

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2018 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- A Wilkinson, T Duffy, G Carne, A Wilkinson, R Kyle, S Miles, C Watkins & A Watson

91. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillors R Moore.
92. Public Participation Session
A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
93. 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 Kyle and Miles declared an interest in item 9 – Notes of the Twinning Meeting held on 12th November 2018.
94. POP Success
The Deputy Town Clerk read out a statement from Chief Inspector Lee Blakelock regarding the recent success of the Peterlee Young people's initiative and the POP award success.
95. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 15th October 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
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- (i) Minute Number 80 – Fishing at Shotton Hall, Councillor Kyle expressed his concerns about how fishing on an evening would be monitored. It was suggested that nothing would stop unauthorised access to the grounds however it was hoped by allowing controlled access to the lake this would produce positive results.
- (ii) Minute Number 86 - Amendments to Committee membership it be noted that Councillor J Robinson was unable to be part of the Scrutiny & Progress Meeting due to work commitments.
- (iii) Minute No 89 it was reported the litter pick had been held in the Denehouse Area of Castle Eden Dene, not Dene Parks.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

96. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 6th November 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

97. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 12th November 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

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- (i) Minute Number 52 – it was agreed the minute be amended to include “Councillor Cartwright asked for it to be recorded she had been mis quoted in the local press.
- (ii) Minute Number 57 Play Area Investment Strategy – Councillor S McGlen wished to be included as objecting to recommendation 1 contained in the report.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and the amendments as given above, be approved.

98. The Minutes of the Scrutiny & Progress Meeting of the 29th October 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

The updated Terms of Reference were also circulated. **RESOLVED The terms of reference for the scrutiny and progress committee, be approved and accepted for use.**

99. The Notes of the meeting of the Twinning Working Party of the 12th November 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

It was however **RESOLVED the items relating to financial support be considered further at the next Resources Meeting.**

100. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor A Watson & K Hawley
That the Town Council install acoustic panels in the Pavilion
RESOLVED acoustic panels be installed in the main function room at The Pavilion, and if possible prior to the building being re decorated.
101. Planning Application
Land to the North of Hackworth Road NW Industrial estate gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid
It was reported this application had been refused. Councillor Watson had attended the meeting of the Planning Committee on behalf of the Town Council.
RESOLVED the information given, be noted.
102. Dene Mayor's Award
Members were asked to consider the introduction of this new award at Dene Community School. Members felt this was a fantastic idea and unanimously supported its introduction. It was suggested that perhaps it could be used as a pilot and then rolled out into other schools in the Town. **RESOLVED the Town Council support the introduction of a Mayor/Chairman's Award in conjunction with Dene Community School.**
103. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report
Councillor A Watson spoke about the Tree Lighting Event to be held on Friday 30th November 2018 he was looking forward to it and said it would be a great night for Peterlee and its residents. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**
104. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report
Councillor Fenwick wished Heather Mills lots of luck with her venture in the former crisp factory. The jobs this development could provide would be welcome.
RESOLVED the information given be noted.