

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 6.30PM

PRESENT: - COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames: S. Simpson, J. Black, M.McCue, K. Hawley, K. Duffy

Messrs: R. Moore, S. Franklin, B. Fishwick, M. Sanderson, T. Duffy, R. Burnip

162. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies for absence were offered from Councillors E Watson, G Johnson, D Howarth, S McDonell, D Hawley and D Quinn.
163. Public Participation Session  
A local resident attended the meeting and addressed the Council on issues relating to the planting of spring bulbs in public open spaces and woodland.
164. 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 offered.
165. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
The minutes of the previous meeting were moved for consideration and approval as a true and correct record. **RESOLVED the minutes be accepted and signed as a true and correct record.**

166. Big Jubilee Lunch & Bike Event, Woodhouse Park – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Members were requested to consider and approve an increase in the budget allocated for this event by £3,500.00. **RESOLVED members agreed to increase the budget for the Big Jubilee Lunch event by an additional £3,500.00.**
167. Items from Councillor Karen Duffy
- (i) For Council to consider writing a letter to Believe Housing requesting an urgent review into the 'trades entry' timings at all flats in Peterlee  
**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk continue his contact with Believe Housing about this issue and report back to Council in due course.**
- (ii) For Council to consider writing to the owners of Peterlee Town Centre to highlight the dangers around the pedestrian crossing situated on the access road to McDonald's and Asda and to discuss possible solutions  
**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk raise this issue with senior representatives of the Town Management company as a matter of urgency.**
168. Peterlee Music Fest 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
The Town Clerk provided a verbal update about the event and urged Council Members to support the event by sharing social media posts as well as buying tickets for the event and encouraging others to do so.
169. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report  
No report was given.
170. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report  
Councillor McCue stated that she was pleased to see Virgin Media 02's new broadband service being introduced across the town.  
She also described how she had seen and heard an increase in poverty-related issues in the town and that there was a big demand for help and support from local residents. She suggested that there was an increasing need for community venues in the town and that this was something that the Town Council could help with.  
Councillor K Hawley suggested a working party be created to investigate available venues and buildings, as well as projects and people offering this kind of help. **AGREED communication will be sent out to confirm best date to arrange the first meeting.**

171. Additional Items Not On The Agenda

- (i) Councillor R Moore suggested that Woodhouse Park be locked on the night of the annual 'Leavers Day' festivities. **ACTION: the Town Clerk confirmed that he would arrange a meeting with local Police to discuss the issue raised and then invite them to a future meeting to discuss the outcome and their plans.**
  
- (ii) Councillor K Duffy asked if the Peterlee Magazine could be utilised to issue information and education on scams and scammers both online and door-to-door. **ACTION: the Town Clerk confirmed that he would look in to the next issue of the magazine including information from local, regional or national campaigns in this regard.**
  
- (iii) Councillor Franklin asked to see the residents of Peterlee better informed of decisions made by the Council.

The Town Clerk and the Democratic Services Assistant explained this topic was already in discussion, with the possibility of utilising social media to provide details on upcoming items to be discussed, how residents can participate and the outcomes of those items. **ACTION: the Town Clerk to make more use of social media to promote Council meetings and decisions using social media in the new Civic Year from May 2022**