

Bishop Auckland Town Council
Community Committee
11 February 2025
Minutes

Present: Cllr Kimm Lawson (Chair), Cllr Mike Harker, Cllr Michael Siddle

Also present: Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk and three members of the public

CC008/24 Apologies for absence – no apologies received.

Cllr Balmer-Howieson and Cllr Fryatt were absent therefore were not approved.

Resolved: that members noted no apologies were received

CC009/24 – Declaration of Interest

Resolved: that no declarations were made

CC010/24 – Minutes and Actions from previous meeting

Resolved: that no minutes were to approve as ratified at full council

CC011/24 – Event and Community Engagement 2025 Update

The Acting Clerk gave a summary of the breakdown of the £94,000 allocated for events in the 2025/26 year.

Resolved: that members agreed on the breakdown of budgets but requested a task and finish group be set up as more discussion is required for the allocation of funds for the Christmas funds.

CC012/24 – Community Support Feedback

Feedback from schools, nurseries, community groups from festive donations made were read out by the Acting Clerk.

Resolved: that members were encouraged by the positive comments and letters of thanks

CC013/24 – Community Support Funds

The Acting Clerk advised of funds remaining in the 2024/25 financial year for School Holiday Support and Community Organisations Support which equates to £14,000. A list of donations to help a vast number of groups from young to old covering aspects of physical and mental health, support groups, social groups, special needs groups were incorporated.

Resolved: that members approved the list of donations to help support the communities within the town plus £500 to the AYCC for a family trip to a day out at a farm over the school holidays. The £500 will secure the transport.

CC014/24 – 106 Monies

Members were advised that there is currently over £19,000 in the Woodhouse Close ward and over £6,800 in the Town ward currently available. Enquiries with DCC advised that these funds were not currently allocated but approval had to be sought from the appropriate County

Signed Chair:

Councillor for a project to be put forward for approval. The change of wards will not affect the ward allocations.

Resolved: that members were made aware of the current funds available and the remit in which they can be used.

CC015/24 – Community Fund Applications

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Woodhouse Close Church Community Centre

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