

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 18th April 2016, 2pm
West Lodge, 5 St George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE.

Present: Councillors C Little - Chairman
 V Willder
 K Henshaw
 C Akeroyd

 Officers S Dunn Community Development Manager

094/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Neale.

095/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

096/16 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2016 be approved.

097/16 **THE LATE DAVID WOOD**

At the request of the Chairman, a minute's silence was observed before the meeting in memory of the late David Wood who was a longstanding supporter of the Town Council and its events.

098/16 **RNLI CONCERT / HM THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY**

This event is now confirmed for Saturday 11th June at the RNLI boat house, South Promenade. A concert by Fylde Concert Orchestra will take place from 2 – 4 pm.

Admission to the concert will be free with donations welcome to RNLI.

Refreshments will be on sale courtesy of the Carnival Committee and proceeds will go to their charity.

Bunting will be put up at the boat house if the RNLI crew are able to accommodate this request.

Official invitations will be arranged by the Town Council.

RESOLVED a. That invitations will be arranged on behalf of the Town Mayor.
b. That small flags will be purchased for use at this event.

099/16 **KITE FESTIVAL 2016**

Preparations continue for this year's Kite Festival including a flying arena specifically for the world's largest kite which will be flown north of the pier, away from the main arenas which are to the south.

A reception is to be held at the Town Hall to greet the Kuwaiti team on Thursday or Friday immediately before the Festival weekend.

Hopeful & Glorious are organising a craft fair which will be held in The Palace.
A further meeting for the Kite Festival takes place on 26th May at the Town Council offices.

100/16 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

This year's Switch On will take place on November 26th 2016.
AKS school have been asked to provide some of the entertainment through their 'Unplugged' group. The pantomime production from Lowther Pavilion will be invited to take part.
All activities will take place within the boundaries of the car park. There is to be no road closure for the lantern parade this year so that focus can remain on the stage area and events there.

RESOLVED **That the progress of the Switch On event is noted and all actions agreed and supported.**

101/16 ST. ANNE'S ON THE SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Ford had provided a report on this item:

A refresh of the Peace and Sensory Garden near the Pier is planned using funding from the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme. The In Bloom group, in conjunction with Fylde Borough Council staff successfully secured £8,000 to improve the gardens which are to be renamed the Peace and Happiness Garden. Humorous quotes will be added to cheer visitors up. Whilst still in the early stages, the main intention is to provide more robust planting schemes which can cope with the seaside location and conditions.

A new trailer for the In Bloom work has been purchased thanks to a grant from Fylde's Community Projects Fund. It will be fitted with signage and officially presented to the group by Fylde's Mayor Peter Hardy in early May.

The daffodils planted on Queensway have provided a fantastic show of colour this spring and the group's planting has really paid off. The In Bloom volunteers are now considering a similar planting scheme on the opposite side of the road adjacent to the footpath / cycleway at the end of this year.

St Anne's station has also received considerable attention including extra half barrel planters and a forecourt "spring clean". Northern Rail provided some funding and the new franchisee Arriva will be giving some money to the station's Friends groups. St Anne's station has also been entered for an "It's Your Neighbourhood" award to be judged in late July.

Business links are still sought and Guy Penn insurance have now agreed to sponsor two of the planters on the railings next to the town's major bus stops on Clifton Drive North. Soper's are also continuing their support in the same area.

"Change, Grow, Live" – a charity formerly known as Inspire have sought help from In Bloom to restore a derelict garden at the Paterson Centre on St Alban's Road. This improvement work is ongoing and once refurbished the garden will be used to grow vegetables for those who are being supported by the charity.

Volunteer time was analysed as part of a bid for funding and it was calculated that a staggering 900+ hours are contributed by In Bloom volunteers in a year. This would equate to £6500 worth of work based on minimum wage levels.

Garden Street shops are enjoying their new barrel style planters which are now in place and it's

hoped traders in St Alban's Road and St David's Road areas will follow suit with ward councillor Jan Barker. To date Brothertons and Alice's Tea Rooms have signed up for the planters which will be in place very shortly.

102/16 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford had provided a report on this item:

Blundell Road Allotments

All plots have been let and the waiting list is starting to build again. A working party met in March and made great headway on the site with pruning, cutting back and general tidying up. Compost bins were emptied and the material shared and spread onto plots. The fruit cage and communal areas were weeded. Plot holders stepped in to help on plots of those who are currently unable to maintain their own areas and the site now looks much tidier.

The management group met and agreed a number of actions and activities including entering the RHS "It's Your Neighbourhood" award. Judging of this takes place in May.

Shepherd Road Allotments

There has been a lot of activity and the flooded plots are now getting back to normal. New plot holders are getting ready for the new growing season and a working party was held earlier in the month to complete grass sowing for the new communal area.

Pallets from the nearby building site have been very usefully recycled in the construction of fences and compost bins.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shepherd Road Allotment Society will take place on Wednesday 27th April at St. Anne's Cricket Club, 7.30 pm.

103/16 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 13th June 2016, at 2.00 pm, West Lodge, 5 St. Georges Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, FY8 2AE.**

The meeting closed at 2.52 pm

Signed.....

Chairman
13th June 2016