

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 31st March 2014 at 2pm West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE

Present:	Councillors	C Little	Chairman (<i>present from minute numbers 103 – 109</i>)
		C Akeroyd	
		D Prestwich	
		V Willder	ex-officio
		B Mackenzie	
		K Henshaw	
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Manager
		H Kennedy	Promotion & Event Officer
	Members of the public		0

103/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

104/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

105/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2014 be approved.

106/14 EASTER EVENT 2014

The event is arranged with the necessary forms having been submitted to Fylde and no comments received. The prizes will be chocolate / Easter eggs which have been donated by Aldi. The Town Mayor is to judge the Best Decorated Egg competition and award prizes for the Treasure Hunt. The Community Development Manager and the Promotion and Event Officer will put the clues up during the morning of the event. The marquee is being hired and will be assembled / dismantled by the hire company. Posters have been produced and will go up next week; a press release will be sent out mid-April.

107/14 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2014

The format for this year's event was agreed at the event Working Party meeting on 27th March. The date is to be Saturday 29th November and it will be a shorter event with a later switch on at 5 pm. There will be a parade from the Town Hall with lanterns. The Town Mayor and Carnival Queen will be invited to perform the switch on. Sponsorship will be sought from local businesses. Possible participants include the Heyhouses Community choir and the Salvation Army, and any local church or school choirs.

RESOLVED That the Christmas Light Switch On Event be held on Saturday 29th November 2014 from 4-5 pm.
That the Town Council arrange the Christmas Light Switch On Event for 2014.

108/14 LIFEBOAT CONCERT

The possibility of having this concert to link in with the Music and Arts Festival had been discussed at the previous Leisure & Community Committee meeting. However since then it had been discovered that the RNLI were holding their annual Open Day during the weekend in question. An alternative date would be required if the Town Council wished to go ahead with the concert although it would not be part of the Festival.

RESOLVED To arrange the concert for 7th September subject to agreement with the Lifeboat station and orchestra.

109/14 KITE FESTIVAL 2014

Councillor Settle reported that the organiser had been successful in obtaining a £2000 grant from Fylde Community Fund. The money would be used primarily to increase the flying arena size, provide more warning / safety signs and to provide a display of banners at the venue. Northern Rail had agreed to provide posters on the rail network across Lancashire and it was possible that further sponsorship would be secured.

Other planned attractions include swing boats / children's rides and a sandcastle competition.

109/14 MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2014

Councillor Mackenzie reported that the Festival takes place from 19 – 27 July, although the Library is hosting a concert by Alex Hulme on 18th July which can act as a lead in event. The Craft Fair is on 19th July although the venue is still being considered. Public liability insurance has been obtained for the full year.

There will be music events throughout the Festival including on the beach and bandstand for the final weekend – coinciding with the Kite Festival.

[Councillor Little left the meeting at this point].

Art events will be held in the Masonic Hall and venues in Wood Street including Unique Lancashire, Silantro and upstairs at Sopers. There will be poetry events possibly related to the First World War centenary.

Christine Stringfellow is hoping to have street art workshops, subject to funding from the Arts Council.

Help is needed and welcomed with the distribution of Festival flyers and posters.

110/14 ST ANNES ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder gave a report from the recent Executive meeting, including the following items:

- In Bloom representatives and a Parks will walk around the town centre to identify areas for improvement this year.
- A sign will be put up on Queensway to show that the daffodils were planted by In Bloom members and volunteers.
- The former Rotary wishing well near Marks & Spencer has been given to St Anne's On Sea In Bloom and will be refurbished.
- In Bloom volunteers will be assisting Blackpool and Fylde Rail Users Association where possible by working at St Anne's station on Tuesday mornings from 10.00.

- Lytham Hall is being asked if they will donate surplus snowdrops.
- Work has begun on this year's judges handbook and all projects are being photographed year-round to provide evidence for the handbook.
- Suitable sites for red poppies are being identified to mark the centenary of World War One.

111/14 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but he had provided a written report:

- Both sites are back to normal following the recent storms; four skips full of debris were cleared from Shepherd Road last week.
- A dangerous boundary wall is to be removed from a neighbouring property.
- More plots have been let and the waiting list is nearly clear.
- A training course for ploholders, delivered by Myerscough College tutors was fully subscribed.
- A hazel coppicing talk was well attended and £250 worth of hazel products sold.
- The tiered planters at Blundell Road have now been completed and all the plots have been topped up with soil.
- New plot number signage has been installed across the whole of the Shepherd Road site.

112/14 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but he had provided a written report:

- The Youth Council had welcomed the Community Development Manager to their March meeting, who had talked to them about the Fylde Food Bank and suggested ways in which they may want to support it.
- Fylde Civic Awareness group had given a presentation about the forthcoming referendum on the current governance system used by the Borough Council, with a questionnaire circulated at the end.
- Ahmed James from the Youth Service gave an update about possible future improvements to the Ashton Gardens skatepark area.
- A planned talk by Tom Hutton of AFC Fylde was postponed until the April meeting.
- Hal Meakin chaired his last meeting as he has been selected as the Fylde Youth MP. Elections for Hal's successor will be held at the April meeting where it's hoped two new members will also be joining.

113/14 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 16th June 2014 at 2.00 pm.**

Please note the April meeting has been cancelled.

The meeting ended at 3.07 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
16th June 2014