

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,  
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, L Fenwick, S Simpson, K J Duffy, K Hawley, & V  
Watson

Messrs:- A Watson, R Moore, T Duffy, G L Carne, A S H Meikle, S Miles, R  
Kyle, J Robinson, S Kirkup & S P Franklin

**The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.**

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors A C Long, S D McGlen, C Watkins & A T Wilkinson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

68. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillors T & K Duffy declared an interest in item No. 78 – Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens. Councillor Meikle declared an interest in the cricket club as he was now on the Management Team for cricket Team.

69. The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 15 January 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

70. Minutes of the Events Working Parties of the 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

The Minutes from these working parties, copies of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved.**

71. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

The Minutes from this working party, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved.**

72. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sports Development Officer providing information for Members about new and existing sports development activities, club development and issues raised by sports users was circulated for the consideration of Members. The Sports Development Officer confirmed that as agreed at the last meeting, final warning letters had been sent to all football Team Managers about parking on Lowhills Road. She also gave an update on the Horden and Peterlee Rugby Club, reporting on their success with grant funding and planning consent for the new floodlights to the second pitch at Eden Park and also the purchase of a 16 seater mini bus. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

73. Progress Report of the Horticultural Supervisor

The report of the Horticultural Supervisor seeking approval for the procurement of a 4 wheel drive vehicle and grass cutting machinery for the daily maintenance of sports and open space areas was considered.

**RESOLVED the quotes from Firm A for the provision of horticultural vehicle and machinery, together with the trade in of surplus machinery to the combined values of £20,811 + vat from capital projects (901) new vehicles 4912 budget heading, be accepted.**

74. Patio area – The Pavilion

This item had been requested by Councillor Hawley for discussion on the inclusion of a patio area at the Pavilion Helford Road. Councillor Hawley suggested extending the current patio area to make it more user friendly extending the bistro outside area, and she offered to support the project, if approved, with funding from her Durham County Council Neighbourhood Budget Fund. **RESOLVED it be agreed in principle the patio area at The Pavilion be extended, and prices be obtained for this project prior to formal approval.**

75. Opening and Closing of the Play Areas, the Park and Cemetery – progress

The Town Clerk advised that he had received advice from the Health & Safety Team, DCC, and an impact assessment and site visit on all of the sites was to be held on 21 February 2018. Councillor Moore asked if he could be included in the visit to

Woodhouse Park. A further report would then be submitted to Council to confirm the arrangements. **RESOLVED the further report be awaited.**

76. Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens – proposed building - progress

The Town Clerk reported the quotations for the design of the proposed building were due to be returned that week. **RESOLVED the further report be awaited.**

77. Cricket Fence, Helford Road

The Town Clerk advised he had met with the cricketers and gone through the specification with them. DCC Procurement Team were now preparing the Request for Quotes paperwork. Contractors would be expected to visit the site in preparing a cost for the work. **RESOLVED further details be awaited.**

It was asked that the naming of the cricket Oval be considered further at the Council Meeting.

78. Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens

The Chairman introduced the three gentleman from the site, Mr John Scott, Mr Jason Teneur, and Mr Billy Robson. They advised they were making progress with a new committee, a new constitution etc and they wished to introduce themselves to the Council. Councillor Watson assured the representatives of the Town Council's support for the leisure gardens. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

79. North Denes

Members spoke about issue of anti social behavior in this area and the problems of excessive littering, even following a recent litter pick. Information was also given on recent discussions relating to a joint initiative with the Police to provide a scheme involving young people where this area was being considered. There was some uncertainty about the detail of this and the Town Clerk assured he would clarify this and report back to Council. There was also the issue of the current SLA in place with Durham County Council to maintain the area. **RESOLVED this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of this Committee.**