

Billingham Town Council

Minutes of Services & Engagement Committee Meeting **Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 5.30 p.m.** **Held at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

Present: Councillors Helen Atkinson
 Maria Lacey
 Mick Stoker (Chair of Committee)

Official: Miss Dee Smith – Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

Apologies: Councillor Gareth Hedley – Personal
 Councillor Michelle Bendelow - Personal
 Councillor Daniel Forrest – No apologies received

Cllr Gina McCall and two member of the public were also present.

147/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

148/24 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

149/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

There were no public present or questions on this occasion.

Two members of the public left at 5.35pm

150/24 MINUTES OF SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2025

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes.

RESOLVED

- (i). That the minutes of the above meeting held on 14th January 2025, a copy of which has been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

151/24 EVENTS UPDATE

The Town Clerk gave members an update on events.

Members agreed the annual schedule of events for 2025:

- VE Day 80 – Thursday 8th May
- Funday Fridays – 1st, 15th & 29th August (15th August will be a VJ Day 80 themed event)
- VJ Day 80 – Friday 15th August
- Billingham Show – Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September
- Billingham Remembrance Sunday Parade – Sunday 9th November
- Christmas Tree Lights Switch On – Saturday 29th November

RESOLVED

- (i). Information duly noted.

152/24 SERVICES UPDATE

Members noted the update report from the Business Support Manager on Café in the Park, Pantry in The Park, Soup & Sandwich project and local groups using the building.

The Town Clerk advised members that Café in the Park will reopen for the spring/summer months from 14th April to 11th October 2025. During the April half term holidays children's activities will take place.

RESOLVED

- (i). Information duly noted.

153/24 LOW GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members were presented with a report on the centre.

A date is to be confirmed for the first meeting of the Task & Finish group to consider activities and support services which might be offered at the centre in the future.

RESOLVED

(i). Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 5.45pm with Councillors Atkinson, Lacey & Stoker present.

Signed M Stoker Date 18-03-2025
Chairman of Services & Engagement Committee

M STOKER