

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of the **Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 12.00 noon Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

Present Councillors: Ann McCoy (Chairman)
Helen Atkinson (Vice Chairman)
Maria Lacey (arrived at the meeting 12.20 pm)
Gina McCall

Official: Miss Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Clare Gamble (Business)
Cllr Jim Scollen (Personal)
Ms Tracy Reece (Business)

231/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all present.

232/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

233/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

There were no public present or questions raised on this occasion.

234/22

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
21st JULY 2022**

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 21st July 2022, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

235/22

REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN

Members reviewed the action plan and discussed future initiatives.

- To relaunch the amateur photographic calendar competition & Billingham's Blooming Best amateur gardening competition.
- Annexe Garden project – to promote the project encouraging community participation.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

236/22

PANTRY IN THE PARK

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Pantry in The Park officially opened on the 3rd of October 2022 and is a vital resource for the local community. The Town Council has been successful in obtaining grants of £750 from Billingham Legacy Foundation and £250 from Stockton on Tees Borough Councils Fund For Food Holiday Grant.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

237/22 SOUP & SANDWICH PROJECT

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that vouchers have been given to those who attend Pantry In the Park. Members discussed changing the voucher to a monetary value voucher so customers can select their own items from the café. Members agreed to continue with the current voucher system to be reviewed at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

238/22 WARM SPACE DIRECTORY – STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Café in the Park is participating in the Warm Spaces initiative led by Stockton on Tees Borough Council offering residents a safe and friendly place to stay warm this autumn and winter.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

239/22 HOLIDAYS ARE FUN (HAF) SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that during the December half term holidays in partnership with Iron Guidance Charity the Town Council provided places for children to enjoy Christmas inspired arts & crafts, indoor sports & fitness and a trip to Cineworld.

The next holiday activity programme is the February half term holidays. The Town Council will be providing arts & crafts sessions and working with providers for children to access multisport activities.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

240/22 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the service is running well with approximately 100 meals being delivered by volunteers every Sunday.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 1.20 pm with Councillors Atkinson, Lacey, McCall & McCoy present.

Signed.....Q McCoy..... Date 17.02.23
Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee