

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 25th February 2013 at West Lodge, St George's Road, St. Anne's.

Present: Councillor C Little Chairman
C Akeroyd
D Prestwich
V Settle
K Henshaw
B Mackenzie
V Willder
A Jacques ex-officio

Also present Councillor T Ford
F Boismaison St Anne's On Sea In Bloom
P Curtis St Anne's On Sea In Bloom

Officers S Dunn Community Development Officer

Press/Members of the Public 0

53/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

54/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

55/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee held on the 21st January were considered.

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21st January 2013 be approved.

56/13 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford provided the following updates:
Blundell Road

Every plot on site has now been let, with some already being prepared for this year's planting. The waiting list across both sites is down to 20 which is a fantastic achievement considering the high demand.

An application for 'free' compost from Global Renewables has been submitted to improve the soil in the greenhouse and polytunnel and used by In Bloom volunteers.

Soil has already been purchased to top up an additional plot and raised beds where required.

A Management Committee is planned to run the site similarly to Shepherd Road Allotments.

Shepherd Road

Some of the site remains flooded / waterlogged preventing tenants from working on their plots.

The roadway within the site is in poor condition in several places due to water and quotes have been obtained to put crushed stone down to prevent further deterioration.

The waiting list across both sites has been considerably reduced with four more plots due to be let from 1st March.

A recent Saturday morning 'working party' carried out a tidy up of the site to reduce overgrowth although wet weather has prevented work starting on the new manure storage area.

A further working party will be on 9th and 10th March from 10.30 – 12.30. The required tasks include filling in potholes and smoothing out grass paths. Such tasks help keep the allotment rent costs down and also help improve the appearance of the site.

A white H-bar needs to be painted across the entrance on Shepherd Road and the two adjacent drives to discourage parking which can obscure the view of drivers leaving the allotment.

57/13 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford provided the following update:

Councillors Mackenzie and Little attending the February Youth Council meeting, providing updates on various Town Council activities and inviting Youth Council members to be involved with them.

New representatives are being sought for the Youth Council from various organisations.

An update was given on improvements to cycling facilities at the railway station.

At the next meeting one charity will be selected from those suggested for support during the coming year.

Councillor Lanyon will arrange times to assist with the Youth Council plot at Blundell Road Allotments, if there is sufficient interest.

Councillors received an update on the proposed Community complex at The Island.

A Twitter account may be developed to improve Youth Council communications and engage with peers across the town.

The proposed visit to the House of Commons has been enthusiastically received. Letters have been sent out and arrangements are being coordinated with the visits office, Mark Menzies and Virgin Trains.

[Councillor Ford then left the meeting]

58/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder provided the following update:

Links with Friends of St Anne's Library would continue as the activities there are valuable to In Bloom and could feature in the judges' handbook.

The Chamber of Trade may make a donation to In Bloom instead of the group approaching individual retailers. Some have already made donations.

Sainsbury's continue to work on improving the main flowerbed near the store's entrance. Shops and businesses benefiting from In Bloom planting done by its volunteers will be asked for an annual donation of £25 per planter.

A small area of overgrown land near Shepherd Road / Boston Road may be cleared by the DWP if residents wish this to be done. If so, the In Bloom group will liaise with DWP.

The Front Garden Competition will involve Councillors seeking suitable gardens within their own wards. A team of 3 will then draw up a short list and Gold, Silver and Bronze prize winners will be announced on the In Bloom judging day.

The Ormerod Trust are working on a new initiative involving features made from scrap metal / household goods which will be lit by solar powered lights.

Work to restore the Promenade rockeries and Edwardian bedding displays are ongoing with a press release from Fylde Borough Council due soon.

Concerns remain about the disused railway platform and its unsightly appearance due to litter and overgrowth. Fylde Borough Council may be asked to issue an Environmental Order to force the land owner to clean up the area. Attempts by the Town Council to purchase the land have not been successful so far.

A national In Bloom judge, Jim Buttress is making a presentation on 27th February 2013 at the Glendower Hotel. It is free to attend and will provide a valuable insight into what the judges look for when visiting different areas and

projects.

Art Trail

Fiona Boismaison and Pam Curtis who are both members of St Anne's On Sea In Bloom committee, gave a brief update on the plans for an Art Trail which could form part of the town's In Bloom portfolio.

A Steering Group is being established so that the Art Trail can be progressed independently from In Bloom. Members of In Bloom, Friends of St Anne's Library, Fylde DFAS, and the Town Council have been invited to join the Steering Group. Its first meeting is on 12th March at West Lodge and issues such as potential funding will be explored then.

[Mrs Boismaison and Mrs Curtis then left the meeting].

59/13 MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Councillor Mackenzie reported that she has written a letter which can go out to local schools inviting their participation.

She explained that the Festival will start on Friday 6th September perhaps with an evening concert and activities will run through until Saturday 14th September to incorporate the Heritage Open Days programme. An afternoon of Live music in Ashton Gardens could be planned for the Saturday afternoon on 7th September.

It's hoped that the Library will again have events that will form part of the Festival and a Craft Fair could be held on Saturday 7th September just for that day.

Christine Stringfellow has won a 'Drawing for Inspiration' award for last year's Circles of Light project which featured in the Festival. She now has a new project which involves working with five local artists and some of this could take place during this year's Festival.

Councillor Mackenzie will contact Paul Kelly at LCC regarding possible funding and venues which could be used this year.

It's hoped that the new development at The Island may also provide a venue when its community centre is opened.

The Community Development Officer confirmed that she had booked the Lytham Proms Orchestra to perform at the Lifeboat House on Sunday 8th September.

[Councillor Mackenzie then left the meeting].

RESOLVED **That the Community Development Officer would email the Town Councillors requesting ideas for participating groups and venues and for these suggestions to be**

sent to Councillor Mackenzie.

60/13 KITE FESTIVAL

Councillor Settle had attended a meeting on 21st February and reported that the organiser Mr May was still hoping to offer such activities as Teddy Bear "parachuting", radio controlled helicopter display team, sandcastle competition and an army assault course.

The Community Development Officer asked if Mr May could be reminded that the Town Council has several prominent notice boards, its newsletter and website, all of which can provide free publicity to the event as she would be happy to assist with promotion of the event.

61/13 EGG-ROLLING, EASTER 2013

The Community Development Officer reported that permission to use the Gardens and for white line painting has been submitted to Fylde Borough Council several weeks ago. She had produced a large colourful poster which would be finalised once the issue of possible sponsorship was resolved.

Both of last year's trophy holders had been contacted and one trophy had already been returned.

Approximately 10 volunteers had been found and duties would be identified and designated before the day to aid the smooth running of the event.

Items such as measuring tapes, a pop up gazebo and some folding tables needed to be borrowed and suggestions were made as to where these could be sourced.

RESOLVED That the Community Development Officer would approach Sainsbury's, Tesco and B&M as sponsors to see if any of them would donate Easter eggs as prizes.

62/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday April 8th at 2.00 pm at West Lodge, St George's Road.

Signed

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Chairman

Date

8th April 2013