

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY WORKING PARTY
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE
ON FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley

Messrs:- G Carne, C Watkins & S Miles

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from K Liddell & R Moore. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

2. 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.

3. To exclude the press and public

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the committee passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1961 & the Local Government Act 1972, due to various items relating to commercial operations and staffing issues at Shotton Hall.

4. The Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved. It was noted these were minutes not notes of the meeting.

5. Shotton Hall

The Town Clerk outlined for Members the “story so far” and referred to the report to be considered at the Resources Committee on 7th October 2019 on all of the Town Council’s building stock. He also gave an update on the costs of refurbishing the toilets in Shotton Hall with an initial estimate of £130,000. It was asked how urgent the repairs to the Banqueting Suite roof was and it was confirmed this was an urgent repair. It was agreed

RESOLVED a commitment be given by the Town Council to keep Shotton Hall in public ownership for the people of Peterlee.