

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- G L Carne, S D McGlen, S Miles, R Moore, A Watson &
T Duffy

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.

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been submitted and accepted from A Wilkinson, (work commitments), S Kirkup, R Kyle, C Watkins and S Meikle. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

2. Urgent Treatment Centre at Peterlee
The Chair welcomed Clair White, Head of Commissioning, and Joe Chandy, Director of Primary Care & Innovation at North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group, who were carrying out a light touch engagement exercise on behalf of the NHS Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group ending on 30th June 2019. Ms White outlined the proposed changes that were to take place at the urgent treatment centre in O'Neil Drive, Peterlee from 12 midnight to 8am where the service was still to be provided, but in a different way, with a practitioner coming out to the patient at their home. The Chair opened the meeting for a question and answer session and an opportunity for Members to offer their thoughts and feedback on the proposals. Following that the Chair thanked the representatives for coming along to update the Town Council. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

3. 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.

4. Update on Parks Activities

The Parks Manager circulated two reports for Member's attention and consideration, one on the purchase of replacement bins and the second for the purchase of a new tractor. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED**:-

- (i) **Approval be given to the purchase of 30, (or 31 depending on price), new rubbish bins at the cost as given in the report and the current parks budget be increased by £8,700.00 to accommodate this purchase, (with a virement from the Town Council's reserves);**
- (ii) **Approval be given for the purchase of a new trailer at a cost of £3,656.25 from Greenlay to be funded from the Town Council's reserves**
- (iii) **The old trailer be sold using sealed bids or part exchange.**

FURTHER RESOLVED staff and Members not be allowed to submit bids when items surplus to requirements were offered for sale.

5. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members agreed the attached minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting subject to the following amendments being made:-

Matters Arising

Minute Number 93 – Apologies for absence

It was noted both Councillors Cartwright & T Duffy had been in attendance at the meeting.

Minute Number 100 – The Horticulture Show

The minute be amended to read "Councillor Duffy confirmed that people had to be turned away last year due to judging being in progress when they had turned up."

Minute Number 100 – Christmas Trees

Progress was requested with this item and it was confirmed DCC had been approached about the possibility of having a tree on the main roundabout with an electricity supply. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

6. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sport & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about new and existing sport and well being activities, club development and issues raised by Sports Users was considered. The report also included details of outline costs for the purchase of 16 new cricket benches for the Helford Road Cricket Oval. Members asked on progress with the Taste Buddies initiative which it was reported was going very well.

RESOLVED green recycled seats be purchased at a cost of £5,269.44 for the Helford Road Cricket Oval . FURTHER RESOLVED the remainder of the report be noted.

7. Minutes of the Events Park Working Party of the 1st May 2019 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.

8. Fishing at Shotton Hall Pond

Member's approval was sought for the proposal to open up fishing at Shotton Hall pond on a controlled basis and a copy of the report of the Town Clerk was circulated for consideration. In considering the report Members asked that the use of the life saving devices be checked and reviewed; the income from fishing be ring fenced to spend on improvements to the lake; there be no fee levied for children to fish, a visit to the lake by the relevant fishing authority be organised. **RESOLVED the Town Clerk be granted plenary powers to publish and promote the opening of the Shotton Hall Fishing Syndicate with immediate effect.**