

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
29th July 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 C Akeroyd	Chairman ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Officer
	Members of the public		0

247/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

248/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

249/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2013 be approved.

250/13 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Little reported that only three members of the Youth Council had been present at the last meeting. It appears that it is the same few members who are turning up to each meeting and numbers have clearly dwindled.

Aside from a lack of active members there appeared to be a lack of projects which the Youth Council were either instigating themselves or were getting involved with and she felt perhaps there is a motivational issue which needs addressing.

RESOLVED That Councillor Ford is invited to the next Leisure and Community Committee meeting to review direction and leadership of the Youth Council.

251/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder reported that there hasn't been a recent group meeting so she had no formal update to provide, however the North West In Bloom judges had visited recently and had been impressed with various aspects of the In Bloom group's projects such as the Jubilee Way garden. The outcome would not be known for some time but it was felt that the judges' visit had been extremely positive.

Councillor Prestwich reported that she wished to revitalise the Peace & Sensory Garden on the Promenade because more people are needed to help with improvements. The Friends of the Peace & Sensory Gardens group are to re-convene in October.

252/13 KITE FESTIVAL 2013

Councillor Settle reported that the event had been very well received with visitor numbers far higher than last year. He thanked the Town Council on the organiser's behalf for their support of the event. Fylde Borough Council had also been helpful with the arrangements for the event.

Councillor Willder had judged the sandcastle event on Saturday although she reported that some issues had arisen with parents taking over the sandcastle building and this had caused some difficulties for the judging.

The organiser planned to immediately contact some of the local hotels with a view to secure sponsorship agreement for next year's event. He was also considering hiring swing boats for next year.

Councillor Nash volunteered some of the Veterans Association members for overnight security duties next year with regard to stalls and marquees.

Councillor Little raised concerns re awareness of the tide coming in and implications for vehicle exit from the beach. She requested that the organiser liaise with the Coastguard for guidance on this for future events.

Councillor Little suggested that elements of greater interactivity was desirable perhaps with a kite-making workshop being offered or some tuition by the expert kite flyers to youngsters wishing to fly their newly purchased kites. She had also received some feedback suggesting that more attractions, not just kite flying, would improve the event.

The Community Development Officer reported that some of the planned activities had been cancelled or withdrawn e.g. the radio controlled helicopter flying display and this was unfortunate but was not the fault of the organiser.

RESOLVED **That Councillor Willder would send a personal thank you card to the organiser and the Community Development Officer would send an official letter of thanks.**

253/13 MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

Councillor Mackenzie reminded members of the event dates which are **6th September to 14th September inclusive.**

As an opening event she hopes to hold a 'Big Sing' type of event in one of the churches and this is likely to be St Thomas' Church. The idea would be for people to suggest their favourite hymns and the most popular choices could form the basis for the ones to be sung at the event.

Unfortunately it was now confirmed that Jenny Eclair who is patron of Friends of St Anne's Library, was unable to attend the Festival. Councillor Mackenzie had put in an early request for Ms Eclair to attend next year's event if possible.

Due to uncertainties with some participants and obtaining venues, the Festival programme is not yet ready to print.

To date the confirmed participants are: Christine Stringfellow, Red Rose Chorus, Open mic session, The Caravan Gallery book launch, Craft Fair, Live music in Ashton Gardens, Circus Skills and craft workshop, Storytellers Inc event, Fluid Rock band, Singleton Cloggers, Music for the Lifeboat, Workshops at Unique Lancashire, DFAS talk, Peter Shakeshaft talk, Poetry performance, Guardian Concert band, Local music showcase at the Bandstand and a music & poetry event.

Blue and yellow balloons would be used to signpost the various venues around the town. The event website stannesarts.co.uk needed information putting on it.

For the Live music day in Ashton Gardens, more food concessions had been planned including hot food and also refreshments provided by the Carnival Committee.

A suggestion had been proposed by Mark Russell to hold three concerts as part of the Festival, at the White Church. Comprising three different genres of renowned musicians, Mark would act as the organiser and a fee would be required for each of the musicians' groups. The fee would be in the region of £1000 per concert plus the costs of hiring a PA which would be around £500. The concerts would be ticketed with the tickets sold to offset these overheads.

Due to the financial risks involved and that the total costs would far exceed what remains in this year's budget, a decision cannot be made by this Committee.

RECOMMENDATION This item to be referred to full Council for a decision.

254/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2013

Councillor Little reported on the open meeting which had been hosted at Lowther Pavilion last Monday evening. It had been a useful and productive meeting and she thanked Councillors for attending and showing their support although it was disappointing that so few retailers from St. Anne's attended the meeting. However some of them such as Vanilla and Anatolia had confirmed their interest in supporting the event and the open meeting was not the last chance to pledge support or express an interest; it was just the starting point.

Working in partnership with Lowther Pavilion theatre, the intention is to involve more community groups and engage with as many local businesses as possible. There will be a programme produced and a chance to sponsor a parcel on the Christmas tree.

At this stage there are no applications for road closures although that may be necessary as plans progress.

255/13 ART TRAIL

Councillor Mackenzie reported that a meeting had been held with Fylde Borough Council's Head of Regeneration, Paul Drinnan. Paul had commented how impressed he was with the progress made to date. He had provided some insight into the design of the existing street art from recent regeneration. He had advised the group that by working with Fylde Borough Council and incorporating the street art and design interpretation into the Art Trail, this would allow them to link into available regeneration funds.

256/13 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 23rd September 2013 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 3.50 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
23rd September 2013