

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- S Kirkup, A Wilkinson, S Miles, G Carne, T Duffy, R Kyle & S McGlen

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.

65. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors R Moore, C Watkins, J Robinson & S Meikle. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

66. 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 and the declarations be recorded.**

67. The Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting of this Committee held on 4 December 2017 and they were signed as a true and correct record, subject to the amendment being included as discussed at the Council Meeting as follows:-

Reference was made to there being no mention in the minutes of a comment made about how Members should allocate their Member's initiative grant funding. Councillor Watkins asked for it to be recorded that he felt the comments made at this meeting were excessive.

68. Report of the Finance Sub Committees of the 16th November & 14th December 2017

RESOLVED the payments made at the meetings held on 16 November and 14 December and 2017, be endorsed.

69. Citizens Advice, County Durham – Request for Financial Support for 2018/19

The Chair welcomed Neil Bradbury, CEO, Mr Bradbury and local Client Services Manager, Ms Ward discussed the success of the current existing project that the Town Council supported in 2017/18 and looked at what could be achieved for the next financial year. Members had been previously circulated with a report detailing the impact of their funded work which was £12,000 for the service to fund two days of benefits casework to local residents over the financial year. In summary in the first nine months it was reported for each pound the Town Council funded towards the service, this had represented an injection of £67.47 into the pockets of local residents. There was a question and answer session and in closing the Council thanked Mr Bradbury and his colleagues for the valuable work they were carrying out in the Town and how they had made a positive difference in people's lives in Peterlee.

RESOLVED the Council agree in principle to make a grant to CAB at a minimum of £12,000. This commitment be given until the financial year 2020/21. FURTHER RESOLVED any monies remaining unspent in the MIF at the end of March 2018, be given to the CAB.

70. Letters of Thanks and Appreciation

The Deputy Town Clerk reported the contents of the letters of thanks received from the following groups:-

(a) Letter from Haswell & District Mencap following a grant being made from the Member's initiative Fund, (the letter had been circulated).

(b) Evolution Bradley FC following a grant made towards the Club from the MIF

(c) Easington School Sports Partnership following funding towards their after school clubs

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.

71. Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018 – 5 June

It was reported 4 places had been nominated to CDALC for the Queens Garden Party being held on 5 June 2018. Information had been previously circulated to each Member. Councillor S Kirkup had asked to be considered to represent the Town Council at this event. **RESOLVED Councillor Kirkup's name be put forward for the draw to attend this event, and if successful he would attend at his own cost.**

72. The General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Officer

A copy of information received from the National Association of Local Councils was attached for the consideration of the Council. The Town Clerk gave Members a further update on discussions he had with both the CEO of the ICO and the SLCC Group forum. **RESOLVED further information be awaited.**

73. Policies

(a) Whistle Blowing Policy

(b) Appeals Hearing Policy

Members were recommended to approve the adoption of the above two policies by the Town Council. There were a number of amendments agreed for the Appeals Hearing Policy. **RESOLVED the Whistle Blowing policy and Appeals Hearing Policy, (subject to the suggested amendments), as circulated, be approved and adopted immediately by the Town Council.**