

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2018 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT(CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, V Watson, A C Long, L Fenwick, K Hawley, K J Duffy & S Simpson

Messrs:- A T Wilkinson, A S H Meikle, S Kirkup, R Kyle, C Watkins, G L Carne, T Duffy, R Moore, S Miles, S P Franklin & A Watson

127. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been submitted.

128. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Fifteen members of the public had come along to the meeting to meet and speak to Mr Hogg. Chief Inspector Lee Blakelock along with PCSO Michelle Burr was also in attendance at the meeting.

129. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillor A S H Meikle declared an interest in item 9 relating to the naming of the cricket oval.

130. Policing in Peterlee

The Mayor welcomed Mr Ron Hogg, Crime and Police Commissioner, to the meeting, she then also welcomed the public to the meeting and opened the meeting for a question and answer session and the following issues were raised:-

- Parking on grass verges, particularly outside Shotton Hall Academy;
- Off road bikes and quads;
- Gangs of youths and the fear of intimidation and attack;

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- The request for more Police on the beat
- Private landlords
- Drugs mis use.

Mr Hogg also met with the public on a one to one basis after the meeting to hear their concerns.

131. Youth Provision in Peterlee Town

Members considered the letter received from Inspector Lee Blakelock, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member requesting the Town Council's assistance with the future funding of sustainable youth provision in the area. Members were keen to support youth provision and offer a longer term commitment for up to the next 3 years, it was **RESOLVED a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Community & Environment Meeting for approval.**

132. Proposals for a Community Garden, Woodhouse Park

This proposal had been agreed in principle at the Woodhouse Park Working Party held on Monday 19th February 2018. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED this proposal be agreed and the Town Clerk be given authority to work on the detail with Durham County Council and The Police.**

The area to the Rear of Vibe nightclub, Bede Way was also discussed and the report of the Architectural Liaison Officer was circulated. It was agreed that works be carried out by the Town Council to clear the overgrown nature of the area and if possible the Skill Mill also be involved in the project, following permissions being requested by the owners of the area below the rotunda.

133. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 29TH January 2018 and Special Meeting held on 22nd January 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

134. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 5th February 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising – Quiet Fireworks

It was reported that the cost of low noise fireworks was no greater than the original tender price received, from both companies. **RESOLVED low noise fireworks be trialed at the Fireworks Event on Monday 5th November 2018.**

135. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 12th February 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising – “The Roy Simpson Oval”

RESOLVED the cricket square be named “The Roy Simpson Oval”.

136. The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the 19th February 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
137. The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the 20th February 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved, subject to Councillor Long’s apologies being recorded.
138. Exclusion of the Press and Public
RESOLVED 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 (Access to Information) Act, Part 1, paragraphs 2 & 8.
139. Shotton Hall Catering Procurement
The report of the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been previously circulated, was considered. The Town Clerk also reported he had now received the external fabric report for Shotton Hall as well as the design work report was due and he suggested a Meeting of the Facilities Committee be convened to consider these reports. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and the commencement of a competitive concession exercise as detailed in this report, be agreed.**
140. Spokesperson of the NEP Member’s Report
Councillor A Watson reported he was concerned at the crime levels in the Town, he hoped that there would be a difference in resources as promised by Mr Hogg and if in 4-5 weeks this did not happen he would be chasing this up.
141. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party’s Report
Councillor Fenwick agreed with Councillor Watson saying the problems with crime seemed to be getting out of hand and she felt the best way to tackle this was to work together and in fighting it together we may see a way out of the situation.