

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2017 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT(CHAIR)

Mesdames:- L Fenwick, K Hawley, K J Duffy, S Simpson & K Liddell

Messrs:- G Carne, T Duffy, R Moore, S D McGlen, S Miles, S P Franklin, J Robinson & A Watson

59. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted from Councillors A C Long, (on holiday), S McDonnell, A S H Meikle and A Wilkinson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds where given above, and the Councillor's apologies for absence be recorded.**

60. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. A local resident from Thorntree Gill addressed the meeting about traffic issues in his area. He gave details of a recent incident where it had been necessary to divert traffic through Thorntree Gill, with no traffic management by the Police, resulting in serious traffic problems. There was discussion on what measures may help with the traffic and road safety issues at Thorntree Gill and Members gave their full support to the local resident and hoped the Council may be able to assist in some way speaking to and working in partnership with Durham County Council.

Another local resident was in attendance at the meeting expressing her concerns at the number of used needles that were being discarded in the Dene Parks area. She expressed her disappointment that the various agencies that supplied new needles were not, she felt, being as pro active as they should in making sure used needles were disposed of correctly.

61. THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 21ST AUGUST 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

62. THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 31(3) Application for Funding from Easington School Sport Partnership

Prior to consideration of the following item Councillors Simpson, Carne and Cartwright declared an interest being school governors on one of the schools given as taking part in the Out of School Hours Clubs.

Details were given of the schools that had out of schools clubs, with the clubs being held one each term, usually targeted at different age groups each term. **RESOLVED a grant of £500.00 be made to the Out of Schools Hours sessions ran in Peterlee Schools.**

63. THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

64. INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE (ICO) DATA PROTECTION ACT COMPLAINT

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and that the ICO has found in favour of the Council in its approach to handling personal data.**

65. VACANCY FOR THE EDENHILL WARD, PETERLEE

Members were advised this vacancy has been called to election, if contested the election will be held on 19 October 2017. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

66. APPOINTMENT A REPLACEMENT OF ONE OF THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED Councillor T Duffy be nominated to represent the Town Council, along with the current representative, Councillor A Watson, on this organization.**

67. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. **RESOLVED the findings of a recent Code of Conduct complaint investigation by the Monitoring Officer, be noted.**

68. SPOKESPERSON OF THE NEP MEMBER'S REPORT

Councillor A Watson handed over to Councillor Hawley to make the report. Councillor Hawley explained she was disappointed that there had been posts made on social media about the closure of the library and temporary measures and support being offered by the Town Council, the details of which had not yet been confirmed. In reply a Local Member explained of the need to make sure that residents were made aware of the consultation being held by Durham County Council on the library service in Peterlee. Councillor Hawley also reported her disappointment with the decision made by Durham County Council not to support Teaching Assistants in Durham. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

69. SPOKESPERSON OF THE LABOUR POLITICAL PARTY'S REPORT

Councillor McGlen thanked members of the public for their attendance and interest on the Town Councils business. He also offered his congratulations to Councillor T Duffy on being successfully nominated to represent the Town Council of the County Durham Association of local Councils. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**