

## **Billingham Town Council**

### **Minutes of Services & Engagement Committee Meeting** **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 5.30 p.m.** **Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors	Helen Atkinson (arrived at 5.40pm) Michelle Bendelow Daniel Forrest Gareth Hedley Mick Stoker (Chair of Committee)
<b>Official:</b>		Miss Vicky Lloyd – Deputy Town Clerk
<b>Apologies:</b>		Councillor Maria Lacey (No apologies received) Councillor Michael Shotton (No apologies received)

#### **84/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed all present. The usual rules about housekeeping were made.

#### **85/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

#### **86/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

There were no public present or questions on this occasion.

#### **87/24 MINUTES OF SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i). That the minutes of the above meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, a copy of which has been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

## **88/24 EVENTS UPDATE**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members of the town councils remaining events for 2024:

- **Halloween at Café in the Park – w/c 28<sup>th</sup> of October a week of fun activities including a Halloween party on the 31<sup>st</sup> face painting, games and fancy dress competition.**
- **Billingham Remembrance Sunday Parade 10<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Christmas Tree Light Switch On – 30<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **Events 2025**

- **VE Day 80 - 8<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Billingham Show – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**
- **Billingham Remembrance Sunday Parade – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Christmas Tree Light Switch On – 29<sup>th</sup> November**

### **RESOLVED**

(i). Information duly noted.

## **89/24 SERVICES UPDATE**

The Deputy Town Clerk gave members an update on Café in the Park, Pantry in The Park, Soup & Sandwich project, groups and organisations using the building.

Over the winter months the café is open Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm providing homemade cakes, pastries and pies. The hub is open to local groups and is a community space offering a safe and friendly space to keep warm.

### **RESOLVED**

(i). Information duly noted.

## **90/24 LOW GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that a dedicated Facebook page has been set up to promote the centre and space available to hire. A meeting with the Trustees will be held shortly to focus on developing the centre.

### **RESOLVED**

(i). Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm with Councillors Atkinson, Bendelow, Forrest, Headley & Stoker present.

Signed M Stoker Date 18-11-24

Chairman of Services & Engagement Committee

CLLR M. STOKER