

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
4th November 2013 at 2pm
West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE**

Present:	Councillors	C Little B Mackenzie V Willder	Chairman Town Mayor
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Manager
	Also present	A Jacques	St Leonard's Ward Councillor
	Members of the public		0

351/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Settle, Henshaw and Prestwich.

352/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

353/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2013 be approved.

354/13 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but had submitted a written report on the Youth Council:

New members are sought and two have been recruited from AKS. In addition the Youth Council secretary would be contacting youth organisations locally to gain members from a wider sphere, possibly including some from uniformed organisations.

Discussions on improving the skateboard park and area have taken place with a youth worker and members of Fylde Borough and the Town Councils.

The Youth Council will be represented at the Remembrance Day service and will take part in the Christmas Lights switch on, the Town Mayor's Carol Service and Treefest at the Parish Church. Hal Meakin has volunteered to do a reading.

A Fylde youth event at the YMCA on 11th November will include Youth Councillors who will be manning a stall.

355/13 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford had also provided a written a report on the Allotments:

Blundell Road

This site again won an award at the recent North West In Bloom Neighbourhood Awards, with a prize in the Outstanding section, which is the highest category. The allotments are also finalists in the Lancashire Green Awards 'Best Recycling' category.

Shepherd Road

The waiting list is reducing with ongoing plot lettings.

The planned bonfire event was well attended with a great atmosphere but a local resident concerned about the wind contacted the fire brigade and the fire was reduced in size. Unfortunately this means not all of the waste was burnt and skips may be needed to clear the remaining trees and branches etc.

The newly installed CCTV cameras provide very clear images of all movement and people on site and will be valuable in crime detection should there be further occurrences of theft or vandalism on site.

Additional signs advising of the 5 mph speed limit on site will be erected this week.

356/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder provided this report:

Daffodils have been ordered for planting along Queensway and LCC informed. Tete a tete narcissi will be used for the existing planters around the town as they are more resistant to wind damage.

A 'Thank you' buffet will be hosted by the In Bloom committee on 4th November for volunteers, at St Margaret's Church Centre.

Fylde Borough Council has been asked if there are any spare hanging baskets for the group to use.

Theft of plants is a problem; a press release was issued and future planting schemes will include structural plants which are less prone to theft.

A volunteer will be taking photos of all planting and events during the year which will be used for evidence of autumn, winter and spring planting.

A successful application was made to the High Street Innovation Fund.

Sadly the planters at Whalley Place & Alexandria Drive were not maintained (watered) adequately by the nearby shop owners, despite requests and reminders and with much regret it was decided to remove the small half barrel planters from these sites.

A planting / seed sowing session at the Crescent Gardens took place on 25th October, this included foxgloves grown from seed, wildflowers and crocus corms. The crocuses were provided by the Woodland Trust as a prize for being one of the first schemes to register a

planting activity with them.

The St Anne's On Sea In Bloom Annual General Meeting takes place on 5th November.

357/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2013

Councillor Little gave an update:

All activities are well underway for this event, it was further publicised at the last Chamber of Trade meeting. The response to the idea of 'sponsored' parcels for the Christmas tree was well received with several businesses immediately expressing their wish to take part.

The road closure request for Orchard Road has been authorised.

The lantern parade will go ahead with the Town Hall car park being the assembly point provided that no building work is taking place there on the Saturday.

David Wood is to be Father Christmas again.

The Community Development Manager reported that she was in the process of visiting local shops to persuade them to have a parcel on the tree and four more had agreed, just before the meeting took place.

Lowther Pavilion is dealing with the collection of monies for the parcel materials and brochure publication but as they are in Lytham it was more practical for the Town Council to approach the traders in person.

A meeting will be held on 6th November to discuss the latest progress.

358/13 KITE FESTIVAL 2014

Councillor Settle was not present but had provided the following report:

The Festival now has a committee and a written constitution.

A theme is being discussed; possibly St Anne as it is the feast day of St Anne on 27th July 2013 and the town flag could feature on one of the kites. Further discussion was needed with Pat.

Pat will liaise with the Coastguard regarding car exit routes each day and exclusion zone tapes will be used this year. Hi-vis jackets would be useful, possibly with the Town Council name on. Bulk car parking permits will be requested for the beach again.

Agreement has been given from The Grand, the Mode, the Seacroft, the Anchorage, Elsinghurst and Bretherton hotels regarding free accommodation for some of the kite flyers. The Pier Cafe has offered £500. Brothertons, Storytellers Inc, Linder Myers solicitors and The Island cinema are interested in having some advertising linked to the event.

Pat hopes to get more kites involved and attract the 'big' kite flyers to the event as they can pick and choose which events they attend. One possibility is a Guinness world record

attempt at the largest teddy bear, which would encourage more people to come along. Other ideas are: a kids' workshop/ flying zone, more stunt kites, and inflatable rides on the beach. Councillor Settle has suggested that the kite flyers provide more commentary about their kite flying, via the P.A system to explain the technicalities of what they are doing.

It is hoped that Northern Rail may again produce posters attracting people to the event via rail and publicity via the radio would also be desirable.

Music – Pat hoped to get a Samba band for one of the days and this could possibly be co-ordinated with the music on the bandstand arranged by HALSA.

Marquees – Vince would contact Councillor Nash regarding having some marquees including overnight security.

Toilets – lack of public toilets in the vicinity is a problem. The ones on the car park are out of use which means there are few in the area. Portalooos might be a solution but toilet facilities are required for both kites and the public.

Councillor Little commented that Radio Lancashire would be more than happy to support the event. Regarding hi-vis jackets, she also has plenty of these which could be used. Councillor Willder commented that a dedicate zone for the sandcastle competition was needed and also further supervision.

359/13 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 9th December 2013 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
9th December 2013