

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
17th June 2013 at 2pm**

West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE

Present:	Councillors	C Little D Prestwich B Mackenzie K Henshaw V Settle V Willder	Chairman ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Officer
	Members of the public		0

190/13 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor C Little was proposed and seconded as Chairman for the Municipal Year 2013 – 2014.

RESOLVED That Councillor C Little be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

191/13 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor B Mackenzie was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman for the Municipal Year 2013 – 2014.

RESOLVED That Councillor B Mackenzie be appointed as Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

192/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Akeroyd.

193/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

194/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2013 be approved.

195/13 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford had previously circulated a report on the Youth Council.

Youth Council members will be attending the next Town Council meeting.

The Youth Council had a very successful trip to the House of Commons last month and their conduct and behaviour was commended by those who had accompanied them.

Some members will be doing litter-picking in Ashton Gardens on a Sunday e.g. following the Carnival as this will help raise their profile.

Involvement with the Carnival will involve carrying a banner to promote the Youth Council and to have a 'roll a penny' stall in Ashton Gardens.

The Youth Council have agreed to support the RNLI as their charity this year.

Suggestions have been made for a Youth Day on 21st September.

Members have agreed to try and recruit more members from organisations which are not currently represented amongst the Youth Council.

196/13 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford had previously circulated a report on the Allotments.

Blundell Road

Another successful social event was well attended last month, with all the costs met my holding a raffle.

All the plots are well kept and are producing a surprising amount of crops for such a small area.

Additional water butts are being installed to keep the mains water usage to a minimum.

Two tenants have given up their plots and these are being temporarily looked after due to the time of year, with a view to re-letting them later this year.

The newly formed management committee meets for the first time this week.

Volunteers from In Bloom continue to work out of the Blundell Road site which demonstrates excellent teamwork. The site is in good shape for the North West in Bloom judges' visit in July.

Shepherd Road

Specialist contractors have now removed the accumulated asbestos.

Town Council-appointed contractors have been on site to lay crush and run gravel on the track way around the site. The first gravel will be between plots 110 and 126 followed by the area between plots 9a and 28b.

The new main gate code was changed on 1st June to ensure that only existing plot holders have site access.

Some plots are causing concern due to lack of cultivation and their tenants will be contacted with a warning or Notice to Quit, as appropriate.

197/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder as an executive committee member of In Bloom, gave an update.

The overgrown strip of land adjacent to Boston Road / Shepherd Road has no owner and will therefore be progressed by the Town Council.

Discussions with planters and the financial contributions made by businesses are ongoing.

Whalley Place planters need regular watering and this is being overlooked. Councillor Prestwich is to speak to shopkeepers.

Good progress is being made with the station forecourt and other interested parties.

New shrubs and planters will be provided.

The North West In Bloom judges will visit on 17th July and start at 10 am.

Representatives from community groups will be needed along the judging route to meet the judges.

In Ashton Gardens the Rose Garden is complete and the water feature is working.

Additional nurserymen have been appointed and the Community growing area is ready.

Best Front Gardens competition – only a few entries so far and all Town Councillors are being asked to nominate at least one garden from their ward. Closing date for entries is 28th June. The competition judging will take place during 1st July.

198/13 KITE FESTIVAL 2013

Councillor Settle reported that all event forms and permissions have been submitted and approved. Permits allowing vehicle access for kite flyers has been given.

Confirmed elements of the Festival include an RSPB stall, face painting, RNLI stall, and the National Blood Service “blood bike”.

Outside catering facilities will be provided by the Pier cafe.

The kite flying area will need cordoning off using ‘no entry’ tape as a deterrent to spectators. Originally bunting was considered as a possibility but after discussion it was decided that it was not appropriate for this particular purpose.

The model helicopter flying display may be cancelled as unfortunately the organisers have been unable to make contact with the model helicopter shop for some time.

Councillor Settle is keen to get more attractions included in the Festival.

Councillor Little offered to contact Weeton barracks about the availability of Roary the regiment's mascot lion.

RESOLVED

The Community Development Officer will obtain prices and details for bunting for events in general.

199/13 MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

Councillor Mackenzie reported that she had spoken to Paul Kelly at Lancashire County Council and it had been arranged for the Caravan Gallery to return to St Anne's in September as they had produced a book following their last visit here. They plan to launch their book in September as part of the Festival. Suitable premises need to be identified.

A meeting with music organiser Darren Skelly will be held to discuss the bands who have requested to take part on Saturday 7th September in Ashton Gardens.

Fylde Decorative and Fine Arts Society (DFAS) are having a ticketed event at Old Links Golf club.

The Craft Fair will be in the United Reformed Church Hall on 7th September and several people have asked to have stalls there.

The website that has been set up for the Music and Arts Festival will be available and will start to be populated shortly.

Blue and yellow balloons to match the Town Flag will be used to signpost the various venues around the town.

200/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2013

The Community Development Officer reported that a meeting had taken place on 28th May with representatives from Lowther Pavilion to discuss this year's plans.

At the meeting Councillor Little had suggested a contribution of £1000, this amount would be subject to ratification by full council.

There will be an open meeting held on 22nd July which will be publicised in the local paper so that everyone can be involved and put forward their ideas.

The meeting takes place at Lowther Pavilion at 7 pm.

A press release has been drafted by the Town Council to be sent out in early July.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. Councillor Little to approve press release and send to Lowther Pavilion for publication.**
 - 2. That a contribution of £1000 be made towards the Switch On event in 2013.**

201/13 ART TRAIL

Councillor Mackenzie reported that the Art Trail group are now known as START (St Anne's Art Trail). A theme has been chosen for the trail which is 'Beginnings'.

A committee has been formed and a bank account set up so that funding can be applied for.

A meeting was held with Paul Drinnan of the Regeneration Team at Fylde Borough Council recently to obtain his views and the potential route was walked and 11 possible sites identified. The next START meeting will be on 26th June.

[Councillor Mackenzie then left the meeting]

202/13 FLAG FESTIVAL

Councillor Settle reported that he and Councillor Ford had visited Ulverston to see how their Flag Festival operates. It was clear that a great deal of work is undertaken to make the event successful and that buy-in of a high proportion of shopkeepers is key to this.

Councillor Settle has given a presentation to HALSA about the idea of a Flag Festival and also to the Chamber of Trade.

- RESOLVED** That the idea is fully explored by Councillors Settle and Ford and they will report back to this committee.

203/13 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 29th July 2013 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 4.45 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
29th July 2013