

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT 6.30PM

**PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)**  
Mesdames:- L Fenwick, K Hawley, S Simpson, K J Duffy  
Messrs:- S Miles, A S H Meikle, C Watkins, R Moore  
& A Watson

**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.**

93. Apologies for Absence

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

94. 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.

95. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members agreed the attached minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 as a true and correct record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

Matters arising

(i) Minute number 90 – Cllr A Watson asked if there was an update regarding the Eden Lane Community Garden. The Town Clerk confirmed he had contacted the Edenhill People’s Project Co Ordinator for an update and was awaiting a response.

(ii) Minute number 91 – Cllr S Miles advised there were no signs up yet at Lowhills Road to prevent parking and/or driving on Lowhills Road playing fields. The Sports and Wellbeing Manager advised these will be in place for the next football season, which starts in August 2019.

96. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sport & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about new activities, PACES, events, marketing, sports clubs and pitches, a copy of which had been previously circulated, was considered.

Local Member A Watson reported he had met with a representative of Peterlee Cricket Club and the Parks Manager and they had agreed planters could be used around the Cricket pitch, as these could be moved during events. A Watson also asked on the progress of seating and several options were discussed. The Town Clerk suggested recycled plastic chairs as these had been used elsewhere and the feedback was positive. **RESOLVED the Town Clerk report on the possibility of recycled plastic chairs at the next meeting with prices and pictures.**

A Watson questioned the measurements of the rugby pitches, and the Head Groundsman's recommendation was that the Rugby pitch could not be moved. The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council could replicate the current pitch size, but the field was too small for a full-sized Rugby League pitch as per the required specifications and this was what the Head Groundsman's report re iterated. **RESOLVED the Sports and Wellbeing Manager check the dimensions of the pitch with the Head Groundsman and report back to Members.**

The Sports and Wellbeing Manager reported that the Taste Buddies event had gone well, with 22 people attending and compliments had been received on the food. The Sports and Wellbeing Manager explained that more volunteers would be welcomed, and A Watson suggested utilising PTC Staff. Councillor S Simpson reported that the atmosphere was brilliant and there had been lots of positive feedback from those attending and Members discussed marketing ideas. **RESOLVED the Sports and Wellbeing Manager to speak to the Pavilion Manager to arrange for an additional Member of PTC staff to help at the next Taste Buddies event.**

97. Pitch Renovation report

The Town Clerk spoke about the report and confirmed the Parks Manager had amended the specifications. The Town Clerk confirmed he had checked that the difference in quotes was correct and for the same specifications. **RESOLVED Company A, Turfcare be awarded the contract for the pitch renovations at a cost of £5,193.00.**

Cllr L Fenwick commented on how pristine Heath Close play area was and it was reported that Cllr K Duffy and Cllr T Duffy had litter picked the area themselves and Members offered their thanks.

Cllr S Miles praised the standard of the grass-cutting at Lowhills Road.

98. Notes of the Lowhills Road Working Party of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, a copy of which had been circulated, were noted. In relation to grant funding not being available for Hill

Rigg House, The Town Clerk reported that surveys of the building were due to start week commencing 15 April 2019 to confirm the standard of the building.

99. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted. Cllr A Watson had questions relating to the community building and the portable cabins and Cllr R Moore answered these.
100. Minutes of the Events Park Working Party of the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted. There were several items raised as follows:-

Members raised and discussed concerns relating to the two fun days at Woodhouse Park, as it had been agreed only one larger fun day was to be held. Members local to the Acre Rigg ward explained the fun day held on Acre Rigg School field did not go well in 2018 as the field was too big and using the field also meant that fairground rides could not be booked. It was agreed that further discussions be held between the Corporate Support Manager and Acre Rigg Members.

Councillor A Watson raised concerns over the Horticulture Show and asked if this should be continued in future years as feels the interest has dwindled. The Horticultural Show Organiser, Councillor T Duffy, confirmed people had to be turned away last year due to judging being in process when they had turned up. Also, due to the heat, it was too hot for flowers inside The Pavilion and so fewer people entered this category. Councillor K Hawley recommended if there was little interest this year, the future of the Horticulture Show needed to be discussed.

Councillor R Moore suggested PTC enter the 'Britain in Bloom' competition in 2020 and that this could be community orientated. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had already discussed Britain in Bloom and Green Flag Status with the Parks Manager, however, other projects were currently taking precedence.

Councillor A Watson asked about the progress of arranging a Christmas Tree in the South Dene and The Town Clerk reported DCC had denied the Town Council's request to use an electricity supply to accommodate this and suggested PTC contact NEDL to see if they would allow PTC to tap into the substation nearby. Members then discussed this option and considered having a Christmas Tree on each of the two larger roundabouts in the Town Centre, situated near the Post Office and McDonalds.  
**RESOLVED The Town Clerk is to investigate the electricity supply to both of the roundabouts and report back to Members.**