

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 2018 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- A C Long, K Hawley, K Liddell, M A Cartwright & S Simpson

Messrs:- R Kyle, J Robinson, R Moore, S Miles, C Watkins & A Watson

52. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted by Councillor S McDonnell, K J Duffy, T Duffy, L Fenwick, G Carne & S Franklin. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

53. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. Mr Ramshaw was present at the meeting however did not wish to speak.

54. 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.

55. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 23rd July 2018 & Special Meeting of the 6th August 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 38 – Community Action Partnerships

Councillor Hawley gave an update reporting she and colleagues were to meet with Mr Simpson on 2nd October and she would keep council updated with progress made. The Town Clerk advised he had spoken to the Clerk of Blyth Town Council who had confirmed having a CAP in Blyth and they had given very positive

feedback on the actual benefits of the CAP in the town. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

(b) Floodlights at the Rugby Club, Eden Lane it was asked if any progress had been made with this matter. It was confirmed advice was being sought and Members would be advised of the outcome in due course. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

56. The Minutes of the Scrutiny & Progress Meeting of the 20th July 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

- (i) Hill Rigg House

RESOLVED a site visit be arranged for Members and the time/date be circulated to enable members to attend.

- (ii) Patio area – Helford Road

It was confirmed the revised drawings were awaited from the Architect. **RESOLVED a price be obtained for this works once the plans had been received.**

57. Planning

Land to the North of Hackworth Road, N W Ind Estate

Gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid – re submission

RESOLVED the Town Council offer its objections to this re submission, on the grounds of the previous refusal, and should the Town Council need to be presented at the Planning Meeting when this was considered further, Councillor A Watson attend on the Town Council's behalf.

58. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that 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 1& 12.

59. Town Clerk's completion of CiLCA qualification

Members considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk regarding the recent completion of the Certificate in Local Council Administration qualification by the Town Clerk, a copy of which had been previously circulated. **RESOLVED the contents of the report be noted and approval be given to the award of a single incremental pay rise for the Town Clerk from 8th April 2018.**

60. PLGA & Lowhills Shop – Update

The report of the Town Clerk which provided an update on the current status of the Peterlee Leisure Gardeners Association and the former shop/building at the Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens Site, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, was considered. **RESOLVED a notice be placed at both gardens sites advising that if any bona fide member of the gardens that had any interest in items that had been taken from the former shop building at Lowhills Road, they do so within the next 28 days. If not, any items not claimed would be disposed of. FURTHER RESOLVED a further report on the condition and future use of the Lowhills Road site building, be awaited.**

61. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor A Watson reported the soft opening of the community cinema had gone very well and he asked for it to be recorded his special thanks to Councillor Hawley for the time and effort she had given to making this succeed. He felt this was a huge asset to the Town Council and it was onwards and upwards. He commented on the recent Emergency Services Day held at Shotton Hall which had been an excellent community event. He thanked those Members that had come along to support and volunteer on the day. He felt this had been excellent partnership working and said planning should start for next year. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

62. Spokesperson of the Labour Party's Report

Councillor Kyle offered his congratulations to everyone and said he was sorry to not have been able to attend the emergency services event. He said he hoped the 2018 Peterlee Show would go as well. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**