

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, L Fenwick, S Simpson, K J Duffy, K Hawley, & A C Long

Messrs:- A Watson, R Moore, T Duffy, G L Carne, A S H Meikle, S Miles, R Kyle, C Watkins, A Wilkinson & 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.

80. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, S D McGlen, (work commitments), S Kirkup, V Watson & J Robinson, (work commitments). **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

81. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillors T & K Duffy declared an interest in item No. 89 – Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens.

82. The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 12 February 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

83. Minutes of the Events Working Parties of the 7th & 20th February 2018

The Minutes from these working parties, copies of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved, subject to the minutes of the 7th February 2018 including apologies from Councillor T Duffy.**

84. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 19th February 2018

The Minutes from this working party, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, were considered. **RESOLVED the contents of these minutes be noted and approved.**

85. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sports Development Officer providing information for Members about teqball, Parkinson's & dementia work, PACES activities and Lowhills Road changing rooms was circulated for the consideration of Members. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be accepted and the information given, be noted.**

86. Youth Provision in Peterlee Town Centre

This item had been referred from the Council meeting held on 26 February 2018 where it was agreed in principle the Town Council financially support youth provision in the town. The Town Clerk advised he was currently working with Groundwork on costings and he intended making a further report as soon as he had these. **RESOLVED the report be awaited.**

87. North Denes, SLA with Durham County Council

This item had been referred from the last meeting of this Committee and there had been several discussions with DCC on the matter and a further report would be submitted to Council. The Town Clerk was pleased to report a positive initial response by the Clean & Green Team, DCC on the collection of rubbish collected by volunteers with the Litter Respect Campaign. **RESOLVED a further report be awaited.**

88. Opening and Closing of the Play Areas, the Park and Cemetery – progress

The Town Clerk gave a presentation to Members a presentation outlining measures required for Woodhouse Park before it could remain open. He intended to report back to Council with details of the proposals along with costs and further information. **RESOLVED a further report be awaited.**

89. Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens – proposed building – progress

The Town Clerk reported he had now met on site with the Architect who was now preparing drawings for the build. The Architect would prepare plans only and the services of a professional would be required for the quantity surveying procurement etc. It was

asked if this Architect be asked to consider the proposed patio area at The Pavilion. **RESOLVED plans for Thorntree Gill new build be awaited and the Architect be asked to draw up plans for a patio area at the Pavilion.**

90. Lowhills Road Fencing

The Town Clerk gave details of the measurements and cost of material for this work. He explained that he needed to consult with Northern Gasworks as there was a supply running alongside the highway on Lowhills Road. Durham County Council would also need to be consulted on the proposal. It was suggested depending on the replies from the various agencies this go out to public consultation. The Sports Development Officer offered the suggestion of fencing the pitches themselves which would protect them and offer improved facilities. **RESOLVED further progress be awaited.**

91. Cricket Fence, Helford Road

The Town Clerk gave an update to council on this project. The tender documentation was out to interested firms following it being made available on several government procurement portals. The closing date was Friday 23rd March 2018 and a report would be submitted for consideration by council in due course. Mention was made on the manhole cover at the edge of the outfield on the cricket pitch which was noted for attention. **RESOLVED further progress be awaited.**