

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 1st APRIL 2019 AT 6.30PM**

PRESENT:- COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- C Watkins, G Carne, S Miles, A Wilkinson & S Meikle

78. Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors A C Long, T Duffy, S McGlen & R Moore. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**
79. 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.
80. 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 4th March 2019.
81. Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 27th March 2019, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
82. The Minutes of the Consultative Joint Health & Safety Committee held on 18th March 2019
Members noted the content of the draft minutes of the last meeting of this Committee held on 18th March 2019.
83. Notice of Motion received from Councillor A Watson
In the spirit of April Fool's Day, members were presented with alternative ideas for the PTC crest.

84. Neighbourhood Engagement Project – Updated grant funding policy:-

The Town Clerk reported on the changes made to the Neighbourhood Engagement Project form and the addition of a second form, which would be issued to successful candidates after 6 months of receiving funding, along with the new information leaflet detailing the timescales candidates could expect when applying for funding.

Members were pleased with the changes and provided feedback to the Democratic Services Assistant for additional improvements and an Office-use section which included checks on information received, previous applications, etc. It was also suggested that a list of successful grant applications for 2018/19 be listed on the website to show who PTC has supported.

RESOLVED an updated grant information leaflet and an office-use form be submitted for approval with these suggestions incorporated. FURTHER RESOLVED when a grant is awarded, pledges exceeding the candidates request will not normally be given. Should more than the requested amount be pledged, then only the requested amount will be given and the total will be divided between the pledging members.

85. Outdoor & Adventurous Activities days, Request the use of Shotton Hall grounds – Easington School Sport Partnership, 21/22 & 23rd May 2019

Members approved the concessionary use of Shotton Hall grounds and expressed concerns regarding the safety of the children when arriving and departing due to the volume of traffic.

RESOLVED Concessionary use be granted to Easington School Sport Partnership for the use of Shotton Hall Grounds on 21st, 22nd & 23rd May 2019. FURTHER RESOLVED The Town Clerk is to discuss arriving and departing arrangements with the Partnership Development Manager/School Games Organiser.

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

86. Twining Visit – July 2019

Councillor M A Cartwright distributed a floor plan to members of her unit at Whitehouse Court and reported on the provisions she was able to provide. She also clarified that the financial support offered to hosts would not be made to her and instead, would be given to Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association. Members requested that the friendship association confirm in writing they would be the hosts responsible for the visitors. The Town Clerk also read aloud a letter from the Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association confirming they were happy with the Whitehouse Court unit and they were awaiting their visitors confirming they were happy with the arrangements.

Councillor K Hawley requested it be known that she objected to the Twinning visit going ahead due to alternative arrangements having to be made, as a result of a lack of hosts and would like PTC to cease financial support. Councillor Hawley commented that she did not support guests being accommodated in a unit at Whitehouse Court and was concerned at the safeguarding arrangements.

Members discussed this opinion at length and a vote was then requested to decide if 2019 closes the financial support PTC offers from its budget for the annual Twinning Visits:-

For – 9

Against - 2

RESOLVED The Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association are to confirm in writing that they are the hosts responsible for the visitors staying at Whitehouse Court unit. FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Clerk is to contact Peterlee & Nordenham Friendship Association to confirm that 2019 will be the last year of financial support from Peterlee Town Council's budget.

87. Peterlee show – Catering Tenders

Members were asked to consider and approve the recommendations in the report which had been previously circulated regarding tender quotes for the catering for the 2019 Peterlee Show.

Coffee

RESOLVED Company A, The Coffee Box Van tender be accepted for the amount of £101.00

General Food

RESOLVED Company A, Lily's Coffee Kitchen tender be accepted for the amount of £640.00

Ice-Cream

RESOLVED Company A, Super Whippy Ice's tender be accepted for the amount of £1,250.00

Sweets Unit

RESOLVED Company A, Sweets of Yesteryear tender be accepted for the amount of £355.00

Speciality food

RESOLVED The following tenders be accepted:-

Company A, Ronnie's Plaice for the amount of £300.00

Company B, Memories of the Blackforest for the amount of £200.00

Company C, mobile catering for the amount of £501.00

Company D, mobile catering for the amount of £360.00

Company E, DDC Event Catering for the amount of £350.00

Company F, J'aime Crepes for the amount of £200.00

Company G, Spread from the Med for the amount of £200.00

Other food

RESOLVED Company A - Lily's Coffee & Donuts be accepted for the amount of £385.00 and Company B - Sweets of Yesteryear be accepted for the amount of £355.00.

88. Proposed Stopping up of Highway at Helford Road, Peterlee, SR8 1EN

Councillor A Watson reported he had personally objected to the stopping up of the carpark opposite The Pavilion junction on Helford Road and informed members this was rejected.

89. Pony Fields, Eden Lane

Councillor A Watson suggested this site could be made into a woodland burial site for both humans and pets and/or a recreational park. He explained the woodland burial ground would prevent flooding, reduce winds and reduce anti-social behaviour. The Town Clerk reported he had met with the Cemetery Officer and the Parks Manager to discuss the idea and it was welcomed. The Town Clerk stated he had arranged meetings with appropriate authorities and companies to discuss the possible changes to the land and recommended a Pony Fields Working Party be created.

RESOLVED The Town Clerk is to investigate options for a woodland burial and/or a recreational park. **FURTHER RESOLVED** a 'Pony Fields Working Party' be created to monitor the progress of the project.