

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2020 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, K Hawley, S Simpson, L Fenwick, K Duffy

Messrs:- A Watson, S Miles, G Carne, C Watkins, 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.

70. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from K Liddell, S McGlen, S Franklin, S McDonnell, A Long & R Moore. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

71. 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.

72. Information on Sport & Wellbeing Activities and Events

The progress report of the Sports & Well Being Manager was considered. Members were informed that the PACES activity group now had over 770 members and the 'Taste Buddies' social exclusion project had been featured in a recent NALC good practice document. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

73. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were discussed. It was proposed and accepted that the minute no63 Horden & Peterlee RFC be amended to 'Whilst there was discussion on the name change of the Club the Town Council *accepted* the concerns *of the rugby club* about potential relegation this might cause and were pleased to see the signage had been changed at the Club.' With that amendment accepted the minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

74. Report of the Events Working Party of Monday 17th February 2020 a copy of which had been circulated, were noted.
75. Parish Boundary Fence Line Edenhill
This item had been referred for further discussion from the Council Meeting held on 24 February 2020. Following a lengthy debate on the merits of the various options it was **RESOLVED that the current timber boundary fence be repaired/made safe as far as possible at the discretion of the Town Clerk and Parks Manager.**
76. Fence at Lowhills Road – update
The Town Clerk provided an update on progress with the installation of the barrier fence at Lowhills Road playing fields. The gate installations were due to be completed imminently, with the fence installation currently intended to commence w/c 6th April 2020. Local Members would be updated on progress.
77. Road & Path Repairs
This item had been referred from the Resources Meeting held on 2nd March 2020. It was **RESOLVED that the contract for the resurfacing of the Pavilion access road and cemetery path extension be awarded to Jem Constuction Ltd as per the previous report, with the road resurfacing element of the project deferred until further notice due to the current uncertainties about the financial impact of COVID-19.**
78. Budget 2020/21
Members were provided with the final draft detailed budget for the 2020/21 financial year and the Town Clerk described each budget code in detail, highlighting key changes and areas of expenditure for the next financial year. Members asked a number of questions about individual areas of income and expenditure. It was **RESOLVED that the final draft budget be noted and that it would be presented to Council in March 2020 for approval.**