AGENDA 4, Enc i) ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, DRAFT Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 20th October 2026, at Town Hall, 65 Station Road, Ashington, NE63 8RX

CLLRS PRESENT:

Cllrs Lynne Grimshaw (Chair), Caroline Ball, Marjorie Chambers, David Coyle, Glyn Davies, Kerry Davison, Melanie Fox, Steven Roberts, Mark Purvis, Paul Wright, Jim Lang, Louis Brown, Sonia Simm, and Bob Walkinshaw.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Eden – Executive Officer, Alan Bunker – Allotments Officer and Gary Holmes – Administration and Communications Officer.

Two members of the public.

FGS2627/038 WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Welcomed by Cllr Lynne Grimshaw.

Cllr Grimshaw read a statement regarding a member of the public present to record the meeting:
"Before we begin, I'd like to let everyone know that a member of the public has indicated they will be filming this meeting. I can confirm they are entitled to do so. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any person attending a meeting of a town or parish council that is open to the public may report on that meeting. This includes filming, photographing, audio recording and using social media. No prior permission from the Council is needed, though we're always grateful for advance notice so we can make suitable arrangements.

There are a few points I'd ask everyone to bear in mind:

Filming must not disrupt the meeting. Anyone recording is asked to do so from the public seating area, without moving around the room or obstructing others' ability to see and hear the proceedings. The law does not extend to oral commentary or reporting during the meeting itself, so I'd ask that this doesn't happen while we're in session. If the Council resolves to exclude the press and public for any confidential or exempt business, the right to film no longer applies and all recording must stop at that point. Members of the public who speak during public participation may not wish to be filmed. I'd ask the person recording to respect that. Any recording made is the responsibility of the person making it, not the Council, including how it is used or published and their own obligations under data protection law.

If the meeting is disrupted, I will ask for the disruption to stop and, if necessary, the Council retains its power to deal with disorderly conduct.

Thank you. We'll now move on to the business of the meeting."

FGS2627/039 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Karl Green, John Tully, Jessica Appleby and Scott Amery.

FGS2627/040 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public present. No questions.

FGS2627/041 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 were **RECEIVED** and **AGREED**.

FGS2627/042 OFFICER'S UPDATES

Allotments

Allotment Liaison Group

An incredibly positive meeting was held on Thursday 15th October. Cllr Kerry Davison was elected Chair, and Cllr Marjorie Chambers as Vice-Chair. The meeting discussed the recycling efforts, fly-tipping, allotment fires and endorsed a reasonable adjustments policy which will be brought to Full Council. A draft report of the meeting will come to the next FGS Committee.

All Sites

A temporary fire ban was implemented due to dry weather. The ban was lifted on 1st October.

North Seaton

- A new plot holder has been taken on.
- A metal recycling day was held.
- A UPVC collection took place.
- Weed spraying was carried out.
- Two evictions were completed.
- Prices are being obtained for improvements to the entrance (hedges).

Nursery Park

- Plots were split, resulting in two new plot holders.
- Weed spraying was carried out.
- A metal collection took place.
- The boundary hedge was cut back.

Hirst East End

- Weed spraying was carried out.
- A metal collection took place.
- New tap boxes were installed.
- Asbestos was removed.

Highmarket

A drain cover was replaced.

Woodhorn

- New plot holders have been taken on.
- Improvements were carried out to a plot, with assistance from plot holders.
- One eviction was completed.
- There are ongoing issues with one tap.

Green Lane

A metal collection took place.

Seaton Hirst

Issues with flooding and one tap were reported and have now been fixed.

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Outstanding Matters

- North Seaton: pricing for entrance (hedge) improvements.
- Woodhorn: ongoing issue with one tap.
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Neighbourhood Services and Street Scene

Horticulture

The summer plants were removed in the last week of September. Whilst we didn't get the full red and white display we hoped for, the white geraniums and surfinia definitely lasted well. Winter pansies were planted the following week and are looking great.

The Bothal Gateway bed has been designed as an exact match to the Woodhorn Gateway. Plants were removed and replanted on the High Street. The bed will be filled with bulbs to create some show in the spring and more sustainable planting will be added at the appropriate time of year. This creates a much more manageable and less sprawling bed, as well as a more pleased feature. The Haydon gateway bed has been performing less well over recent years so this will be looked at next.

The memorial garden looks very well following a summer of more regular visits, similarly for Station Road, Doves Corner, the Workers Memorial in St. Johns, the Mining Wheel and Jack Charlton Statue. Thanks to Matthew who has worked with us throughout the season giving an extra pair of hands when needed and enjoying the care and attention delivered of these much loved spaces.

We hope members will join us on Friday 30th October for the bulb planting morning in the Memorial Garden. 400 red rising tulip bulbs will be planted bringing some vibrant red in the springtime.
Plans and prices are being drawn up for a new feature at Nursery Park, the entrance to St. John's Cemetery. This will be brought to the November FGS Committee.

Public Seats

At the time of reading the five new seats for the Bothal ward, funded by County Cllr Scott Amery's Members Local Improvement Scheme (MLIS) will be installed. Additionally, a further seat installed near the riverside purchased by Cambois Rowing Club in memory of Eric Shiel. Woodhorn Narrow-gauge Railway have fully refurbished the seats the Town Council donated following replacement seats purchased by County Cllr Sonia Simm for the Haydon Ward, with her MLIS funding. We hope there will be an unveiling soon.

Bus Shelters

Two new shelters are being installed on 22nd and 23rd October. These will replace the shelter outside The Northern. Following consultation with ward Cllrs we are taking a chance with a safety glazed shelter as opposed to the vandal proof panels, in keeping with the rest of the town. The second shelter is being installed at Briardene in the Haydon Ward; it is expected the configuration of the shelter will be far more accessible than the previous set-up.

Storage and Recycling

We have taken up use of a container at Jubilee Industrial Estate, this has freed up a great deal of space in the unit and was necessary to take delivery and make-up seats. This remains a temporary source of storage and plans for our own larger space are progressing with NCC Legal Services.

We are looking at the possibility of clearing an allotment plot (not cultivatable) to be used for recycling, movement of waste and possibly a compost heap.

Events and Engagement

Ashington & Blyth Community Partnership

The last meeting was held at Newbiggin Sports Centre on 23rd September. The office will continue to share the meeting date and agenda, the next being 18th November at Ashington Rugby Club.

Junior Parkrun

This amazing free weekly run was launched in Ashington at Hirst Welfare on 4th October and has now hosted 3 events. It will go from strength to strength with the FB page now up and running alongside the usual Parkrun webpage. Since starting the event has welcomed 73 different young people who have in total crossed the finish line 111 time already. They have clocked up 23 personal bests and gained 38 volunteers**.** If you want to be inspired go along to a Parkrun event, either on a Saturday at Ashington Community Woods, or on a Sunday to Junior Parkrun at Hirst Welfare Centre.

Town & Parish Councils Conference

The Autumn Conference was held at County Hall on 8th October. All slides have been shared with Cllrs which included Highways and Planning.

Remembrance

The Town Hall Clock Tower, Leisure Centre, Bridge and gable end opposite Wetherspoons will display projections to mark Remembrance again this year. They were really appreciated last year and it is hoped will be again.

The Ashington Branch of RBL, the Council and Churches together are working towards the Remembrance parade and Service on Sunday 8th November. The parade will leave from Bettini's at 10:30am along Station Road and into the Memorial Garden. Ryan will be in attendance on the day to support NCC providing gazebos and to give out seats to those who need them. Civic Head, Cllr Caroline Ball will host those dignitaries in attendance, including Deputy Lord Lieutenant Julie Cordon. Wreaths can be ordered from the Ashington Branch of RBL, or directly from the Poppy Shop.

Small Grants

The closing date for this penultimate round of small grants is Wednesday 21st October. A summary will be brought to the November FGS meeting.

October Half-term

Free swim sessions are being promoted for take-up during half-term –Saturday 24th October and Wednesday 28th October. We also have a Halloween Trail in participating shops running throughout half-term.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Save the date – Saturday 21st November. Following feedback received over the last couple of years, the switch-on has moved to a Saturday, from 2pm until switch-on at 5pm. We would like to see as many people as possible supporting the event. There will be crafty things inside the Masonic Hall and lots of fun outside on Station Road leading up to the switch-on when Civic Head, Cllr Caroline Ball will turn on the lights! In response to feedback there will be a selection of food stalls and fun fair rides, in addition to some special Christmas themed attractions, including Santa and his sleigh.

Play Areas

The Executive Officer met with Green Spaces Officers at Paddock Wood with a view to agreeing the inclusion of this play areas redevelopment with funding awarded to Northumberland County Council. This is being supported, alongside the redevelopment of Bywell Road Play Area in the Haydon Ward, and the Riverside Play Area in Bothal Ward.

Members will recall that we supported NCC in conducting a small survey of nearby residents to Bywell Road play area. The space was supported for play provision and as such NCC is redeveloping this space with funding received. Green Spaces officers have asked that I am involved in the procurement process with a view to agreeing a longer term future of the area under Ashington Town Council, as with other play areas that were transferred and now have a long-term lease in place. The Riverside Play Area is also being redeveloped using the same inward funds. Procurement for Paddock Wood Play Area will commence in April 2027, separately to others as early engagement has revealed that families want a wooden adventure type play area.

Following recommendations from other local Councils we are seeking to work with company from North Tyneside who carry out play area repairs that cannot be done in-house.
People's Park had an issue with cars gathering in the car park in the summer, as well as vehicles being driven onto the field. The Executive Officer has engaged NCC Highways and will arrange a meeting of stakeholders and police to discuss the problem and look at possible solutions. The police are also seeing increasing issues at North Seaton Skate Park and are looking at how they can design out some of the issues.

Scottish Power Renewables did some filming with Civic Head, Cllr Caroline Ball and ward Cllrs in North Seaton Colliery Play Area which will feature in their annual report. We have featured in the Annual Report previously, the written version, so this will be a first. Members will recall that the Scottish Power Renewable Fund was used to Epsom and Aintree play areas, and most recently North Seaton Colliery.

Website and Social Media PR

Website

The new website revamp has been a success. Widescope are currently updating the backend to make it easier for officers to use, while work continues making the site simpler for the general public to navigate and keeping it in line with current website design and trends.

Work is also underway on a new "Things to Do Around Ashington" page, which will showcase local attractions such as parks, the woods and the museum, using the same interactive search and mapping system featured elsewhere on the website.

Councillors, residents, community groups and visitors are encouraged to explore the updated website and share their feedback. Anyone who spots an issue or has suggestions for further improvements is welcome to contact the Council directly.

https://www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/news/

Article Title	Date
Finance and General Services Committee meeting on 20th October	8th October 2026
Hirst Ward By-Election Result, 1st October 2026	2nd October 2026
Half term in Ashington: free swimming, a Halloween trail and a planting day	29th September 2026
Ashington Town Council Opens Third Round of Small Grants Fund	29th September 2026
New seats coming to Bothal	25th September 2026
Clean audit for Ashington Town Council's 2025/26 accounts	24th September 2026
Civic Head Joins Harvest Thanksgiving at Trinity Church, and Ashington is Asked to Think of the Foodbank	22nd September 2026
Full Council to meet on Tuesday 29 September	21st September 2026
READY, STEADY… GO! ASHINGTON JUNIOR PARKRUN LAUNCHES SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER	16th September 2026
Town Council funding gives Wansbeck Community Links a daily YMCA base to support young people	16th September 2026

Facebook

The Council's Facebook page recorded a quieter period from 18 September to 15 October 2026, with most key metrics down compared to the previous reporting period, which was a particularly strong one.

Views reached 125,300, a decrease of 39.8%, with 57.7% of views coming from non-followers, so content continues to reach well beyond the existing audience. Views from followers rose 50.3% and now make up 42.3% of the total. Unique viewers totalled 24,285, down 47% on the previous period. Content interactions reached 907, down 26.6%. Interactions from followers rose 4.8% to 678, while interactions from non-followers fell 61.1% to 229, so followers accounted for the majority of engagement this period. Facebook visits totalled 1,900, a decrease of 52.4%.

The page recorded 24 new follows, down 71.8% on the previous period, against 6 unfollows, down 60%, delivering a net gain of 18 followers, a decrease of 74.3%. The page now stands at

4,200 followers. Video performance was also much lower, with 38 three-second views and a total watch time of 17 minutes 48 seconds, down 99.8% and 99.6%, respectively.

Overall, this period saw a fall in reach, visits and new followers following an exceptionally strong previous period, although engagement from existing followers continued to grow and more than half of all views still came from outside the current follower base. Residents continue to respond best to good news about the town, with posts covering Civic Head visits again among the best received content.

Date	Post	Reactions	Comments	Shares
02/10/2026	Following the Hirst Division County Council Election held on Thursday 1st October, Ashington Town C…	83	28	3
07/10/2026	🌺 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE & PARADE – ASHINGTON 🌺 Ashington will come together to remember on Sun…	18	3	20
09/10/2026	🎄 11 weeks until Christmas, and 6 weeks until the Christmas light switch-on! 🎄 Mark your diaries, A…	14	0	19
01/10/2026	🎄 The countdown to the Christmas lights switch-on is officially underway! Last year's Christmas tre…	21	1	13
16/09/2026	🏃🎉 ASHINGTON JUNIOR PARKRUN STARTS SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER! 🎉🏃 It's happening! Ashington's very first…	6	0	15
25/09/2026	🏃🎉 ONE WEEK TO GO! 🎉🏃 Ashington's first ever junior parkrun launches next Sunday, 4 October, at …	9	0	14
12/10/2026	🎃 Ashington Town Council's Halloween Trail 🎃 Get ready for a spooky adventure! Our biggest ever Hal…	11	2	11
16/09/2026	🦽🚇 Good news for mobility scooter users travelling on the Northumberland Line! Northern Trains can …	9	3	9
13/10/2026	🌺 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE & PARADE – ASHINGTON 🌺 Ashington will come together to remember on Sun…	10	0	10

25/09/2026	We're giving some of the seats around Bothal an upgrade, thanks to funding from County Councillor S…	28	5	2

A Note on Engagement and Our Communications Approach (added by EO)

When reading these figures, it's worth keeping in mind how social media platforms actually work. Algorithms reward content that provokes a strong reaction. Posts that are controversial, critical or negative tend to generate more comments, shares and debate, and the platform then pushes that content to a wider audience. This is why pages that lean into conflict, complaint or provocation often see sharp spikes in reach, likes and new followers.

We are aware of this, and we have made a deliberate choice not to chase those numbers. A post designed to stir a reaction may deliver a short-term rise in traffic, but it rarely informs residents, builds trust or supports the community. It can also damage the Council's reputation, put officers and councillors in a difficult position, and create an online space that is less welcoming for residents who want to engage constructively.

Our focus remains on positive, meaningful and useful content: service updates, events, funding news, civic activity and good news about the town. These posts won't always create the same flurry of activity as something contentious, but they are the right content for a public body to publish. This period's figures show that this approach is working. Our Remembrance Sunday and Christmas light switch-on posts were among the most shared, which means residents were passing on information they found useful. Engagement from existing followers also continued to grow, and posts covering Civic Head visits were again among the best received.

We will continue to measure success by the quality and usefulness of our communications, not by reach alone. This is in line with our communications strategy and its objectives:

- Provide accurate, timely information about Council services and initiatives
- Maintain transparent and accountable communication with our community
- Support community engagement and participation
- Ensure consistent, professional communication across all platforms
- Facilitate appropriate sharing of community information
- Maintain accessibility and inclusivity in all communications

Month-to-month figures will rise and fall, particularly after an exceptionally strong period like the last one. What matters is that residents can rely on the Council's channels to be accurate, fair and constructive.

FGS2627/043 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2026/27

a) Budget Report 2026/27 (October)

The updated budget and expenditure report was **RECEIVED**. There were no questions to the RFO.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The latest Bank Reconciliations, month ending 31st August 2026 and 30th September were **RECEIVED**. There were no questions to the RFO.

c) Schedule of Accounts Paid

The schedule of accounts paid was **RECEIVED** and payments were **ENDORSED**. There were no questions to the RFO.

FGS2627/044 PUBLICATION OF COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE (Placed on the agenda by Cllr David Coyle)

Members considered a proposal from Cllr David Coyle, dated 20th October 2026, that the Council formally record and publish Councillors' attendance at Council meetings. The meetings covered are Full Council, the Finance and General Services, Personnel, Climate and Environment, Youth Advisory and Allotment Liaison Committees, the Partnership Board, the CCTV Group, the NALC County Committee and the Ashington Town Forum.

The proposal aims to improve transparency around Member participation in Council business. It would bring the Council in line with Northumberland County Council and a number of other town and parish councils that already publish attendance records. Making the information routinely available would also reduce the administration involved in responding to individual Freedom of Information requests.

The Executive Officer's note referred Members to Section 85(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. Under that section, attendance at other meetings counts as attendance at a meeting of the authority only where the Councillor attends "as a member" of the relevant committee or body, rather than simply attending as a Councillor.

It was AGREED to:
a) record attendance at all of the meetings listed above, for all Councillors;
b) publish this attendance information as part of the Council's usual publication scheme, alongside minutes and agendas; and
c) delegate to officers how this information is displayed on the website.

FGS2627/045 NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ACTION (NCVA)

The Executive Officer's report on NCVA's request for emergency stabilisation funding was **RECEIVED**.

The Council noted as per the agenda and report, it would not be appropriate to agree funding at this meeting, as that decision has not been placed on the agenda. Therefore, if any Member wishes to propose, with a seconder, a motion to support one-off funding for NCVA, this would need to be agreed to be added to the next meeting.

Cllr Caroline Ball declared an interest and it was noted she would not take part in discussion.

Cllr Louis Brown proposed that NCVA be invited to a Full Council meeting. Cllr Grimshaw advised that the two Chairs had been asked to meet with NCVA, which they had done, along with the Executive Officer and all information was included in the report; there was nothing further that could be added. Cllr Chambers agreed that all relevant information was contained within the report and that an invitation was therefore unnecessary.

Cllr Wright stated that, of the information provided, some questions remained unanswered and he would support an invitation if the Council was considering funding.

Cllr Davison proposed that the matter proceed no further and raised several concerns from information she had gathered. In addition, stating that NCVA had received £40,000 from the Community Hardship Fund to strengthen its core staffing costs, and that the charity's decline was attributable to the Thriving Together contract having been awarded to CAB.

Cllr Simm stated that she did not consider the request a sound investment, as NCVA was not financially viable and could return with a further request the following year when the Council's funds could be used elsewhere.

The proposal by Cllr Brown to invite NCVA to a Full Council meeting fell for want of a seconder.

Cllr Davison's proposal to take the matter no further was seconded by Cllr Simm and **AGREED** with a majority 9 in favour, 3 against, with 1 abstention.

With no motion put forward to provide funding, the Executive Officer noted that a response would be given to NCVA without delay.

FGS2627/046 CCTV MEETING, 19TH AUGUST 2026

The report of the meeting was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

Cllr Davies raised concerns regarding balaclava-clad individuals riding e-bikes and the reports made by Asset Watch to the police, which had been noted. The Executive Officer advised that the police had written to request a meeting following their own meeting with the Design Out Crime Officer; ward Cllrs would be invited. Cllr Davies stated that his impression was that the problem was confined to certain areas and that it was important the matter was addressed and requested that North Seaton and College ward Cllrs be involved.

Cllr Roberts stated that the Council was not the police, that he had passed all reports and complaints to the police, and that this was all the Council could do unless the police could be persuaded to hold a public meeting about this issue.

Cllr Lynne Grimshaw suggested that County Cllr Gordon Stewart, Cabinet Member for Public Safety at Northumberland County Council, be invited to a CCTV meeting. Cllr Caroline Ball suggested a meeting of the Council which all members attended would be better.

Cllr Coyle asked whether the police could be invited to attend one of the Council's meetings. The Executive Officer advised that the police often attended Full Council meetings and had addressed these issues, but it was not appropriate for residents to ask questions in that forum, suggesting other places had 'cuppa with a copper.'

Cllr Chambers advised that Heart of the Hirst ran a "Cuppa with a Copper" session which was open to all.

Cllr Simm reported that she had attended a positive meeting on Friday regarding the bikes, at which options were being explored for land or provision for people to store and use their bikes, together with education.

Cllr Davies welcomed the positive developments but stated that the public perceived that nothing was being done and, as a result, did not make reports. Cllr Chambers advised that, on the

main street, one side was designated for bikes and the other for pedestrians, yet people continued to use the pedestrian side, causing a nuisance to the public.

Cllr Simm added that not all users of these devices were troublemakers and that putting provision in place would help to address the problem. Cllr Ball asked about communications and reminded Members that many of those involved were not children.

It was AGREED to invite County Cllr Gordon Stewart to attend a CCTV meeting, a Full Council meeting, or both.

FGS2627/047 ENHANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2026

The report of the meeting was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

Cllr Coyle advised that investigations were underway into a suitable mechanical sweeper which could effectively access and clean the colliery rows. Cllr Coyle asked the minutes to reflect his thanks to Chris and his team who were working hard and achieving positive results, as well as extending thanks to the Ashington Community Litter Project and the volunteers involved.

Following Cllr Fox's election as a County Councillor, it was **AGREED** that Cllr Brown replace Cllr Fox as a member of the Enhanced Neighbourhood Services Partnership Board.

FGS2627/048 SOUND FUTURES FESTIVAL 2026 REVIEW REPORT AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The report from the Executive Officer on the Sound Futures Festival was **RECEIVED**.

Cllr Ball reported that the Youth Meeting to discuss the Sound Futures Festival had taken place on Monday 19th October 2026 and that a video of the day had been presented. She advised that the festival had been a fantastic day which involved young people in all parts of the event and was very well attended. Cllr Ball stated that there were things to learn but much that could be repeated, and that the organisers intended to make each future festival bigger and better.

Cllr Wright expressed his support for young people and for the festival and welcomed the involvement of young people in its delivery, some of whom had been paid. However, he questioned whether the event represented genuine value for money. He highlighted that the report described the festival as a considerable success but did not provide evidence of financial success, positive feedback received, numbers attending, numbers of young people who had benefitted, or a cost-benefit assessment. He noted that the report relied on feedback from those involved in the event and felt there should be agreed measures of success. Cllr Wright also raised concern that replacing Fair Day, a town-wide event, with a youth-focused event for under 18s could leave the Council open to criticism and referred to Morpeth Town Fair as an example of an event with a wide reach and high attendance. He felt more evidence was needed to determine whether the festival was a viable investment for the town compared with the Council holding its own fair day

The Executive Officer agreed that attendance figures, benefits to young people, measures of success and value for money were all good ways of assessing an event and noted they would be useful in informing the Council's support for both its own events and those run by others. However, she highlighted that the Council had not previously evaluated its events in this way, including Fair Day. As these measures had not been set out beforehand, they had not formed part of anyone's assessment, and it would therefore be unfair and impossible to judge the

Sound Futures Festival against them. The Executive Officer clarified that the report presented was a reflection from the Town Council team and was not intended to be a formal evaluation.

The Executive Officer welcomed the suggestion and confirmed that developing an evaluation framework for events, with agreed measures of success, would form part of the role of the new Climate, Events and Engagement Manager.

Cllr Simm suggested that the Council consider holding a weekend event so that both Sound Futures and Fair Day could take place. The Executive Officer responded that there was not anything from Fair Day that was not included at the Festival – fairground rides, market stalls, community groups, catering.

Cllr Ball clarified that the festival was an event for everyone and not solely for young people. She advised that value for money had been excellent, as the expenditure on staging, marquees was sponsored locally. Cllr Ball agreed that in future a full and accurate report could be supplied to measure success, but this year had been the first of its kind and success would be measured into the future in view of the opportunities presented for young people.

Cllr Louis Brown noted that he was not keen to hear comparisons to Morpeth.

It was **AGREED** to support YMCA Northumberland to deliver the Sound Futures Festival again.

FGS2627/049 LITTER BIN UPGRADE PROGRAMME

The report that seeks approval for the phased upgrade of the town's litter bins was **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED**.

The meeting ended at 19:03.

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