

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 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, S Kirkup, A S H Meikle, S Miles, R Kyle, C Watkins & J Robinson

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.

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors S McDonnell, A Wilkinson, S Franklin & V Watson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

30. 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 K Duffy declared an interest in item Number 12 on the Agenda – removal of metal cabin from Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens.

31. Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9th July 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

32. Minutes of the Meeting of the Sports & Well Being Sub Committee of the 18th June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

33. Minutes of the Events Working Parties of the 11th & 24th July 2018 copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

Item 17 (a) - Armed Forces Day it was asked that a funding application be submitted as soon as the funding stream was available.

Item 17(j) - It was confirmed that the proposal for a Sausage and Cider Event not to be taken any further at this point.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

34. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 27th June & 25th July 2018 copies of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

It was asked if the works to the toilets had now been completed; it was confirmed there were outstanding items that were being progressed. **RESOLVED the outstanding works be completed as soon as possible.**

35. Play Areas – Focus Group

Members were asked for a suitable time and date for this meeting to be arranged. It was asked that it be held at 10.00am and to avoid a Friday. **RESOLVED Members be advised of the time and date of the focus group meeting for play areas when it was arranged.**

36. Donation of fruit cage frame to Woodhouse Park Community Garden

The Town Clerk gave Members a brief summary of the gifting of this piece of equipment to the Community Garden in Woodhouse Park and approval was requested for the Council to make a small grant of £50.00 to Acre Rigg School to use for equipment, plants etc on their school plot. **RESOLVED the action taken in this regard, be endorsed and approval be given to £50.00 being granted to Acre Rigg Academy towards equipment, plants etc for their school garden.**

37. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sports & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about new and existing sports development activities, club development and issues raised by

Sports users was considered. The report included an update on the football pitches, PACES, activities, events and sports activities at the Show. Members asked about the use of the sports pitches at Helford Road and it was reported an update on this would be made to the

next meeting. The low number of participants for this year's Fun Run was considered and it several suggestions were made to the Sports & Well Being Manager. **RESOLVED the information contained within the report, be noted.**

38. Former bowls Pavilion, Lowhills Road

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update report following the closing date for expressions of interest to use this building by community group(s). The Town Clerk intended making a presentation to interested parties, following this he would make a further report to Council. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

39. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the committee pass the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1961 & the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, Part 1, paragraph12.

40. Removal of Metal Cabin from Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens

There was discussion on the matter at the close of which the Chairman advised this was a PLGA issue and there was no further action to be taken by the Council. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**