

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,  
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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, C Watkins, S McGlen & A T Wilkinson

**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.**

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, A C Long, J Robinson, S Kirkup & S Franklin. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

2. 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. 15 – Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens and Councillor Meikle in item No. 17 – Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens.

3. Horden & Peterlee Rugby Club

The Chair welcomed Paul Greener, Director of Rugby and Ian McClean, Secretary, Horden and Peterlee Rugby Club, who gave a report regarding the various improvement works and development of the Club and plans for the next season, (details of which were appended to the Sport & Wellbeing Manager's report). Members congratulated the Club on their achievements so far and assured the representatives of the Town Council's total support. There were several comments and questions to the representatives and the representatives were thanked for the update and their attendance.

4. The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 101 – Lowhills Road Bowling Club

It was reported there had been several community organisations that were showing an interest in the building and a further report would be made in due course. **RESOLVED this matter be considered further at the next meeting.**

- (ii) Minute Number 102 – Youth Provision

The Town Clerk gave an update for Members and it was asked if it would be possible for a representative of Groundwork NE and Cumbria to come along to a future meeting to speak to Members on the proposal. **RESOLVED an invitation to attend a future meeting be extended to a representative of Groundwork NE & Cumbria, as suggested.**

5. Minutes of the Events Working Parties of the 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> April & 16<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

6. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Parties of the 24<sup>th</sup> April & 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

The Minutes from these working parties, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. Councillor Watson asked for it to be recorded he had suggested some type of art installation be considered for the Park, tying in with the Apollo Pavilion and NASA dates of note, with a planetary theme. It was reported the hanging baskets were now in place in the Community Garden. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved and the Arts and Development Officer at DCC be contacted with regard to an art installation in the Park, themed as suggested.**

7. Peterlee Show 1 & 2 September 2018

This item had been referred for the Events Working Party held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, to consider further the time of closure of the Fairground on the Saturday evening of the Show. **RESOLVED the request received from Durham Constabulary that the fairground rides finish at 9.45 and the fair close at 10.00pm, be agreed to.**

8. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sport & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about new and existing sports development activities, club development and issues raised by sports users. Members asked that where the benches next to the teqball facility were placed, be re considered. **RESOLVED the information contained in the report, be noted.**

9. Christmas Tree – South Denes

This item had been referred from the Events Working Party held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018.  
**RESOLVED a costing and project plan be produced for Council's consideration.**

10. Community Gardening in neighbourhoods and roadside grass verges This item had been referred from the Council Meeting held on 30 April 2018. A Local Member reported on progress made with this suggestion with residents with a leaflet drop, planned fund raising events and positive feedback on the proposal. **RESOLVED progress be noted.**

11. Woodhouse Park – leylandi planting

This item had been requested by Councillor Long, following it being discussed at the Woodhouse Park Working Party. Unfortunately she was unable to attend this meeting and it was **RESOLVED consideration of this item be deferred.**

12. Planting on the Main Roundabouts in the Town

This item had been requested by Councillor Kyle, following approaches made to him by residents. It was confirmed the summer bedding plants were on order and the Town Clerk assured members he would keep them updated on the planned planting schedule. Members did accept the weather conditions had meant planting was delayed, and this was the case all over the county. Comment was also made about the deliberate vandalism with a motor bike going over the middle of the main roundabout. It was suggested that improved communications with the public about such matters via social media may result in less complaints/negative feedback. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

13. Emergency works – Eden Lane Shutter door

**RESOLVED the action taken in authorizing works at a cost of £717.00 for repairs to the shutter door at Eden Lane, following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, be noted. FURTHER RESOLVED a full report on works required to all shutter doors on the Town Council's building stock, be submitted in due course.**

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

It was confirmed the repairs to vandalized play equipment at Hampshire Place Play area had now been completed and the play area opened again on 6 June 2018. A Ward Member reported she was continuing to receive representations from residents, as reported previously, asking if the play area could be locked on an evening. It was confirmed, other than an anonymous letter received, no further feedback had been

received via the Office. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted and the Town Clerk consider the most appropriate way to publicise this matter.**

15. Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens – proposed building - progress

The Town Clerk informed Members of progress with the provision of the new shelter and store at Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens site. The plans had been received and now were with the Association for feedback and approval. They would then be given to a number of builders to obtain a price for the build for approval by Council. **RESOLVED progress be noted.**

16. Lowhills Leisure Gardens

This item had been referred from the Council Meeting held on 30 April 2018. There was considerable discussion and it was **RESOLVED that a new updated set of rules be produced for use at the Leisure Gardens, the plot holders be consulted on them and then they be confirmed by Council. FURTHER RESOLVED this matter be considered further at the next Scrutiny & Progress Meeting.**