

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- A Wilkinson, G L Carne, R Moore, S Miles, T Duffy, S McGlen,
S Franklin & J Robinson

Councillor S Meikle was nominated to Chair the meeting.

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.

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillor A C Long, (on holiday), and Councillor M A Cartwright. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

29. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillor J Robinson declared an interest in item 7 Cemetery Contribution – Horden Parish Council and left the room for the duration of consideration of them item.

30. The Apollo Pavilion Community Association Project

The Chairman welcomed Ms Alison Lister who was in attendance to update Members on a project for the site and a briefing note giving details of the proposal had been circulated to each Member prior to the meeting. Ms Lister explained the project was at the very early stages and reported that everyone consulted to date had been very enthusiastic and positive about the project. The Chair opened the meeting for questions and in closing Ms Lister encouraged Members to become a member of the Friends of the Apollo Pavilion and thanked the Council for giving her the opportunity to come along and tell them about the project and she would aim to keep the council updated with progress. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

31. The Minutes of the Last Meeting a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising included progress with the opening and closing of the play areas where the Town Clerk explained the risk assessments were being carried out for each of the areas. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

32. Minutes of the Events Sub Committee of the 6th September & 19th September 2017

There was considerable discussion on various items in the minutes of these working parties. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved. FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor's Autumn Ball scheduled to take place on 3 November 2017, be cancelled.**

33. Minutes of the Play Area Strategy working party held on 11 September 2017

The minutes of this working party were circulated for the approval of Members. The Town Clerk confirmed he had contacted DCC Procurement about coming along to the next meeting and he was awaiting their availability to arrange this. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved.**

34. Cemetery Contribution – Horden Parish Council

Members were asked to consider a request from Horden Parish Council for a donation of £8,434.00 towards the cost of their cemetery service for this financial year. The Committee considered an overview of the arrangements for burials in this parish from the inception of the parish in 1956, through the original formal arrangements with Horden Parish Council in the 1960s through to 1990s, the opening of Peterlee cemetery in 1992 and the subsequent 'good will' payments that have been made since the formal arrangements ended in 1992.

RESOLVED that the Town Council do not make a contribution to Horden Parish Council's cemetery service in this or future financial years.

35. Peterlee Leisure Centre (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017

Details of the Peterlee Leisure Centre (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2017 was attached for Member's consideration and feedback. **RESOLVED the following feedback be offered to Durham County Council, Peterlee Town Council objects to the proposed RTRA 1984 order for Peterlee Leisure Centre on a number of grounds:**

1. **The Town Council believes that the proposed order does not take into account the increased footfall and car visits to the site associated with the forthcoming relocation of the Peterlee library to the Leisure Centre;**
2. **The Town Council believes that the proposed restrictions will further exasperate the well-documented parking problems on adjacent residential streets, particularly (but not limited to) O'Neill Drive where local residents continue to be vocal about problems with parking associated with the imposition of restrictions at the medical centre on the street;**
3. **The Town Council believes that there is insufficient capacity in the County Council's civic enforcement team to meaningfully enforce the proposed Order.**

36. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sports Development Officer was circulated to each Member covering progress with actions from the last meeting, events, activities, and an update on the cricket fence, community activities, community groups, events, and club development for the Rugby Club was also given. **RESOLVED:-**

- (a) A pilot scheme be introduced on the Town Councils sports field in relation to litter collection and prevention;**
- (b) Further detail in relation to Community Activities at the Horden and Peterlee Rugby Club be requested by the Sports Development Officer;**
- (c) The remainder of the information given in the report, be noted.**