

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN T DUFFY (CHAIR)

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

Messrs:- S Miles, R Moore, G Carne, A Watson & R Kyle

23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillors S Meikle, A Wilkinson & S McGlen.

24. 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.

25. 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 received.

26. Police Update

PCSO Simon Walters was in attendance at the meeting to present an update on the monthly crime. He offered the Inspector Emma Kay's apologies. He then gave a n update on the various campaigns being promoted by the Force, one of which included "Too hot to handle" where PTC had given its support in the past to purchase equipment. The Town Clerk asked for approval to support this initiative again and following discussion it was RESOLVED approval be given to £500 being spent by PTC on equipment to help support this crime initiative.

There was discussion about the recent school leavers weekend and it was asked that PTC be involved in future strategy meetings organized by the Police with various agencies.

27. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved and signed as a true and correct record subject to Minute number 21 paragraph 7 reading as Councillors Duffys' and not Councillor Duffy's.

28. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 a draft copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were noted.

Matters Arising

(a) Minute Number 8(ii) Apollo Birthday Party Celebrations, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Members were asked to re consider the use of Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites for this event in the case of bad weather. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED concessionary use of the Banqueting Suites be granted for this event. FURTHER RESOLVED the Twinning Trip depart from Helford Road Pavilion on that day.**

(b) Minute Number 9 – Bogey Derby

Councillor A Watson reported he had received a very encouraging response from local businesses to this event and the Town Clerk reported he had received an application from a business. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

(c) Minute Number 11 – Youth Council

Progress was requested with this item. The Town Clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to secondary schools in the Town but to date no response had been received. A further reminder would be sent to the schools. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**

(d) Twining Visit

A Local Member asked had it been possible to accommodate the request received to use a football pitch and goals and whilst the Town Clerk confirmed there was a cost to the cutting and marking the pitch and putting up the posts this would be done and he was awaiting confirmation from the PNFA as to what size pitch they required. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

29. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were noted.

Matters Arising

Purchase of bins & cricket seats

The Town Clerk confirmed 31 bins had been ordered and he reported details of the final cost, with the cigarette/ashtray attachment. The seats for Helford Road had also been ordered in two deliveries.

**RESOLVED these amendments be considered by the Community & Environment Committee at their next meeting.**

30. Audit 2018/19

Members were presented with a copy of the final accounts and Annual Governance & Accountability Return, and Annual Governance Statement for approval prior to submission to the Auditor. Members were reminded that the documents were also presented to Resources Committee on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019.

**RESOLVED the contents of the paperwork be accepted and approval be given for the Chair and Town Clerk to sign the statements prior to submission to the external auditor Mazars.**

31. Notice of Motion – Committee

Submitted by Councillors A Long and S Miles

To review the Membership, Chair/Vice Chair and other arrangements of the following committees, working parties and external appointments:

- a) Events Working Party
- b) HR Sub Committee
- c) Clerk's Appraisal Sub Committee
- d) Castle Eden Joint Management Committee representative
- e) Peterlee Town Band representative
- f) Peterlee Cricket Club committee representative

**RESOLVED the following changes be made:-**

**Events Working Party – Chair S Miles Vice Chair R Moore**

**HR Sub Committee – remain unchanged**

**Clerk's Appraisal Sub Committee – Councillor R Moore replace Councillor Meikle**

**Castle Eden Joint Management Committee representative – reps be Councillor V Watson, A C Long and K Duffy**

**Peterlee Town Band representative – reps be Councillor T Duffy and M A Cartwright**

**Peterlee Cricket Club committee representative be Councillor A Watson.**

32. Football Pitches - To review and approve football pitch allocations and prices for the 2019/20 season

**RESOLVED consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting.**

33. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor A Watson reminded colleagues it was Armed Forces Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. He thanked the Rugby Club for allowing PTC the opportunity to display tractors etc at their recent event. He reported Councillors Duffy had arranged a foodbank collection at their local shop and lots of food had been collected. He re iterated the need for PTC to be part of meetings to plan the "leavers" night for 2020. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

34. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor L Fenwick reported on the opening of the Edenhill People's Centre and how she felt this was going to be jewel in the Peterlee Community. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**