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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: COUN R KYLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, M Milsom & J Black

Messrs: T A Jones, J Alvey, H Bennett MBE, C Watkins,
D Langan, G Cowie, C J Metcalfe, C Robbins, R
Huitson, D Milsom & C Austin

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. MRS P STEPHENSON AND MEMBERS OF THE CAST OFFS KNITTING GROUP WHO CURRENTLY USE HILL RIGG HOUSE HAD ASKED TO COME ALONG TO THE MEETING TO SPEAK TO MEMBERS.

130. CAST OFFS

Mrs Stephenson spoke on behalf of the Group, she explained that the group was eight ladies who met once a week in Hill Rigg House. They had raised funds of over £3,000 for the Third World. They appreciated the free use that had been granted to them by the Town Council in the past. They asked if the Town Council would consider granting the group the use of the room for £10.00 per week.

RESOLVED this request be agreed and the Cast Offs be granted

use of the room at £10.00 per weekly four hour session and this be effective from 17th December 2012, the date of the original invoice.

131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors E W Hall, (ill & weather conditions), J Hardy & R W Jones, (ill).

132. POLICE -UPDATE

The Mayor welcomed the PC Steve Rowe to the meeting. The crime statistics were given and it was noted that many of the burglaries were what was known as “sneak in”. There had been 131 calls reporting anti social behavior, many of which involved snow balls. An up date was given on motorcycles at Eden Lane and a further update would be given that could be circulated to Members after the meeting. Incidents at public houses in the Town were discussed, that the Police were fully aware of and were tackling in various ways. Details of crime detection rates were request for a future meeting.

RESOLVED that PC Rowe be thanked for his attendance and feedback on issues raised be awaited.

133. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 17TH DECEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

The Mayor apologized to Councillor Austin for starting the meeting early. This apology was accepted.

134. THE MINUTES OF THE MAYOR’S COMMITTEE OF THE 17TH DECEMBER 2012 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

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135. THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matter Arising

Minute Number 117(d) County of Durham School Benevolent Fund

RESOLVED that the information be awaited.

136. THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

137. THE MINUTES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 7TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 49 – Staff Grievance

RESOLVED that the Special Meeting as agreed at the meeting be held to discuss the relationship and role of Members and Officers, the required protocols etc and not to consider the staff grievance any further.

138. THE MINUTES OF THE PAVILION MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE 8TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 63(f) - Maintenance

An update was given on the repairs, the guttering had now been completed and the roof leak was to be inspected.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

(ii) Minute Number 64(b) - Damage to the pitches

It was asked if any feedback had been given by the Police or street wardens following this incident. It had not.

RESOLVED:-

(a) feedback following the incident where the sports pitches

were badly damaged and the had followed a vehicle to a nearby village, be requested from the Police and Street Wardens;
(b) progress be made on a scheme for protecting the pitches and also with sourcing potential grant funding towards these works.

(iii) Membership

Councillor Austin advised that he was unable to attend any further meetings of the Management Board. Councillor Alvey and Cook expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

RESOLVED these amendments to the membership of The Pavilion Management Board, be made.

139. THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH JANUARY 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 43 (c) EdenLane (Pony Fields Site)

RESOLVED the recommendations made at this meeting be withdrawn and instead a joint meeting be arranged, with all Members being invited to attend, to try and resolve this situation. The support of County Council Members be requested on this matter.

140. MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES TO DISCUSS WOODHOUSE PARK a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

141. LAND AT LOWHILLS ROAD

RESOLVED that an invitation be extended to representatives of Nathaniel Litchfield & Partners to come along to the Planning Meeting on Monday 4th February 2013.

142. LEADER'S REPORT

It was reported that all items had been covered.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.