

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
10th November 2014 at 2pm
West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE

Present:	Councillors	C Little C Akeroyd D Prestwich K Henshaw V Settle E Nash	Chairman ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn H Kennedy	Community Development Manager Promotion & Event Officer
	Members of the public		0

269/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Willder and Mackenzie.

270/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

271/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2014 be approved.

272/14 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2014

The Promotion & Events Officer reported that arrangements were now complete and a running order with timings would be issued to Members. The car park closure has been requested and neighbouring businesses informed by letter. A new costume has been ordered for David Wood and the sleigh borrowed from Lytham Round Table was to be collected the day before the event. Press releases would be sent out in the next few weeks as a countdown to the event. The Pavilion Cafe plan to have a mini funfair for children, in Ashton Gardens, after the switch on event had taken place.

273/14 TOWN MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE

Councillor Nash provided some details about the proposed plans for his Carol Service at the Parish Church on 5th December. The service starts at 7 pm. Tickets and posters have already been printed and tickets are £4 each, with admission free for children. On arrival each person will receive a ticket for a prize draw for a hamper as part of the admission. Refreshments are being provided by local businesses.

274/14 KITE FESTIVAL 2015

Councillor Settle reported that all of the planning is progressing smoothly at this early stage. Arts Council funding has been applied for which would pay for further items such as samba bands and

costume making workshops activities in schools. This is part of a plan to have more going on during the Festival and attract more visitors. There are also aspirations to extend into a month-long festival throughout the duration of the school holidays; this would obviously be subject to funding but at the moment was at discussion stage.

275/14 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

Both Blundell Road and Shepherd Road sites achieved Neighbourhood Awards at the 'Outstanding' level at North West In Bloom last month. This is the third time for Blundell Road. This reflects well on all those involved including the Town Council for the ways in which its allotments are organised and managed.

Plot lettings are ongoing and the current waiting list stands at 17. Regular publicity is given via the Town Council newsletter.

Working parties will be introduced at Blundell Road to keep plot holders involved with the management and upkeep of the site and communal facilities there.

A Halloween event was held at Shepherd road but no bonfire following problems last year; instead there was a large display of pumpkins grown by plot holders.

Some theft has been reported at Blundell Road involving metal items and the police have been notified and will increase their patrols.

276/14 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

The **Gold award** won by St Anne's for the first time ever, was the main news from In Bloom. This is the result of increased community involvement and pride across the town since the organisation was re-vamped recently.

Various organisations in the town collected Neighbourhood awards, including the allotment sites, Supporters of Ashton Gardens, Hope Street Park and St Anne's Beachcare. A Clean Sweep award was also collect; this is largely down to the Fylde Borough Council litter pickers and street cleaners' efforts in all weathers to keep the town tidy.

In Bloom members and volunteers planted over 3000 spring flowering bulbs along Queensway as a continuation of bulb planting in this area, which started last year. It's hoped the 3500 bulbs planted last year should now have doubled and an impressive display will be the result in 2015.

Planters in the Headroomgate and Lord Derby areas have had a makeover and will add much needed colour with their winter-flowering bedding and spring bulbs over the next few months.

A 'Thank you' evening was held at Clifton Memorial Housing for all volunteers and organisations involved with In Bloom and was well attended. The event provided an opportunity for everyone to be appreciated for their efforts and for some of the Neighbourhood awards to be re-presented to the winning community organisations.

RESOLVED **That the Community Development Manager contact Cllr Ford to discuss formal recognition of the street cleaning and Street Reps at a separate event and street signage to mark the achievements.**

277/14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee would be held at West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE on **Monday 19th January 2015 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
19th January 2015