



**Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 6.30pm held in the Council Chambers,
London Rd, Halesworth**

Present: Councillors; J Moseley (Chair), K Greenberg, R Kellett, A Dunning, G Pattison.

L Simmonds and G Williams (co-opted members).

In Attendance: Phillippa Welby (Deputy Town Clerk)

Minutes

- 1. Apologies** - None
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting of the 30th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair.
- 4. H-ASH activities/Climate Conference** – around 70 tickets have already been allocated for the Friday night. The exhibition has been set up. The Council’s stand has already given out trees. Clerk to send reminder to Cllrs regarding the Friday night panel with ticket link.
The committee discussed an environmental policy for the Council. An example from another Council will be circulated as a starting point.
- 5. Youth Development** – St Mary’s have been opening one night a week to provide a safe space for 14 – 18 year olds. The application from St Mary’s was for £1000 to provide provisions and equipment for the attendees. The money would be taken from this committee’s youth development budget.
The committee approved the application of £1000 with the request for feedback during the year and the possibility of a further grant if necessary.
- 6. Skatepark and MUGA/Basketball court (multi use games area)** – The Clerk had found a more local company to test the weight capacity of the middle bridge in the town park for the cost of £575 plus VAT. This information could not be sourced from ESC who own the bridge. The Council have received an in budget quote for the MUGA depending on the bridge capacity.
The Clerk had sent the skatepark brief to one manufacturer for a ball park figure to renew the equipment. This will then give the Council an idea of costs and if there is a shortfall in funding.
- 7. Trees**
 - a) Saxons Way Planting Progress** Still waiting for a quote from ESSL as to the planting.

b) Plans for tree giveaway at Christmas The Co op have agreed to the stand on the 7th December. LS requested that the stall be moved to the Christmas market in the afternoon. Clerk to confirm.

8. Marketing Stakeholder Working Group

- a) **August marketing success report attached** - social media and website usage is still increasing. There is a short film in progress showcasing the bollards and wayfinding signs.
- b) **report back on ESC marketing workshop** – Cllr Moseley gave a report from the meeting focusing on how other towns address their marketing and events coordination.

9. Budget Planning 2025/26 Committee asked to submit any budget ideas by the 4th October.

10. Workplan – No questions raised, to be updated.

11. Correspondence – letter from Blyth Mews resident re: New Reach, Cllr Dunning confirmed that this had been responded to by ESC and SCC as the respective landowners and PROW responsible authorities.

12. Date of Next Meeting – 29th October 2024

Signature of Chair _____ Date _____