

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- C Watkins, S D McGlen, G Carne, S Miles, A Watson, R Moore, T Duffy,
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.

36. Apologies for Absence

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

37. 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.

38. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed in the next item, the committee pass the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 & the Local Government Act 1972, due to various items relating to commercial leases between the Town Council and external organisations.

39. Site of the former bowling green

The Chair welcomed Barbara Crisp and her colleagues, Calm in East Durham, to present her proposal to the meeting which she did. She stressed Calm needed somewhere established to use as a base and this would allow them to plan for the next 2-3 years. Her proposal was to grow the services steadily, leasing the premises, doing works on the

building with their Man Day Project and in partnership with Believe Housing and build on the venture, then to seek funding to have something more substantial on the site. She felt there was so much potential in the site, especially on the men's side to be working outside also. The Chair opened the meeting up to questions and answers.

Members were reminded there was also another expression of interest and the organisation had been invited in to make a presentation to Council also.

The Chair thanked the representatives for their attendance and it was **RESOLVED a deadline be set at 28 days from 12 November 2019 for the group to attend and make a presentation or any further interest in the building to be made known.**

At this point the meeting was then re-opened for the public to attend should they so wish.

40. To Approve 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.

41. Progress Report of the Sport & Well Being Manager

The progress report of the Sports & Well Being Manager providing information for Members about Taste Buddies, MacMillan Coffee Morning, Sports Buddies Launch Event, Sport and Wellbeing exercise event, the Paces Christmas Party and Dance Like Nobodies Watching exercise and social event was given. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

42. Report of the Events Working Party of Monday 21st October 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

43. Notes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 16th October 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

Matters Arising

(a) White on brown signage for Woodhouse

It was **RESOLVED these signs be installed.**

(b) Public Space Protection Orders

Members were agreeable to re consider this item and it was **RESOLVED a report be submitted to a future meeting.**

44. Notes of the Lowhills Road Working Party of the 1st November 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

45. Yoden village/Eden Hill Environmental Improvements scheme

Members were asked to re consider 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 had been asked to give 'in principle' consent to the scheme, subject to future negotiations with prospective developers.

RESOLVED at this point the Town Council withhold their agreement in principle