

## **St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 2 pm West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE**

Present:	Councillors	C Little C Akeroyd G Neale K Henshaw V Settle	Chairman    ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Manager
	Members of the public		0

#### **188/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Willder.

#### **189/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **190/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 be approved.

#### **191/15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2015**

The Community Development Manager outlined a proposal for the Christmas Lights Switch On event for 2015:

The event would be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

It would be held in the car park in the Square between Orchard Road and Park, starting at 3.45 and finishing at 5.15 with the festive lighting switched on slightly later than last year. This would ensure it was dark which creates more impact for the Christmas light features as well as the lantern parade. The Round Table would be approached about use of their sleigh including music and lighting accessories. School choirs would be invited to take part. Road safety aspects including a brief road closure during the lantern parade and supply of stewards and barriers would be provided by RSS and a quote had been requested from them.

Fylde Council have agreed that the event can take place in the car park and it would be closed to the public for parking that day.

The Town Crier had offered to arrange and lead the lantern parade this year including lantern-making activities with school groups.

#### **RESOLVED**

- a. That school choirs be invited to take part including Mayfield, Heyhouses and St Thomas' schools, all of whom were usually keen to be involved.**
- b. That all progress on the Christmas Lights switch on event 2015 is noted and all actions agreed.**

**192/15 TOWN MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE**

Councillor Settle provided an update on this event and proposed it takes place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm, at St Margaret's Church. The timings will be checked by Rev Hodgson and proceeds would go to the Town Mayor's chosen charity, Sign Hi Say Hi! for deaf children and their families.:

**RESOLVED**                      **That the Mayor's Carol Service takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm**

**193/15 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

At the Shepherd Road Allotment Society Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July detailed discussions took place regarding planning for the Open Day event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August. The Town Council were tasked with printing posters and promoting the event through noticeboards and website.

A working party was arranged for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July to dispose of old dry wood. A skip was also arranged for the same weekend to dispose of debris. The Town Council will be invoiced.

The Society would in the long term be looking to amend the letter of tenancy renewal to include a warning to dog owners re behaviour of dogs.

The waiting list currently stands at 17 with viewings for vacant plots due to take place in August.

**194/15 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM**

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

Volunteers worked hard getting the town ready for the North West In Bloom judges' visit in late July. The visit went well and good weather on the day helped show off areas such as the allotments, the station and all the floral planters around the town.

The Town Crier met the judges at the Pier to welcome them and after a talk by the BeachCare group they had lunch at the Pier Café before their tour began.

The In Bloom strategy of involving voluntary groups has really paid dividends as different representatives are now on hand at each "stop" to explain in person what work their group has been involved with. All that remains now is awaiting the final decision which will be known on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**195/15 KITE FESTIVAL 2015**

Councillor Settle gave a report of the event which had taken place the previous weekend.

The change of location to just south of the pier had worked well with good numbers attending although with smaller crowds on Sunday due to rain.

Some good quality stalls had been provided on the promenade although traffic congestion was a problem in the vicinity of the pier with the zebra crossing in constant use and surrounding roads very busy.

There were reports of a bogus dog warden taking £30 cash fines off people who let their dogs on the prohibited area of the beach but these reports have not been substantiated.

Organiser Pat May has said he needs more help with the organisation and expressed disappointment that some of the financial support pledged by hoteliers had not materialised. A post-event review meeting was due to take place later in the week and Councillor Settle would be attending that.

**196/15 ST ANNE'S MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2015**

Councillor Willder was not able to attend the meeting but she has requested the final accounts from the treasurer of the Festival committee. However as the Festival had only just finished it was too soon for all of the account information to be submitted and it was anticipated that full figures would be available in time for the next committee meeting in October.

**197/15 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 2.00 pm.**

*The meeting ended at 3.22 pm.*

Signed.....

Chairman  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2015