

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

PRESENT:- COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, A C Long, S Simpson, K Liddell, L Fenwick &
K J Duffy

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

42. Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been submitted and accepted C Watkins, S McGlen & K Hawley. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**
43. To receive declarations of interest
Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillors Miles and Carne declared an interest in the item relating to Acre Rigg Social Club.
44. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting
Members approved the content of the draft minutes as a true and correct record of the last meeting of this Committee held on 7th October 2019.
Matters Arising
Planning Applications, signs for the Peterlee Hand Car Wash Bede Way and free standing
Members were advised as requested by PTC the Planning Officer held a site visit and noted the extent of the signage as well as additional signs not included on the application form. Whilst the Planning Officers had not yet finalized their decision on this application, they advise they have continued concerns over the quality of adverts on the site. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**
45. The Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 21st October 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.
46. The Notes from the Building Survey Meetings held 11th & 18th October 2019, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were noted.
47. Child Protection Safeguarding Children Policy
A copy of the draft of this policy was circulated for consideration. approval and adoption by the Town Council. **RESOLVED the Child Protection Safeguarding Children Policy be approved and adopted for use by the Town Council.**

48. Experimental Order for Prohibition of Motor Vehicles – O’Neill Drive, Peterlee
Members considered the details of this experimental order for prohibition of motor vehicles and provide feedback/comments on the Order to DCC. Residents of O’Neill Drive were in attendance at the meeting for this item and they were given the opportunity to speak. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:-**
- (i) **DCC be advised that PTC welcomed the introduction of this experimental Order, however they reserved the right to make further comment in the first six months of the Order as per the regulations;**
 - (ii) **The detail on how DCC plan to enforce this Order be requested, as the Council consider that without enforcement the Order is unlikely to effect the change that local residents deserve to see;**
 - (iii) **That DCC be informed that PTC continues to strongly oppose the introduction of charging in the NHS-operated car park as it is plain that this single act was a key contributor to the current parking problems being faced by residents; and,**
 - (iv) **An Officer from DCC be requested to meet with PTC to consider strategic parking issues in the Town Centre, and that a further report be brought to committee in due course.**
49. Major Sporting Event (Rugby World Cup – 2 November 2019)
Councillor A Watson expressed his disappointment that a temporary events notice had not been applied for the trading times to be extended for the bar at The Pavilion when this sporting event was to be shown. Ms V Nesbitt had attended the meeting to speak on this issue. She explained The Pavilion was the cricketers social club and they wanted to use the bar more. **RESOLVED for any future major sporting events, if held out of the licensing hours, PTC would make a TENS application well in advance of the event.**
50. Exclusion of the Press and Public
RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed in the next item, the committee pass the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 & the Local Government Act 1972, due to various items relating to commercial leases between the Town Council and external organisations discussed in the report.
51. Are Rigg Car Park
The Town Clerk outlined the history of the car park and building. Following considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED the Town Clerk arrange to meet with representatives of the Club and advise there were no plans for any major car park repairs and should there be the Council would, at that time, re consider the Club’s request for their obligation to pay towards the costs of repairs to be reduced.**