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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, M Milson, J I Measor & J Black

Messrs: J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, W M Jeffrey, R Curtis, C Watkins, G Cowie, D Milsom, C Austin & E W Hall

MEMBERS WERE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

PRIOR TO THE MEETING, A 15 MINUTE “OPEN SESSION” WAS HELD TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL. THERE WERE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors T A Jones, (on holiday) and J Hardy, (ill).

101. POLICE -UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PC Gordon Brown to the meeting. He gave the crime statistics since the last meeting with 755 incidents and 173 reports of anti social behavior. Details were given of patrols at Asda car park and the bus station in the Town Centre. An update on

issues raised previously was given for Members. Items for attention were given including scooters using the rear access between Asda and Home Bargains and then accessing the main road at the roundabout next to the Post Office. Youths riding mini scooters cutting across main roads playing “follow the leader” off Passfield Way were also reported. Residents repairing cars late at night was also reported and details were requested. The Town Clerk reported the issue of a vehicle cutting across the cricket square at Helford Road, and it was asked that this not only be reported through the 101 telephone number but if possible the registration number be passed on. It was confirmed that there was a shopwatch scheme in place in the Town Centre and also intelligence sharing between agencies/partners.

The Mayor thanked PC Brown for his attendance.

RESOLVED the information given be noted and updates awaited.

102. VACANCY – ACRE RIGG WARD

There had been one application received for this vacancy on the Town Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. As there had only been one application and Members felt that from his CV the candidate was acceptable and no interview was required.

RESOLVED that Mr Lee Cook of 25 Galloway Road, Peterlee be co opted onto the Town Council with immediate effect.

103. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 15TH OCTOBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 98 – The Pavilion, Phase 3, Demolition of Community Centre and Fencing/Landscaping

It was confirmed that to date contact had not been made with Sport England. **RESOLVED that the proof of the final certification etc be considered at the Finance & General Purposes Meeting.**

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104. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 15TH OCTOBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

105. THE REPORT OF THE SHOTTON HALL SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 22ND OCTOBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 66(viii) Wedding Open Day/Exhibition a special mention was given to the work undertaken by the Receptionist/Clerical Officer, Mrs Kate McMenam with the recent Wedding Fair.

RESOLVED thanks and appreciation be recorded for Mrs McMenam's work on this event.

106. THE REPORT OF THE TWINNING SUB COMMITTEE OF THE 24TH OCTOBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Host allowances - Consideration

RESOLVED the Town Council would cover the cost of the host allowance of £10 per night per person and also the cost of the Farewell Evening of the visit in the Summer from guests of the twin town Nordenham.

107. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW WORKING PARTY OF THE 25TH OCTOBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 3 - Site Layout

Members were circulated with the suggested site layout for the Show giving two options for the location of the stage area and showing the location of the marquees.

RESOLVED option 2 as shown on the plan with the stage at the

west side of the Pavilion, along with the marquee layout detailed, be agreed for this year's event.

108. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

- (a) Minute Number 74 – Income & Expenditure 1st April – 30th September 2012

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation be amended to read **“RECOMMENDED** that whilst the report was presented, it was not considered in full as details of the wages costs to date were not included as the Town Council had not yet been invoiced by Durham County Council.”

- (b) Minute Number 81 (a) Donations

FURTHER RECOMMENDED this procedure be continued to the close of this financial year.

- (c) Minute Number 87 – Bell, Shotton Hall

Progress with the plaque for Tommy Hunt was requested. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the wording had been agreed with Mr Hunt's son, Julian, and it was hoped it would be in place this week. The wording was given and Members asked that this be amended if possible. It was reported that the operators/owners of Lee House had presented the Town Council with the commemorative plaque that had been in place in the building relating to the bell for the Town Council's use.

RESOLVED that the wording be amended if possible and the plaque be put in place as soon as possible. **FURTHER RESOLVED** the plaque that had been in place in Lee House with the bell be mounted on the wall at Shotton Hall.

109. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

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110. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 5TH NOVEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

111. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 6TH NOVEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 42(3)(ii) Signage

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) **the suggested wording for the entrance sign be agreed, as previously circulated, “The Pavilion, Community & Sports Facilities”;**
- (ii) **arrangements be made to replace the funder’s signage at the MUGA;**
- (iii) **the appropriate funder’s signage be put in place inside the building in conjunction with the official opening ceremony.**

112. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

113. LEADER’S REPORT

The Leader reported that he had attended several meetings on the Town Council’s behalf and that he would circulate a written report covering areas of interest.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

114. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING 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

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& THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION)
ACT 1985.

115. SALE OF LAND, PETERLEE

Members were circulated with correspondence from Durham County Council advising of availability of land and asking whether or not the Town Council had any interest in the land, as detailed in their letter.

RESOLVED that the Town Council confirm that they had no interest in purchasing this piece of land.