

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 20th January 2014 at 2pm West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE

Present:	Councillors	C Little K Henshaw C Akeroyd D Prestwich V Settle V Willder	Chairman <i>(from minute number 30)</i> <i>ex-officio (left meeting during minute number 30)</i>
	Officers	S Dunn H Kennedy	Community Development Manager Promotion & Event Officer
	Members of the public		0

023/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barbara Mackenzie.

024/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

025/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2013 be approved.

026/14 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but had sent a report in advance:

A Youth Council meeting was held on 12th January 2014.

One of the founding members has now left due to a new part-time Sunday job preventing her attendance. A thank you letter would be sent in recognition of her involvement.

Two new members from AKS have joined the group.

Local churches will be approached to recruit more members, as will the High School.

Disappointment was expressed that the Youth Council weren't given the opportunity to be involved in the Carol Service as in previous years. Four members had attended on the night.

Tabards have been requested so that the youth councillors can be identified at events.

The Youth Council are looking for a local charity to support, with young people at its heart, and suggestions were invited from councillors who may know of suitable organisations.

It was agreed that the youth councillors would find it easier to support events if they had a clearly-defined role and were briefed on in advance of key activities.

Dates for remaining 2014 meetings were agreed, they are the first Sunday in the month at 6 pm.

RESOLVED

- a) That the format of the Carol Service be reviewed.**
- b) That estimates be obtained for provision of tabards for Youth Council members**
- c) That Councillors are invited to suggest a suitable local charity for the Youth Council to support**
- d) That ideas are researched of activities and projects undertaken by other Youth Councils in the area.**

027/14 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but had sent a report in advance:

Due to the time of year it was a quiet time for activity on both sites.

Shepherd Road site

- The weekend volunteer working parties have continued despite the bad weather.
- Several plots have been let recently so the waiting list continues to reduce.
- Other plots may become vacant as the year has come to an end and some plot holders may not renew.
- The cameras are being well-used to monitor areas of the site where there have been vandalism problems in the past.

Blundell Road site

The allotments have gained coverage in Blackpool Gazette and in the **Lancashire Means Business** publication following their Best Recycling Project Award as part of the Lancashire Green Awards. The Gazette article was a follow-up to the awards to see what plans were being made for the coming year.

- Vacant plots on Blundell Road have been identified, cleared and covered over. They are now being offered to potential new tenants.
- The Blundell Road Allotment Committee are planning a series of events and activities and have great plans for a Flower and Vegetable show later in the year.
- The Promotion & Event officer reported that the waiting list for allotments is now down to single figures, which is a fantastic achievement.

028/14 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder reported that there is no In Bloom meeting until next week, so she will have more to report in February. In the meantime she is looking at the issue of overgrown land near Boston Road / Winston Avenue and the Land Registry records are being checked.

029/14 EASTER EVENT 2014

The Community Development Manager suggested that an alternative to the Egg Rolling event should be held which would be less subject to problems if unexpected numbers of people turn up, as they had in 2013. She proposed an Easter Egg Hunt which would involve more of the Gardens, keep people moving around to look for clues and also facilitate partnership working with the new owners of the Pavilion Cafe. A preliminary meeting with the owners had been very encouraging as they had made it clear they were keen to use the park for community events and work with the Town Council to achieve this. The 'Best Decorated Egg' element where children bring pre-decorated eggs for judging would continue as it was very popular.

The Community Development Manager, Promotions and Event Officer would hold a further meeting with the Cafe owners to discuss how the event could be progressed.

030/14 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2014

[Councillor Prestwich joined the meeting at this point.]

Ideas had been invited regarding the possible format of the event and these were discussed. The following comments were made:

- Road closures were problematic and unpopular with traders, yet the safety of participants had to be considered.
- The issue of last year's Christmas Lights being already been left switched on permanently before the actual switch on took place, had been unfortunate as all impact had been lost. Only the Christmas tree lights came on at the end of the countdown.
- The Christmas tree was disappointing and the parcels idea had been impractical due to the size of the parcels, windy weather and location.
- O2 were keen to sponsor the event this year.
- The date should be 29th November 2014 as this is the week after Lytham's switch on event.

[Councillor Willder left the meeting at this point.]

- Hold a shorter, evening event in a new area, possibly near the Gardens / West Lodge, local operatic groups, the St Anne's Community Choir taking part.
- Return to a more traditional format with carols, Father Christmas but not as much general noise.
- Use an alternative venue not necessarily using a stage or a car park.
- Discuss ideas with the Pavilion Cafe owners.

031/14 KITE FESTIVAL 2014

Councillor Settle reported that he had had further discussions with the organiser. An event permissions form would be submitted to Fylde Borough Council shortly.

St Annes Cricket Club had agreed to allow tents and some caravan parking which meant that more kites would be encouraged to attend the event. Children's rides would be going on the beach and possibly some large inflatables, subject to consent. The plans to have the 'World's Biggest Teddy Bear' there are still ongoing, with parts of the bear already constructed.

Regarding a marquee for the event, Councillor Nash had proposed involving the Veterans with any security required but this needed to be confirmed.

Councillor Little suggested the organiser approaches the Glendower Hotel which has a new manager who is keen to be involved in the event as it is close to their premises.

Councillor Settle requested that £1500 be given as a grant this year to the event because more participants means increased overheads such as insurance cover and first aid provision.

032/14 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 24th February 2014 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 3.40 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
24th February 2014