

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on
9th December 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 K Henshaw C Akeroyd D Prestwich V Settle	Chairman Town Mayor, ex-officio
	Officers	S Dunn H Kennedy	Community Development Manager Promotion & Event Officer
	Members of the public		0

405/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

406/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

407/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2013 be approved.

408/13 YOUTH COUNCIL

Councillor Ford was not present at the meeting but had advised that the last Youth Council meeting had been cancelled therefore there was little to report.

Councillor Little advised that she had attended the "Ur Potential" youth event.

409/13 ALLOTMENTS

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

Blundell Road

The allotments won the Best Recycling Project Award at the Lancashire Green Awards which acknowledges the extent of the site's reclamation and recycling initiatives. Philip Jackson, the former Town Clerk, attended the presentation with Councillor Carol Lanyon and Tony Hamed.

Vacant plots are being offered to potential tenants on the waiting list.

There was a November social event to say goodbye to some plot holders who have progressed to larger plots at Shepherd Road.

The bulk discount seed order has been delivered which means the new season is another step closer.

Shepherd Road

Weekend working parties of volunteers had now completed the additional manure bin so it should be in use by early next year.

A very small increase in rent for 2015 has been notified to tenants in response to the ever-increasing water charges being levied by United Utilities.

The water supply is now switched off for the winter to avoid frozen pipes.

The waiting list continues to decrease as plots are let.

410/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM

Councillor Willder provided a report from the Annual General Meeting held on 5th November 2013 although she had been unable to attend it herself.

Daffodils had been planted along Queensway.

The existing Executive members of the Committee had been re-elected.

At the AGM chair Ian Roberts stated that it was important not to be disappointed by not winning our category of Best Large Coastal Resort at North West in Bloom this year.

There had been a successful bid to the Fylde High Street Innovation Fund funding of multi-purpose brackets. These could be used for hanging baskets, Christmas trees or flagpoles.

More volunteers are now joining and it was hoped that Lytham In Bloom could offer some advice on how to direct volunteers for best results. The next meeting is in late January and Viv will liaise with the In Bloom team at Lytham ahead of this meeting.

Tony Barrow at Braxfield Court wishes to plant bulbs on the grassed area in front of Seafarers. Tete a tete would be suitable for this.

411/13 TOWN MAYOR'S CAROL SERVICE 2013

The Community Development Manager reported that the event held last Friday evening had been well-attended. It was thought around 90 people had attended. The event raised around £400 from ticket sales, donations and the collection.

412/13 KITE FESTIVAL 2014

Councillor Settle provided an update on this event. The organiser Pat May was hoping to link the Kite Festival with the Music and Arts Festival. The intention was to have bands playing during the Kite Festival, making the event bigger and having wider appeal, improving year on year.

The issue of funding was also discussed; grant funding from Fylde Borough Council should be encouraged, if Mr May was hoping to include more attractions and participation of top level kite players.

413/13 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 20th January 2014 at 2.00 pm.**

414/13 MATTERS CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED That, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. The public and press to withdraw from the meeting during consideration of detailed discussion regarding:

415/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2013

RESOLVED The Community Development Manager would produce a pro-forma for ideas and suggestions about the future format of the event. This pro-forma would be circulated to Councillors via email and ideas brought back for discussion at the next committee meeting on 20th January 2014.

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman
20th January 2014