

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2018 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- S Kirkup, R Kyle, G Carne, S McGlen, A Wilkinson, J Robinson, S Franklin, T Duffy, S Kirkup, R Moore, S Miles & A Watson

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair/Mayor read out a statement reminding all Members not to use "in association with Peterlee Town Council" on publicity for events that had not been formally approved by the Council. Members were reminded of the need to abide by the Code of Conduct.

35. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted by Councillor S McDonnell, L Fenwick & C Watkins. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

36. Public Participation Session

A public participation 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.

37. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise, none were given.

38. To welcome Alan Simpson, Community Alcohol Partnerships, (CAP) Advisor, England (East) and Scotland to the meeting

The Chair welcomed Mr Simpson to the meeting. Mr Simpson gave an overview of the work of the CAP's and whilst there had been a CAP in place for Peterlee

Town Centre 3 or 4 years ago, which had been very successful, he asked Council to consider if it would be useful to bring back a CAP for Peterlee and the wider area. The Chair opened the meeting for a question and answer session at the close of which the Chair thanked Mr Simpson for his attendance. Members were happy to start developing this initiative further and asked for the information presented by Mr Simpson that evening to be sent to them electronically. **RESOLVED the Town Council support the potential for the development of a CAP in Peterlee.**

39. Anti Social Behaviour in the Town Centre

This item had been requested by Councillor K Duffy. Councillor Duffy advised they had been contacted by residents living close to Asda and apparently the noise from cars driving around on the rooftop car park was causing a nuisance and disrupting sleep. She asked for the Council's support in contacting the Police and Asda to ask for their support in tackling this issue. PCSO Michelle Burr was in attendance at the meeting and reported measures that had been put in place to try and tackle the problems being experienced all of which were pro active and members and the public were encouraged to make reports to 101. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

40. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

It was asked if contact had been made with Rt Hon Nick Hurd, and it was asked this be chased up. It was reported there had been issues with the North Blunts site with illegal fires. **RESOLVED further contact be made with Rt Hon Nick Hurd.**

41. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 16 – Floodlights at the Rugby Club Eden Lane

There was discussion on this matter and it was agreed it needed to be confirmed that there was a problem with the lights, it was suggested there was an issue with the distribution of the light and it needed to be tilted. **RESOLVED this be investigated further and if necessary a price be obtained for this work.**

(b) County Durham Plan

**RESOLVED Members receive a copy of the response made by the Town Council to Durham County Council.**

(c) Minute Number 21 – Purchase of Catering Appliances

**RESOLVED approval be given to the virement of monies from the Capital projects budget 9801 (underspend) to code 4930 for the purchase of this equipment. It was also asked once again all staff be fully trained on the use of the new equipment.**

42. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 & the Special Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 23(iii) Emergency works – Eden Lane Shutter Door  
**RESOLVED reference include that works carried out by a contractor were done so free of charge.**

(b) Minute Number 23(v) Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens  
Progress with this was requested. **RESOLVED Members be advised of the current situation with this project.**

Members referred to a recent break in and asked that in future any such incidents be reported to local Ward Members so that they were kept informed. **RESOLVED this be done where possible.**

43. The Minutes of the Scrutiny & Progress Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 copies of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

Members requested update on several items and stressed how important a timescale of when items would be completed was to them and they suggested an Action Plan sheet be used with timescales and end dates.

Councillor A Watson confirmed he was to meet with the cricketers and then represent their wishes at the meeting with the Town Clerk and the fencing contractor.

Councillor T Duffy reported he had been threatened by people with air rifles when walking his dog across the Helford Road playing fields area that night.

Councillor Miles offered his sincere thanks to Officers and partners for their work in dealing with the GRTs encampment on Lowhills Road.

44. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor A Watson reported he had carried out a walk about through the Dene Parks Area with the Town Clerk and new Parks Manager and an Action Plan for the area was to be put together. He thanked the staff for keeping the plants watered

and he asked everyone to look out for elderly neighbours in the heat wave. He reported the screenings of World Cup matches on the big screen in the Pavilion had been a huge success.

45. Spokesperson of the Labour Party's Report

Councillor McGlen offered the report in Councillor Fenwick's absence. He spoke about the potential role of alcohol with some of the issues in North and South Denes.