

Billingham Town Council

**Minutes of Services & Engagement Committee Meeting
Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 5.30 p.m.
Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

Present Councillors: Cllr Helen Atkinson
Cllr Michelle Bendelow (Chair of Committee)
Cllr Gareth Hedley (Vice Chair of Committee)
Cllr Maria Lacey
Cllr Michael Shotton
Cllr Mick Stoker

Official: Miss Vicky Lloyd – Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Clare Gamble (No apologies received)

120/23 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

121/23 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

122/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

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

**123/23 MINUTES OF SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2023**

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the above meeting held on 17th October 2023, a copy of which has been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

124/23 EVENTS UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk gave members an overview of the town councils recent and upcoming events.

Billingham Remembrance Parade

Working in partnership with the Royal British Legion (Billingham Branch) the Town Council delivered the annual remembrance parade and service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph on Station Road on Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas Lights Switch On

This years annual Christmas lights switch on in Billingham Town Centre is on Saturday 25th November between 4pm till 5pm. Singing Sue's Vocal Academy will be performing traditional Christmas carols and light Christmas songs around the tree at 4pm culminating in the light switch on at 5.00pm by the cast of Jack & The Beanstalk and our Christmas competition winner.

Christmas Family Fun at St Aidan's

The Town Council is holding a Christmas family fun event at St Aidan's Church Hall on Saturday 2nd December between 11am till 2pm. The event will include festive food and refreshments, arts & crafts, facepainting, Christmas stalls, giant snow globe photo opportunity and visit to Santa.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

125/23 SERVICES UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a verbal update on Café in the Park, Pantry in the Park, Soup & Sandwich Project and Sunday Lunch Service.

Café in the Park

The full café service will reopen for Easter 2024. Regular groups continue to run, and we look forward to welcoming new groups. As the cold weather approaches, we will continue with our community space previously known as warm space.

Food Pantry

The last pantry prior to Christmas will be Monday 18th of December. Members agreed that the next pantry following the Christmas holidays will be Monday 8th January.

Soup & Sandwich project

Soup and a sandwich are still available to those who attend the pantry.

Sunday Lunch Service

The service will be discussed on the agenda at the next full council meeting on the 28th of November.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

126/23 NEWSLETTER

Members agreed that the next edition of the newsletter will be February. Christmas events have been advertised on social media and featured in Stockton on Tees News.

RESOLVED

- (i) Information duly noted.

127/23 CALENDAR

Members agreed to defer the calendar until next year due to difficulties with production.

RESOLVED

(ii) Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.20p.m. with Councillors Atkinson, Bendelow, Hedley, Lacey, Shotton & Stoker present.

Signed  Date
Chairman of Services & Engagement Committee