

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- S McGlen, R Moore, T Duffy, S Meikle, S Miles, G Carne & R Kyle

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.

The Chair also took this opportunity to welcome the newly elected Councillor for the Denehouse Ward, Councillor Louise Fenwick.

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors A Wilkinson, J Robinson, (on holiday), S Kirkup and S Franklin.

RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

26. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

27. The Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting of this Committee and they were signed as a true and correct record.

28. The Reports of the Finance Sub Committee Meetings of the 20th July & 24th August 2017

Copies of the reports from the meetings held in July and August were circulated to each Member. **RESOLVED the payments listed and made, be noted.**

29. Notes of the Human Resources Sub Committee of the 17 July 2017

RESOLVED the contents be noted the minutes of the meeting of this Sub Committee held on 17 July 2017 be agreed as a true record, subject to Councillor McGlen being recorded as in attendance. A Local Member asked for progress on a staffing matter detailed in the report and the Town Clerk advised the appropriate action had been taken.

30. Internal Audit Reports – Shotton Hall & Events & Activities

The report of the Town Clerk providing Members with a summary of the findings and actions from the recent internal audits into Shotton Hall and Events and activities, was considered. Members asked for their thanks to be recorded to Town Council Officers for their work with these audits. **RESOLVED** the contents of the report be noted and a further progress report on identified actions from the DCC Internal Audit Manager, be awaited. **FURTHER RESOLVED** the risk implication as detailed in the report, be noted.

31. Requests for grant funding:-

Members considered the following requests for grant funding from the Town Council Members Initiative Fund:-

1. Football for Children, Peterlee Helford Utd FC

RESOLVED a grant of £350.00 be made to this group to help fund children playing football, buying footballs, poles and help pay for the MUGA and fees.

(power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 (3))

2. Oakerside Toddlers

RESOLVED a grant of £250.00 be made to this group to replace old and broken toys; to do an activity like baking (healthy eating), to buy musical instruments and to organize events such as the Christmas Party.

(power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 (3))

3. Out of School Hours

RESOLVED further supporting information be obtained on the request for a contribution towards sports equipment in delivery of out of school hours clubs

in local primary school projects and the request be re considered. (power: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s19 (3))

4. GT Group Band

RESOLVED a grant of £1,000 be made to the Band to buy music and music stands and help sustain the band. (power: Local Government Act 1972 s145)

5. Howlatch Residents Association

Councillors K Liddell, A C Long and R Moore declared an interest in this item as they attended the Resident's Association meetings.

RESOLVED a grant of £200.00 be made to enable residents in the Howlatch area to meet for a coffee and get to know each other, also towards a future trip/visit by the Group. (power: Local Government Act 1972 s137)

6. MS Active

RESOLVED as the application did not meet the requirement of having a minimum of 51% of the organisation's members/users that were Peterlee residents, it be noted a grant could not be made at this time.

32. Request for concessionary use of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites

Members are asked to consider the following applications for concessionary use of Town Council Facilities:-

- (i) Families First North East, Charity Ball on 23 September 2017, Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites

RESOLVED concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites be granted for this event.

(power: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)

- (ii) Durham Deafened Support, Social Event, Out of the Comfort Zones, 15 June 2017, Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites

RESOLVED concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites be granted for this event.

(power: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)

- (iii) Cancer Utd, Support and Social Club, 13 September – 13 December, Harry Bennett Room, The Pavilion, 14 weeks

RESOLVED concessionary use of a meeting room at The Pavilion be granted for this support/social group from 13 September to 13 December 2017.

(power: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)

- (iv) Peterlee Cricket Club, Presentation Evening, 9 September 2017, The Pavilion

RESOLVED concessionary use of The Pavilion be granted to the Cricket Club for their presentation evening. (power: Local Government Act 1972, s.144)

33. Expressions of thanks and appreciation

- (i) Peterlee Bowling Club & Cleveland Hedgehog Society

Letters of thanks and appreciation following grants made under the Members' Initiative Fund were circulated for Member's information. **RESOLVED** the information given be noted.

- (ii) Citizens Advice Bureau

An update on how the project, sponsored by the Town Council, was being delivered by CAB was given. From advising clients on benefits, completing benefit checks to look at entitlement and completing appeals on their behalf, approximately £164,000 of expected gained benefit income had been projected. Having both the drop in services for clients that attend on the day and appointments available to those who required it had been very successful with appointments being filled with a small waiting list. **RESOLVED** the information given, be noted.

Prior to the close of the meeting Members expressed their thanks and appreciation to Town Council Officers for their hard work and effort in making this year's Peterlee Show a huge success.