attending the last meeting and providing information, and to invite him to a future meeting.

125/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None on this occasion.

126/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

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

127/22

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
26th MAY 2022**

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the above meeting held on 26th May 2022, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

128/22

COMMUNITY PANTRY – Billingham Team Parish

Members considered setting up a Community Pantry to run from the Ray McCall Room in the Annexe, working in partnership with Billingham Team Parish and Catalyst. Also, to deliver batch cooking, slow cooking and pickling and preserving workshops.

At this point on the agenda Standing Orders were suspended to allow a presentation on Community Pantries from Clare Branson at Catalyst and Jo Radley from Billingham Team Parish.

RESOLVED

- a. To allocate £5000 from the Health & Wellbeing earmarked reserve budget to fund the Community Pantry, workshops, signage, and marketing, delegated to the Town Clerk and Activities Coordinator in consultation with Councillors McCoy and Gamble.
- b. To look at a storage facility in the Community Garden.

129/22

BRIGHT MINDS BIG FUTURES

This will be referred to a future meeting of this committee.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

130/22 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

Members reviewed the current action plan.

- To continue advertising the gardening and photography competitions on Facebook;
- An update was given on the Games Club taking place in the Ray McCall Room:
- To distribute Soup & Sandwich vouchers to more local organisations;
- To consider more events, projects, and activities, including a buddying scheme at Christmas, to help tackle loneliness and inclusion.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

131/22 SOUP & SANDWICH PROJECT

Councillor Atkinson gave an update on the Soup & Sandwich project currently running from the Café in the Park.

Billingham Team Parish are to donate £100 towards the project for 25 meals.

RESOLVED

- a. Information duly noted and the project to be reviewed later in the year.
- b. To distribute the vouchers to local organisations including Port Clarence.
- c. To approve £1500 from the Health & Wellbeing earmarked reserve for a blast chiller, for all the projects running in the Annexe.

132/22 HOLIDAYS ARE FUN (HAF) SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

In the absence of the Deputy Clerk, Councillor Gamble advised members that the summer programme begins on Monday 25th July. The first two weeks of the programme are full.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

133/22 YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

The Chairman advised there was no further update on this.

RESOLVED

To remove from the agenda.

134/22 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

The Activities Coordinator advised members that the service is running really well with approximately 120 meals were being delivered every Sunday. At this time, there is capacity for more meals.

There is currently a struggle with delivery drivers available and expect this to get worse throughout the summer holidays. An advertisement has been placed in the current edition of the newsletter due to go out soon.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm with Councillors Atkinson, Gamble, Lacey, McCoy and Scollen present.

Signed.....A McCoy..... Date 19.01.23
Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee