

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, L Fenwick, K Liddell, S Simpson, S McDonnell & K Hawley

Messrs:- C Watkins, S D McGlen, G Carne, S Miles, A Watson, A Wilkinson & S 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.**

27. Apologies for Absence

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

28. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given.

29. The Minutes of the Last Meeting a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved and signed as a true and correct record, subject to Councillor S McDonnell being shown as in attendance.

30. Citizens Advice Bureau – Progress

The Chair welcomed Sarah Ward, Client Services Manager, Peterlee & Seaham and Wendy Holliday, Benefits Caseworker who gave a report on PTC funded benefits project April 2019 – October 2019. From April 2019 until 30<sup>th</sup> September the Benefits Caseworker had advised 149 unique clients with 466 issues affecting their lives. The project had generated an income gain for clients totalling £477,606. This meant on average each client helped has had an income gain of £3,205. It was stressed these were only the figures reported back to the CAB; there would be many outcomes they may not know about. It was reported the CAB's work was heavily focussed on face to face advice although the service was adaptable to the needs of their clients. Members were presented with statistical information on Peterlee case types. In closing the CAB thanked the Town Council for their continued

support, reporting the money PTC offers to fund this project had a substantial impact on clients in Peterlee.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance and their excellent work and it was agreed that Sarah would provide further information and an anonymised case study to be publicised on the Town Council's social media pages.

31. Report of the Events Working Party of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

32. Notes of the Armed Forces Working Party of the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

33. Notes of the Lowhills Road Working Party of the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

34. Yoden village/Eden Hill Environmental Improvements scheme

Members considered proposals for a footpath/environmental improvement scheme on Town Council land in the Eden Hill area that was being proposed as part of a potential future development agreement for the North East Industrial Estate. Members were asked to give 'in principle' consent to the scheme, subject to future negotiations with prospective developers. **RESOLVED consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting in November 2019. In the meantime Members visit the site to walk around the proposals for themselves**

35. Progress Report of the Sport & Well Being Manager

The Report of the Sports & Well Being Manager providing information for Members about new and existing Sport & Wellbeing activities, club development and issues raised by Sports Users was circulated.

Members asked for an update on the situation with Peterlee Pumas which the Sports Development Officer gave and it was asked if she could arrange to meet with them. It was reported there had been cars parked at Lowhills Road playing fields on the previous weekend and it was asked if Members could get photographic evidence and pass it on to the office this would help in enforcing the current hire agreement and rules with the football teams. An update on the installation on the Lowhills Road fence was given. **RESOLVED the information contained in the report, be noted.**