

## **Billingham Town Council**

### **Minutes of the **Community Wellbeing** Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 12.30pm Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

**Present Councillors:**

Helen Atkinson (Vice Chair of Committee)  
Ann McCoy (Chair of Committee)  
Gina McCall  
Jim Scollen

**Official:**

Miss Vicky Lloyd, Deputy Town Clerk  
Ms Tracy Reece, Business Support Manager

**Apologies:**

Cllr Maria Lacey (Personal)

#### **401/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed all present. The usual rules about housekeeping were made.

#### **402/22 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### **403/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

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

 17/05/23 .

#### **404/22 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

#### **405/22 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN**

Members discussed initiatives within the action plan.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that in respect of the competitions the Town Council is running some entries have been submitted for the calendar photography competition. Residents have been calling at the office to collect sunflower seeds for planting.

Competitions will close on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, judging will take place the first week of September by the committee and to invite a representative from Billingham Environmental Link Programme to be on the panel.

Working in partnership with Billingham Community Project a men's group has been set up in the annexe on Friday mornings "The Man Cave".

The Business Support Manager advised members that the next stage of the community garden project is to paint the fence, lay turf and planting. Two volunteers are engaged in the project.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that a member of the sports and active life team at Stockton on Tees Borough Council has been invited to attend a future meeting to give an overview of initiatives for adult fitness within the Borough.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

#### **406/22 PANTRY IN THE PARK**

The Business Support Manager advised members that due to the Easter bank holiday the pantry changed its day to Tuesday users accessing the service was lower than expected. There are no referral criteria for the pantry which is open to everyone.

Cllr McCoy informed members that at the Full Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 members approved the transfer of £5000 from Earmarked reserves (community lunch) to the food pantry.

The Deputy Town Clerk expressed her appreciation to Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Bendelow who help at the pantry on a Monday.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

#### **407/22 SOUP & SANDWICH**

The Business Support Manager advised members that the service is going well. Members agreed to continue with the vouchers which are handed out at the pantry on a Monday. Homemade soup is being provided by Billingham Community Project. To look at an alternative option for summer.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

#### **408/22 HOLIDAY ENRICHMENT FUND**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the Town Council was unsuccessful with its grant application to provide activities for the May half term holidays. However, we are working on a submission for the October and February holidays.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

#### **409/22 SUNDAY LUNCH SERVICE**

The Business Support Manager advised members that the service was cancelled on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April due to a leak in the kitchen ceiling which posed a health and safety risk for staff to be on-site. Also, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April due to it becoming increasingly difficult to source volunteer drivers to deliver the lunches.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted.

**The meeting concluded at 1.10pm with Councillors Atkinson, McCall, McCoy and Scollen present.**

**Signed..... Date .....**  
**Chairman of Community Wellbeing Committee**