

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2024 immediately following the
conclusion of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held ay 6.30pm

PRESENT: R MOORE (CHAIR)
Councillors K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, R Burnip, D
Hawley, K Hawley, R Scott, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick, A E
Laing, M A Cartwright & D Howarth

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and that photographs may be taken.

12. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors J Black, A Stockport, M Sanderson & S McDonnell. **RESOLVED the Council note the submitted apologies.**

13. 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.

14. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th October 2023 and the notes of the meeting of 4th December 2023, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

15. Eden Lane Tennis Courts

This item had been requested by Councillor Howarth following permission being granted for overflow car parking by Peterlee & Horden Rugby Club. She explained a local resident had approached her about cars being parked on the tennis courts at Eden Lane. The Town Clerk explained the situation as he understood it to be and that PTC had received the request to help out with overflow car parking at short notice, by the Rugby Club. In hindsight he agreed this may have been better communicated with Members and lessons had been learned and the feedback taken on board. **RESOLVED PTC be consistent in its approach to use of its land and facilities and local Members be kept advised when necessary.**

16. Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites

Two items had been requested for consideration by Councillor K Hawley:-

- (a) To utilize the building while awaiting transition and it is empty, possibly opening it to groups;
- (b) Permission to use the Suites for a baby clothing bank one day per week.

RESOLVED both suggestions be agreed to subject to any organisation using the Suites being fully and adequately insured and they be requested to make a donation towards the running costs of the facility. FURTHER RESOLVED it be accepted there may be additional charges incurred with this use with regard to access and making the building secure outside of normal working hours.

17. Planning Application – installation of mast and associated apparatus at Land West of 8A Church Close

To advise this application was to be reported to Members at the Central East Planning Committee on 13th February 2024. **RESOLVED progress with this application, be awaited.**