

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 24th February 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 V Willder B Mackenzie	Chairman <i>(from minute number 74)</i> ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn H Kennedy S Taylor	Community Development Manager Promotion & Event Officer Town Clerk <i>(from minute numbers 71 - 76)</i>
	Members of the public		0

071/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Karen Henshaw.

072/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mackenzie declared a prejudicial interest in the Music and Arts Festival as she is chairman of the organising group for this event, and left the meeting during this agenda item.

073/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2013 be approved.

074/14 MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2014

[Councillor Prestwich arrived during this item.]

The Town Council considered the planned activities and the estimated costs.

RESOLVED That a contribution of £1000 be made towards this event, to be paid during the current financial year.

075/14 LIFEBOAT CONCERT

The possibility of the Town Council facilitating this event as part of the Music and Arts Festival was discussed, as has been done in previous years.

RESOLVED a) That the Town Council arranges and delivers the Lifeboat Concert as its contribution to the Music and Arts Festival.
b) That a maximum of £500 be allocated to providing this event.

[The Town Clerk left the meeting]

076/14 YOUTH COUNCIL

[Councillor Mackenzie rejoined the meeting].

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting and the next Youth Council meeting takes place on Sunday 2nd March 2014. A further update will be provided at the next committee meeting.

077/14 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but had provided a written report: Recent bad weather had inflicted damage to buildings and structures on both sites.

Shepherd Road

Sheds and greenhouses were damaged and in some cases, flattened. Broken glass and debris was on the site and plot holders contacted to ask to check their plot / buildings were secure and safe. Arrangements had been made to collect and dispose of broken glass, plastic etc. An unsafe wall near Singleton Avenue had been noted and the property owners notified. Further plots have been let and the waiting list is down to very low figures. A course for new plot holders is being held, led by Myerscough College staff. A talk about coppicing will be arranged following the popularity of the last visit, as it was found to be very useful.

Blundell Road

Storm damage had been caused to the shed and fruit cage. Some neighbouring gardens lost trees but this had no impact on the site. An additional compost bin is being constructed. The water butts will be interconnected to increase storage volume of rainwater and reduce the need for mains water usage. The vertical beds tried out last year weren't successful and will be replaced by tiered planters.

078/14 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder provided the following updates:

The first instalment of £1000 has been received from the High Street Innovation Fund. Multi-purpose brackets will be installed on Garden Street, Park Road and Orchard Road.

Scores from the past 3 years' NWIB judges have been compared and comments noted.

The Committee agreed to:

- Visit the Square to assess what needs to be done
- Co-ordinate the colour scheme and plants
- Invest in higher quality plants
- Bear in mind the 50th anniversary, purple colour scheme and bee theme for this year.
- Focus on achieving the "wow" factor around the Clifton Drive South / St Anne's Road West areas including Braxfield Court, Lord Derby pub, Aldi, Clockhouse Cafe, B&M, Subway, Seafarers, M&S, and the former Rotary wishing well which has been donated to SAIB.

Daffodils, foxgloves and wildflowers have been planted in the Crescent Gardens. Primulas will be going in the troughs and Crescent railings planters.

Current bank balance is £667 and the Town Council grant will be received in April. Phil Alexandrou is the official photographer and webmaster for In Bloom. He is working on a monthly update of each project to show year-round activity and progress. Sarah Dunn was thanked for her work on the judges' handbook during the past few years.

SAIB will be present at the Fylde Together Community Showcase on 25th February aiming to recruit more volunteers and promote the work of the group.

Shepherd Road allotments, Aldi and Clifton Memorial Housing have expressed an interest in working with In Bloom.

Ownership of the 'grot spot' area of land at Boston Road has been resolved and it was found that ownership lies with the Crown. Progression of clearance of this land will be done via a Friends group.

A database of In Bloom volunteers will be created and used to contact people for help when needed.

Christmas trees collected from households will be transplanted onto the beach to encourage new dunes in February.

An ingenious planting scheme using plastic bags, frames and canes was circulated which may be suitable to use with Primary schools especially if planting "golden pollinators" or bee-friendly plants.

The Committee wished to thank Fylde Council Parks Department, particularly Patrick, for their help each year.

079/14 EASTER EVENT 2014

The Community Development Manager reported that the treasure hunt was progressing well and there were several items needing to be bought for the event, such as the Easter Bunny costume, cost of hiring a face painter, hire of a marquee and the cost of prizes.

RESOLVED a) That the Town Clerk is authorised to allocate a budget for this event.
b) That the event proposal costs be agreed.

080/14 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2014

A Working Party needs to be established to progress the plans for this event and the committee members were asked if they wished to volunteer.

RESOLVED a) That Councillor Little and Councillor Akeroyd would be members of the working party and a third member would be sought
b) The Community Development Manager would contact Councillor Henshaw about being the other representative.

081/14 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 31st March 2014 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
31st March 2014