

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN T DUFFY (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- M A Cartwright, S Simpson, K Duffy, V Watson, A C Long & D Howarth

Messrs:- M McGlen, C Watkins, G Carne, A Watson, S Miles, R Moore, A Wilkinson

One member of the public was present at the meeting

61. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillors L Fenwick, K Liddell & S McDonnell.

62. Notice of motion received from Councillors Gordon Carne, Steve Miles, Karon Liddell & Sheila Simpson

"In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and Standing Orders, we request an extraordinary meeting of Peterlee Town Council. The Town Council investigates available options and takes all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorised encampments on Lowhills Road playing fields and all other Town Council Land.

Received on Monday 26th August 2019 by the Mayor, Councillor T Duffy.

The Mayor gave an update to the meeting outlining the measures the Town Council had gone to to tackle this issue. In considering erecting a fence at the Lowhills Road site he explained this was a safety issue for dog walkers and children and adults playing at the site to prohibit unauthorised access by vehicles to the open spaces.

The Mayor invited the member of the public present to speak about her recent experiences and problems with the open space at Lowhills Road.

Councillor A Watson thanked the Town Council staff for their hard work and efforts on how they dealt with the unauthorised encampments at the site. Councillor Miles echoed that sentiment. The Town Clerk outlined for the meeting the legal process that had been followed and what the Town Council's options were in relation to this open piece of land.

Members praised their colleagues Councillors Miles and Carne for their efforts with keeping residents and officers informed about activity at the site. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED the action taken to prevent access in the short term, be confirmed. FURTHER RESOLVED the Town Clerk be granted delegated authority to go ahead with the ordering and installation of a fence at Lowhills Road, up to a maximum value of £30,000.**