

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE
ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S Simpson, K Duffy, M A Cartwright, AC Long,
S McDonnell, K Hawley, D Howarth & L Fenwick

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

60. Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillor T Duffy. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**
61. To receive declarations of interest
Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given.
62. 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 2nd December 2019.
63. Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 16th December 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed, subject to Councillor K J Duffy as being shown in attendance.
64. Draft Budget 2020/21
Members received a presentation by the Town Clerk on the initial draft budget for 2020/21. He outlined the precept implications of a number of potential options. He then provided a current budget model as at 6 January 2020 and he asked Members for feedback and for any items they wished to see included. Several items were proposed which included tree planting, road safety, and keeping the ward based summer events. He also gave details of what was not included and asked for any changes, and the Play Area at Helford Road was identified to be included. **RESOLVED the feedback be incorporated into the proposed budget and considered at the next meeting.**
65. Neighbourhood Engagement Project Applications
Jonny Davies, Stunter, requesting funding towards his stunt bike riding

Members gave consideration to this request for support towards funding protective clothing required for his Guinness World Record attempt, (the fastest wheelie with his legs over the handlebars). Following consideration of the supporting information it was **RESOLVED a grant of £1,000 be awarded to Jonny Davies.**

Powers used:- Under the power of GPC, The Localism Act 2011, s 1-6.

66. Youth Council Project

The Report of the Deputy Town Clerk on progress made with this initiative and requesting Member's views on the future development of a Youth Council for the Town was considered. Members were keen to maintain this contact and suggested areas of the Town Council's work and areas of interest where young people's views were important to support decision making. It was suggested that a certificate be awarded and/or their partnership working be recognized. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and the relationships between the Council continue to be developed on an informal level with the local secondary schools and EDC, seeking their views on activities, projects etc.**

67. Member's Survey

The report of the Deputy Town Clerk outlining the feedback received following the survey sent to Members was considered. **RESOLVED the Member's Library continue to be developed, training opportunities continue to be offered and future surveys be carried out by the Democratic Services Team.**

68. Review of Asset & Investment Policy

Members were requested to carry out the annual review of the Council's Assets and Investment Strategy. Following a discussion on the policy it was **RESOLVED the Asset & Investment Policy be accepted.**

69. Award of contract – Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens Amenity Room/Store

This item had been deferred from the council meeting held in November 2019. Members had been advised of the outcome of the procurement process for the proposed contract for the Thorntree Gill Project and award the contract to the value of £100,012.36 and a copy of the report of the Town Clerk had been considered. The Town Clerk stressed the scheme had been developed in conjunction with the gardeners at Thorntree Gill. **RESOLVED:-**

- (i) **Approval be given to the award of the contract for the provision of the new amenity room at Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens to McCarrick Construction Ltd of Chester le Street for the contract sum of £100,012.36, subject to the satisfactory take up of references;**
- (ii) **Approval for the project to be funded form the capital programme, (£30,000) and the remainder form reserves (estimated at £70,012.36) and for S106 funding if available.**