

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- A Watson, R Moore, T Duffy, S McGlen, J Robinson & S P 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.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors A C Long, V Watson, C Watkins, S Kirkup, S Miles, G Carne, A Wilkinson & R Kyle. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

52. To receive declarations of interest

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

53. The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 13th November 2017, a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record, subject to Councillor Mc Donnell being shown as in attendance. The Town Clerk gave brief updates on the cricket fencing at Helford Road, the Leisure Garden sites and controlled fishing at Shotton Hall.

Matters Arising

Minute number 44 – Proposed de illumination – various sites

The reply received from Durham County Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was considered. **RESOLVED that Clr McGlen would forward the concerns discussed to the Town Clerk in writing, and this be forwarded to Durham County Council as a formal note of the Town Council's concerns.**

54. Minutes of the Events Working Parties of the 7th & 21st November 2017 Minutes from these working parties, copies of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. Members offered their compliments on the tree lighting event which they said had been excellent. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved.**

55. Financial/Maintenance implications of Northern Premier League Cricket aspirations of Peterlee Cricket Club on the current PTC Parks Department Regime

RESOLVED consideration of the Joint Report of the Horticultural Supervisor and Sports Development Officer, requesting Members consideration of the implications of the Peterlee Cricket Club being successfully promoted to a higher league, be deferred.

Councillor S Franklin left the meeting at 7.20pm.

56. Review of Lawn Bowling provision

The report of the Town Clerk informing Members of the current position regarding the provision of lawn green bowling facilities by Peterlee Town Council and they were asked to consider a number of options for the future. There was considerable discussion on the contents of the report and the options offered for consideration. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the de-commissioning of one of the lawn bowling sites owned and managed by the Town Council, with consolidation of bowls provision on the remaining site. FURTHER RESOLVED the Community & Environment Committee oversee the transition process, and consider establishing a working party to complete this task/project if required.**