

Bishop Auckland Town Council
Minutes of the Community Committee

10th June 2026 at 4.30pm

Town Council Offices, Kingsway Court, Bishop Auckland

CLlr Present: Chair Cllr L Zair, Cllr J Fox Cllr Redmond

Also, present: S Harris Clerk, J Turnock Governance Support Officer, and M Jordan Community Support Officer

CCC001/26 - Apologies for Absence – Cllr R Elliott and Cllr M Harker gave their apologies.

Resolved: that members agreed and accepted Cllr Elliott and Cllr Harker apologies.

CCC002/26 - Declaration of Interests –

Resolved: that no declarations of interest were declared

CC003/26 - Action Log from Previous Meeting – action log presented and accepted.

Resolved: that the members noted the action log and members agreed that it was accurately updated.

CC004/26 Public Participation

Resolved: that no members of the public were present.

CC005/26 – Community Support

CC005a/26 Community Fund Applications Support Applications

An application had been received from Auckland Medical Group, however not all paperwork had been included, such as Bank Statements etc. Their initial request from GP surgery to convert courtyard to Wellbeing Garden and they were requesting £1000.

Resolved: that members agreed that as it was not open all residents, and that the application was incomplete then the grant should be refused.

A small donation request had been received via Green Matters, to provide water flasks for their community planting days.

Resolved: That members agreed to the purchase for 2 x 3 litre flasks and some reusable cups, and that the conditions would include ensuring PR promotion of the support that the Council are funding them.

CC005b/26 Community Donations Update

Now that the Community Support officer is in place, meetings to speak from organisation on financial requirements and gaps in provision and services. the Community Support Officer will be contacting Woodhouse

Signed:

Close Community and Auckland Youth and Community Centre to look at requirements, as well as the Advice and Guidance service to see if extended services can be secured.

Resolved: that members noted the update and welcome the proposal at their next meeting.

CC006/26 – Community Engagement Update

CC006a/26 Feedback from Poverty Truth Commission

Poverty Truth Commission is now being engaged through the new Community Support Officer, trying to get a voice about local services and the impact on those in poverty. #

Resolved: that members noted the update.

CC006b/26 Moving Together Bishop Auckland

Durham County new project to get the general population to be more mobile. There is a forum event in July.

Resolved: that members agreed that the Community Support Officer will be representing the council along with Cllr Siddle as Mayor.

CC006a/26 Greener Together and Kings Trust community

Group is active in planting items, and the Kings Trust have been clearing some of the area outside of the office. There may be a requirement to procure some plants along with plants donated.

Suggested a King Charles Rose be procured for the outside garden.

Resolved: that members noted the update and agreed for the Clerk to purchase the rose.

CC007/26 – Events Update including

CC007a/26 Youth Award 2026

Update given on Youth Awards, special Barbara Laurie award was discussed for special achievements. It was agreed to recognise the two young members of BARUFC who had been selected for England north. As Barabara Laurie it was suggested that the Council buy some flowers as she is unwell.

Resolved: that members noted the update, and agreed that their be a Barbara Laurie Award and agreed to send Barbara Laurie some flowers and Cllr Zair to present the award in Barbaras name.

CC007b/26 Pride 2026

Pride is this weekend and the stall will run from 2-4.30pm.

Resolved: that members noted the update and agreed to support if they could. Clerk to email and ask Members if they are attending.

CC007a/26 Heritage Festival

There are two more meetings with the Heritage Festival, requested that Clerk to provide a list of items that the Heritage Festival will be providing and full programme at the next meeting.

Resolved: that members noted the update and agreed that they would have a full breakdown of the programme at the next meeting. Cllr Zair to look at the possibly of having the mobile wagon organ to play in the marketplace.