

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
22nd September 2014 at 2pm**

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

Present:	Councillors	B Mackenzie C Akeroyd D Prestwich K Henshaw	Deputy Chairman
	Officers	S Dunn H Kennedy	Community Development Manager Promotion & Event Officer
	Members of the public		0

258/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Little, Willder, Settle.

259/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

260/14 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

261/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2014 be approved.

262/14 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2014

The Promotion and Event Officer reported that plans were progressing well, with staging and lights booked and several choirs committed to taking part. Details of the communal carols have yet to be decided but this will be notified to the participating choirs.

The Ormerod Trust and Hungry Monkey are both having market stalls in the car park area.

Just Good Friends and the Youth Council will also be invited to have a presence in the lead up to the switch on. Stalls are to close around 4 pm in readiness for the lantern parade and switch on. A local entertainer and compere, Clayton Mark has been asked to act as 'MC' for the event. A meeting is being held this Friday with Scout and Brownie group leaders to discuss the lantern making activities being undertaken for the parade. The road closure request has been submitted to Fylde Borough Council.

263/14 TOWN MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE

Councillor Nash had provided some details about the proposed plans for his Carol Service at the Parish Church on 5th December. The service starts at 7 pm.

Councillor Nash intends refreshments to be provided in the church and for several local choirs to participate. Bell ringers are also planned and Royal British Legion candles on display. Full details are to be finalised.

264/14 LIFEBOAT CONCERT

The concert took place on 7th September and was very well attended as usual, with good weather adding to the crowds. The Community Development Officer estimated that 150 visitors came to the concert. Refreshments provided by St Anne's Carnival Committee raised £127.25 for their charities and donations by the public raised £225.27 for the RNLI.

265/14 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

Awards

Both Shepherd Road and Blundell Road allotment sites have been nominated for Neighbourhood awards from North West in Bloom, following judges' visits in July. The awards will be presented in October at the annual presentation in Southport and representatives from both sites will attend.

Shepherd Road

The open day raised several hundreds of pounds for the management group and all the money will be reinvested at Shepherd Road. A newly acquired marquee provided a focal point where people could gather during the open day and will be put to good use for future events. Working parties are well supported with volunteers undertaking strimming, mowing etc of the communal and public areas, improving the appearance of the site for all. Lettings are ongoing and plot maintenance is monitored to ensure plots do not become overgrown and unmanageable for newcomers. A Halloween night event is to take place on Saturday 1st November between 4 – 7 pm to celebrate a successful growing season. This event replaces the usual bonfire event. There will be refreshments on offer and a pumpkin display.

Blundell Road

On-site handyman Tony Hamed is no longer able to fulfil this role which means plot holders will need to be more proactive in taking on day to day tasks themselves. A large donated tank is in place to collect 2000 litres of collected rainwater on site for communal irrigation. The management committee is to be resurrected so that the site becomes more self-managing and like Shepherd Road, encourages volunteers to form working parties to tackle weeds, overgrown plots and also arrange social events.

266/14 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

The Executive group meet regularly and work in partnership with the Borough Council's Parks department and officers.

Links with the business community were developing as follows:

- Chamber of Trade are becoming more involved.
- Three of the floral troughs outside the Lord Derby pub have attracted sponsorship.
- Several local businesses are taking responsibility for cost and replanting of tubs near their premises.
- Printing company ZPQ are sponsoring a gardener to assist with some of the In Bloom projects.

Bulb planting

A further stretch of the Queensway is to be planted with bulbs next month and volunteers are sought.

Thank you event – planned for early November to provide opportunity to say thanks to all sponsors, volunteers and individuals who have helped with this year's activities.

Living sculpture – a project to develop living sculpture using coloured mosses is underway.

Station site – large hanging baskets, new watering system, introduction of 'saddle back' fence planters and improved planters will be features at the station site.

Schools – a flat pack kit for hanging planters is to be offered to local schools.

267/14 KITE FESTIVAL 2015

Councillor Settle was unable to attend today and will provide a further update at the next meeting. The dates for next year's event are 25th and 26th July 2015.

268/14 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 10th November 2014 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 2.55 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
10th November 2014