

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BURDON SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 23RD MAY 2016

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, S Simpson, L M Wood, S McDonnell, K Hawley, M J Thompson & V Watson

Messrs:- W M Jeffrey, C Watkins, G Cowie, S Miles, R Curtis, L Cook, R Kyle, C J Metcalfe & A Watson

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

30. PARISH POLL

The Mayor welcomed members of the public to the meeting which had been called to consider the results of the recent parish poll held on 21st April 2016. The Mayor advised all of the result of the poll which was 421 votes for and 22 against the question that was posed in relation to the Town Council precept and efficiency savings. There was a 2.9% turnout at the poll. It was asked how much the poll had cost and it was advised the invoice had not yet been received from Durham County Council although an estimate of the cost had been given.

There was considerable discussion on the services and facilities provided by the Town Council and on the historical levels of council tax applied by the Town Council over the recent years.

RESOLVED this Council:-

- (i) commits to making savings in the best interests of the residents of Peterlee, whilst delivering value for money services; (this was agreed unanimously by all in attendance);**
- (ii) gives a commitment to freeze its precept until 2020; (this was voted for and agreed, with one abstention);**

- (iii) gives a commitment there will be no future increase in precept of 2% or over without a “yes” vote from a public referendum, (unanimous).**

In closing the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and interest with an assurance that the decisions made would be made public on Tuesday 24th May via the web site and other avenues.