

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- V Watson, L Fenwick, K Liddell, K Hawley, S Simpson,
K J Duffy & M A Cartwright

Messrs:- C Watkins, R Kyle, S McGlen, G Carne, S Miles & R Moore

70. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors A C Long, T Duffy, S Meikle, S Kirkup & J Robinson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting 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. No declaration of interests were received.

72. Internal Audit Progress Report, final quarter and outstanding Actions

The Chair welcomed Mr Stephen Carter, Audit & Fraud Manager who presented his report. The report advised Members on the work undertaken by Internal Audit between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 with coverage provided in accordance with DCC's agreed SLA for the audit service. A summary of the agreed plan showing the status of each audit as at 31 December 2018 was circulated. Assurance reviews incorporate a consideration of the Council's Risk and Governance arrangements within each activity inspected. Members considered the outturn position on progress made in delivering the internal audit plan for 2018/19 together with that made by managers in responding to the work of internal audit to gain assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment. Mr Carter was thanked for his report and attendance at the meeting. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be accepted.**

73. The Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members approved the content of the draft minutes as a true and correct record of the last meeting of this Committee held on 11th February 2019 subject to the alteration agreed at the Council meeting to omit the word “the” when referring to floodlights at the Pavilion, as there are currently no floodlights installed.

74. Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 21st February 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

75. Neighbourhood Engagement Project Applications Received:-

(a) Young Heroes, Peterlee Police, requesting funding of £360.00 to purchase 12 trophies for the Young Heroes Event

RESOLVED a NEP grant of £360.00 be made towards the purchase of trophies for this event.

(b) Street Games Sessions, Groundwork NE & Cumbria,

-requesting £250.00 to purchase equipment for the project. At the Council Meeting a verbal request was made by Peterlee Police for funding towards continuing the Street Games Sessions. **RESOLVED a NEP grant of £250.00 be made towards the cost of equipment for this project.**

- request for an additional £1,000 to allow the Street Games Sessions to continue for the 11 weeks as planned. **RESOLVED the Town Council support the Street Games Sessions and £1,000 be paid to continue the 11week sessions. FURTHER RESOLVED that Groundwork/Police be invited to submit a business plan outlining the future sustainability of the project.**

(c) Bradley Improtech FC Under 11s, requesting funding of £450.00, to purchase new tracksuits for the players

RESOLVED a grant from the NEP fund be made of £450.00 to purchase new strips.

(d) Peterlee Pumas ARLFC, requesting £1,210.00, to purchase new kit

RESOLVED a grant form the NEP fund be made of £650.00 towards the purchase of a new kit.

(e) Peterlee Neighbourhood Policing Team a bid for £5,500 – 7,500 for an Automated Number Plate recognition camera

RESOLVED no funding be provided for this equipment, but that the Police be assured that the Town Council supports this initiative and suggest the ANPR camera be funded from police or crime commissioner budgets.

Powers used:- Under the power of GPC, The Localism Act 2018, as 1-8.

(ii) Letter of thanks and appreciation - Great North Air Ambulance

RESOLVED the letter be circulated and the information given in it be noted.

76. Review of Cemetery Fees and Charges

Report of the Town Clerk intended provided Members with a review of fees and charges for Peterlee Cemetery. The report compared the Town Council's current fees and charges against other neighbouring burial authorities' and recommended that an increase be applied from 1st April 2019 to better reflect the cost of the cemetery service. The report provided a robust review of the service and following discussion of the various options available to the Town Council it **was RESOLVED the cemetery fees be increased in line with inflation using 2.5%. FURTHER RESOLVED an interment fee not be charged for under 18's, whether resident or non resident.**

77. Construction and operation of gas powered generators for the provision of flexible energy generation, Land at Mill Hill, NW Ind Estate (App Ref DM/19/00171/FPA)

Members were advised of receipt of details relating to this application and asked for their feedback. **RESOLVED the Town Council object to this application on the grounds of noise and disturbance, emissions and odours and hazardous materials.**