

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2022 at 6.30PM

PRESENT: - Cllr R Moore (Chairman)

K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, R Burnip, S McDonnell, S P Franklin, E Watson, F J Black, D Hawley, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick, M A Cartwright, D Howarth & M Sanderson

77. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered from Councillors A Stockport, K Hawley & G Johnson. **RESOLVED the apologies for absence from these Councillors be noted.**

78. Public Participation Session

There was one member of the public present at the meeting who just wished to observe the meeting rather than speak .

79. 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.

80. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 24th October 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting are attached for consideration and approval as a true and correct record. **RESOLVED the minutes be accepted and signed as a true and correct record.**

81. Notes of the Finance Sub Committee

Members confirmed and endorsed the resolution of the Finance Sub Committee to approve BACS payments to be paid on Monday 21st November 2022, (as circulated by e mail for approval on 18th November 2022). It was **RESOLVED the payments be accepted.**

82. Notes of the Events Working Party of the 8th November 2022

Items referred from the meeting:-

- It was suggested there not be a Fireworks Display in 2023
- Pre loved items – regular open days being held at Shotton Hall/The Pavilion

The notes of the Events Working Group held on 8th November 2022 were circulated for information purposes only. **RESOLVED the record of the meeting be noted.**

FURTHER RESOLVED consideration of a fireworks event being held in 2023 be deferred until final budget considerations were made.

83. Minutes of the Resources Meeting of the 14th November 2022

The Minutes of the Resources Meeting held on 14th November 2022 were attached for information purposes only. **RESOLVED the record of the meeting be noted.**

84. Budget 2023/24

The Town Clerk reported receipt of confirmation of the Local Council Tax base position which was more positive than he had anticipated. He stressed he needed priorities and services from the Council and he offered to prepare the various budget options open to the Council in setting its budget for the next financial year to consider at the next meeting. **RESOLVED this course of action be agreed to.**

85. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor Cartwright spoke about the consultation on the current electoral boundary review taking place in County Durham. She reported on a wreath, making day that had been held at the Edenhill People's project. Councillor Cartwright reported on a shop unit in the town centre being used for the re sale/gifting of second hand toys and she thanked everyone involved. **RESOLVED that the information given be noted.**

86. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor McCue reported on an initiative at the Methodist Church providing soup and hot drinks open to everyone and she thanked those involved that had supported this with time, effort and funding from their Neighbourhood Budgets. Oakerside Community Centre and East Durham Trust were also running schemes with warm spaces and food. She asked if anyone had other projects to share them on social media. She was concerned at the possibility of power outages in the months to come and she encouraged councillors to keep in touch with each other in the case of an emergency and to continue to work cross party. It was agreed a winter resilience/community emergency plan be drafted for consideration. **RESOLVED that the information given be noted.**