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HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: COUN R J CURTIS (CHAIR)

Mesdames: L Wood, C Baty, M Thompson, M Milsom,
K Liddell & S Simpson

Messrs: D Milsom, C Watkins, C J Metcalfe, W M
Jeffrey, J Alvey, F Price, D Sillito, A Watson & S Miles

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.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor V Watson, (college), G Cowie, (hospital appointment), R Kyle, (funeral) and L Cook, (work commitments).

102. POLICE - UPDATE

The Mayor welcomed the PCSO, Charlotte Naisby and the Neighborhood Wardens to the meeting. The statistics for the month were reported along with feedback given on issues raised at the last

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meeting. Several new issues were raised one in particular relating to anti social behavior at Leven Walk. Motorists were continuing to defy the No Right Turn Order at the end of Edenhill Road, cars were parking across dropped kerbs outside the Methodist Church and there were still problems with quad bikes. The Street Wardens had issued a copy of their progress report which had been circulated to all Members.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

103. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 92 (ii) Town Twinning

It was reported that the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Mr and Mrs Milsom, were not to take part in the trip to Germany due to the financial climate. **RESOLVED this be noted.**

104. THE REPORT OF THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE OF THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

105. THE REPORT OF THE JOINT CONSULTATIVE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

Reference was made to the recent Health & safety Seminar that had been hosted by Zurich Municipal regarding no win no fee claims.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

106. THE REPORT OF THE SHOW MEETING OF THE 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

It was asked if the income and expenditure report had been finalized. It was reported that the wages element was being finalized and the

report would be issued shortly. **RESOLVED the report be awaited.**

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

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 61 – Data Protection & FOI Training

RESOLVED Councillor A Watson’s name be added to the seven places/names already submitted for this training when arranged.

- (ii) Minute Number 76 East Durham Rail Service

A Local Members asked for further information on this matter explaining that he had not been at the meeting and he had read a differing report on the Durham County Council web site. The County Councillor present confirmed that this was the case.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

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

Matters Arising

- Minute Number 21 – Proposed Development – Lowhills Road

RESOLVED that increased efforts be made to get a full reply to the issues raised by Councillor Miles on behalf of residents on this planning issue.

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

Matters Arising

- (i) Minute Number 27 – Salary Sacrifice Schemes

It was asked if any further information had been received as to whether this could be extended to include Council Members. It was reported that this was still outstanding.

RESOLVED the information be awaited.

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(ii) Minute Number 33 – Organisational Review 2012 – Progress Report

A Local Member asked for an update on this matter. It was reported that the Notes from the three meetings of the Review Working Parties held in September were to be reported to the next Establishment Committee for Member's consideration.

RESOLVED these reports be awaited.

110. THE MINUTES OF THE EDEN LANE COMMUNITY BUILDING STEERING GROUP OF THE 8TH OCTOBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

111. THE REPORT OF THE CLERK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH OCTOBER 2013 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were agreed.

The spokesperson for the Fair Party asked for them to have representation on this Committee, as they held 27% of the seats on the Town Council. It was explained that the make up of this Committee was the Chairman of all principle committees, along with the Mayor & Deputy Mayor and an observer.

RESOLVED consideration be given to this request.

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

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 24(ii) South Shields FC

RESOLVED the payment for work to the dug outs be clarified with the Horticultural Supervisor.

(ii) Minute Number 28 – Condition of Vehicles

RESOLVED that the Town Council logo and Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites be placed on every Council vehicle.

FURTHER RESOLVED general vehicle inspection duties be covered in induction/refresher training with all staff.

(iii) Minute Number 25 - Building Portfolio & Maintenance – Reserves

Concern was expressed that essential roofing works required at Eden Lane should be tackled prior to the winter period.

RESOLVED consideration be given to this item at the next Strategic Management Team for urgent action.

113. LICENCES

(i) Notice of determination – Red Lion

RESOLVED this premises continue to be monitored.

(ii) New Premises Licence Application for UK Pizza, 61 Yoden Way, Peterlee

RESOLVED the Town Council's concerns be expressed at the trading times being extended for this premises.

114. NEXT LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS FORUM MEETING – 15TH NOVEMBER, PETERLEE

Members were asked to note the details of this meeting and approve Peterlee hosting the meeting.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

115. CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF GARDEN WASTE

Members were circulated with details of proposals made by Durham County Council to charge for the removal of green waste which were out for public consultation.

RESOLVED the Town Council express their concerns that charging for the removal of green waste may lead to increased

fly tipping, whilst appreciating that the suggested charge did not seem high and the constraints on the County Council's budget.

116. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN CONSULTATION – LOCAL PLAN PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT & LIST OF EVENTS

Members were circulated with details of the final opportunity to have input into the Local Plan for County Durham which would be in use for the next ten years. There were a series of consultation events that were to run throughout the County and Members were encouraged to go along and take part.

RESOLVED the information given be noted.

Councillor A Watson referred to this matter and advised he did not accept this position and item. He felt there should be no politics at this local level and it should not be listed on the Council Agenda.

RESOLVED this comment be duly noted.

117. POLITICAL LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader spoke on the invitation for two Members to attend a meeting at Sedgefield on 25th October 2013; an invitation to attend the AGM of East Durham Trust on 14th November 2013, at the Glebe Centre, and the invitations received to attend the Annual Showmen's Guild Luncheon.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) approval be given for two Members and the Town Clerk to represent the Town Council at the meeting in Sedgefield;**
- (ii) approval be given for Councillor Jeffrey to attend the AGM of East Durham Trust;**
- (iii) the invitations received for the Mayor, Chairman of the Show Committee, Town Clerk, Show Co Ordinator and Councillor Jeffrey be accepted, and approval be given for them to attend this years Annual Luncheon hosted by the Showmen's Guild.**