

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
SHOTTON HALL,

PETERLEE ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- S P Franklin, S McGlen, A Watson, A Watson, R Moore, T Duffy,  
A S H Meikle, S Miles & C Watkins

**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.**

41. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, A C Long, K Liddell & R Kyle. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

42. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise.

43. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

44. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sport & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about activities, PACES, events and meetings, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was considered. The Sports & Well Being Manager reported the Tai Chi 4 week taster session had gone well with 10 participants and a further 5 expected the next week. The walk and talk event had been well attended and had been a very social event. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted.**

45. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
46. Notes of the Play Area Strategy Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.
47. Minutes of the Events Working Party of the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

48. Draft Notice of Motions submitted by Councillor A Watson

(a) Elimination of Single use plastics

Consideration was given to this Notice of Motion. The Town Clerk advised this had been discussed at the Strategic Management Team and Officers were very supportive of this and the Town Clerk tasked each department to identify 2 or 3 specific actions that they could achieve within their departments to reduce the use of single use plastics. He intended bringing a report back to Members should this motion be adopted. **RESOLVED PTC commit to eliminate all non recyclable single use plastic within Town Council managed buildings and facilities by 2020. FURTHER RESOLVED a report from the Town Clerk be awaited.**

Councillor K J Duffy joined the meeting at 7.00pm.

(b) Period Poverty

Members considered and discussed this notice of motion and whilst they fully supported it, were worried that it may be abused and also felt it was important for it to be targeted at need. It was suggested the motion be amended to include a reference to working with secondary schools and youth groups. It was then **RESOLVED PTC to make available FREE sanitary products in the Pavilion as part of a drive to tackle 'period poverty'. For this to be reviewed within 3 months with the aim to apply to all PTC public buildings and facilities and at the same time PTC encourage schools, local youth groups etc to take part in this initiative.**

49. Fishing at Shotton Hall Lake

The Chair advised she had been approached by a local fishing group about using the lake to fish. **RESOLVED the report prepared in November 2017 on this item be re considered at a future meeting.**