

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

### **Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 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 V Willder	Chairman
	Officers	S Dunn	Community Development Manager

#### **239/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Neale and Councillor Settle.

#### **240/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **241/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 be approved.

#### **242/15 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT 2015**

The Community Development Manager gave an update this event:

- The event would be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- Mayfield, Heyhouses and St Thomas' school choirs have confirmed they will be taking part.
- Lowther Pavilion's Christmas pantomime characters will be appearing.
- The Christmas Lights will be switched on at 5.15 pm following a children's Lantern Parade from the Town Hall to the stage area, during which time a road closure will be implemented for approximately 30 minutes for safety reasons.
- Shops and businesses will be encouraged to support the event by displaying a poster as the 2014 Switch On event attracted huge numbers of people into the town centre.
- The Round Table's Sleigh has been booked for the event.

**RESOLVED** That all progress on the Christmas Lights switch on event 2015 is noted and all actions agreed.

#### **243/15 TOWN MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE**

There was no update available due to Councillor Settle's absence however the date of 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 pm is confirmed and the venue is St Margaret's Church. Tickets will be £3 each (free for children) including refreshments and all proceeds will go to Sign Hi, Say Hi! charity for deaf children and their families.

#### **244/15 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

Both Shepherd Road and Blundell Road allotment sites are waiting to see if nominations in the Neighbourhood Award will be successful at the North West In Bloom awards on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Shepherd Road allotments continue to thrive thanks to the efforts of volunteers helping keep the site tidy, with the annual Open Day proving to be hugely popular with lots of positive comments from visitors.

Proceeds from the Open Day go towards further improvements and enhancements to the site. At Blundell Road, community spirit and teamwork has helped improve the appearance of communal areas. A new composting bin will help with the green waste produced on site and there is plenty of rainwater available thanks to the water butts being repaired.

**245/15 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM**

Councillor Ford had provided the following report:

The Best Front Garden competition produced two outstanding winners at 7 Queen Mary Avenue and at 102 Church Road.

A busy year by the In Bloom group has included more daffodil planting on Queensway and Crescent Gardens, floral planters in numerous locations across the town, improvements to the railway station platform and car park and the BeachCare team also won the prestigious Seaside award from Keep Britain Tidy.

As with the allotments, hopes are high for North West In Bloom awards that St Anne's does well enough to retain its gold award from 2014.

**246/15 KITE FESTIVAL 2015**

This item was deferred due to Councillor Settle's absence however it was noted that a meeting is taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> October between the Kite Festival organiser and representatives from the Town Council and Fylde Borough Council.

**247/15 FUNDING REQUEST FROM HOPE STREET YOUTH CLUB**

A request for interim funding was discussed by the newly formed Hope Street Youth Club.

**RESOLVED**                      **To advise the group to apply for a community grant from the Town Council.**

**248/15 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 7th December 2015 at 2.00 pm.**

*The meeting ended at 3.05 pm.*

Signed.....

Chairman  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2015