

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

Minutes of a Meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee held on 8th April 2013  
at West Lodge, St George's Road, St. Anne's.

Present:	Councillor	C Little V Settle V Willder A Jacques	Chairman   ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn S Taylor	Community Development Officer Town Clerk Designate
	Press/Members of the Public		0

### **95/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Akeroyd, Mackenzie and Prestwich.

### **96/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

### **97/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February were considered.

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2013 be approved.

### **98/13 ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Ford had advised before the meeting that he had no update to provide at this time.

### **99/13 YOUTH COUNCIL**

Councillor Ford had advised before the meeting that as a Youth Council meeting had been held on 7<sup>th</sup> April he had no report to provide at this time.

### **100/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM**

Councillor Willder provided the following updates:

Sainsbury's are working with Councillor Ford to improve their flowerbed.

The overgrown land adjacent to Boston Road may be cleared if the local residents wish this to go ahead. Views and consent are being sought.

The 'In Bloom' group hope to take part in the mini garden competition of this year's Carnival.

Schools are also to be contacted about participation in the various Carnival competitions.

Councillors Ford and Little will discuss the financial contributions from businesses towards communal planters in Alexandria Drive. Other areas may also wish to benefit from planters.

The station forecourt will undergo power washing of the ornamental rock work if ownership of the area can be established and the work agreed. This will be negotiated via Fylde Borough Council and BAFRUA.

Pam Curtis is to apply for £2,000 of funding for work at the station, via Fylde Community Projects.

The derelict platform remains an eyesore and it's possible an Environmental Order may be issued by Fylde Borough Council to get the area tidied up. The process for this is already underway.

Detailed marks for last year's In Bloom submission are now available with some improvements already suggested and this year's judging route now needs to be agreed.

Mark Wilde representing Fylde Borough Council had advised that Ashton Garden based projects such as the rose garden, rock and water garden are progressing well.

A walk around the town to identify areas needing attention had taken place and a list of tasks had been drawn up and sent to the Borough Council.

Joan Giddings is now an Ormerod volunteer and Joan's former role has been taken by Julie Moon.

Viable fundraising needs to be discussed and this will be done once the income from the Town and Borough Councils is available, which will be in June.

Councillor Ford will contact United Utilities about their building near the Crescent.

## **101/13 KITE FESTIVAL**

Councillor Settle reported that the dates for the event have been confirmed now that the Coastguard has checked the tide times.

A radio controlled helicopter display, sandcastle building competition, 'brave teddy' event are all confirmed elements. Due to military duties the possibility of an army assault course is still not definite.

Councillor Settle and the Community Development Officer had held a meeting with the Community Rail Partnership on 26th March to discuss how posters could be displayed on stations across the area to publicise the event.

Due to the size and corporate branding guidelines involved in these sites, it was later agreed that a grant could be made to the Community Rail Partnership to design their own posters specifically for the railway sites. This was very good news for the Festival as it is essentially free publicity which should attract visitors from further afield.

The railway posters would be an entirely separate element from the main posters designed by the event, which would probably feature local sponsors' details.

### **102/13 MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL**

The Community Development Officer reported that she had sent an email to all Town Councillors inviting their suggestions as to possible participants and venues for the Festival.

Councillor Little had provided some ideas for groups taking part which she had sent to Councillor Mackenzie.

**RESOLVED**      **That a discussion of the Music & Arts Festival and discussion of publicity for it would be taken to full council.**

### **103/13 EGG-ROLLING, EASTER 2013**

The Community Development Officer gave a report on this event.

Numbers attending were far higher this year than on previous occasions in spite of the cold weather.

Egg-Rolling had been very popular and the volunteers worked hard to deal with the children wishing to take part, however more resources were needed to help this run more smoothly on future occasions.

A review of location and facilities would be undertaken next year before the event takes place.

The press had attended and had taken many photos which had been featured in the local papers. Trophies had been given to the two Egg-Rolling winners.

Prizes had been donated by Sainsbury's and been presented by the Town Mayor. Thanks were given to all volunteers.

### **104/13 ART TRAIL**

The Community Development Officer reported that a meeting of the Steering Group had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> March. This was mainly to exchange ideas and discuss who might help take this forward as it was not really an In Bloom initiative although this was how the idea had come about.

At the meeting it was agreed that much more research needed to be done and therefore the next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### **105/13 FLAG FESTIVAL**

Councillor Settle gave a report on this suggestion. Ulverston have a long-established Flag Festival which could possibly be a good model for one in St Anne's and he had visited Ulverston to research this.

In Ulverston the event is run by the chamber of trade in conjunction with a group of residents, the Flag Fortnight Committee. Anyone who wishes to fly a flag, can do so, and retailers tend to theme their flags in line with their shops. Their arrangements are that the festival organisers offer a 'package' rate of £50 which includes bracket, pole and flag.

The Town Clerk Designate advised that she has contacted the Town Clerk at Ulverston to find out more about their event. The Town Council do not run the Flag Festival but support it with a grant. Their involvement is that there is a Councillor Representative on the Flag Fortnight Committee. The event is organised by the Flag Fortnight Committee and supported by a large number of volunteers, who are happy to give up their time. The Committee undertake the risk assessments and insurance, along with publicity, have responsibility for health & safety, use of ladders and daily checks of the flag fixings, whilst obtaining permissions from public realm authorities.

**RESOLVED That Councillor Settle to research community volunteers to take this project forward.**

### **106/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday June 17th at 2.00 pm at West Lodge, St George's Road.

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Chairman

Date

17th June 2013