



Date of Issue: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021

A MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021** IN THE **BANQUETING SUITES, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE, SR8 2PH** at **6.30pm**

Mr I Morris M.C.I.H, P.S.L.C.C.

Town Clerk

## **A G E N D A**

**Due to the current COVID situation the capacity of the meeting room is reduced and public admission to the meeting will be limited.**

**Any members of the public wishing to attend Shotton Hall to observe the meeting are strongly advised to contact the Council in advance to reserve a seat:  
council@peterlee.gov.uk or 0191 5862491**

**Members of the Committee and members of the public are reminded that the public part of the meeting may be recorded in both audio and video, and photographs may be taken.**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Members are cordially invited to inform the Deputy Town Clerk of their apologies as soon as practical before the meeting if they are unable to attend.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

Members are reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Please seek advice from the Town Clerk or Deputy Town

Clerk prior to the meeting if in doubt. Members are reminded that they can check their published declaration of interests here: <https://bit.ly/2wVyeLA>

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members are asked to agree the attached minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

(Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021, attached)

4. To welcome Joy Allen Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting

Items of concern submitted by Council Members have been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner prior to the meeting to enable her to properly consider the items in advance.

5. To review the arrangements for the opening and closing of the gate at the car park adjacent to the CALM CIC community hub at Lowhills Road

Item requested by Cllr Scott Meikle following complaints about the car park being left locked during some week days and weekends.

6. Eden Lane Woodland Park Proposal

Members will be presented with a report from the Parks Manager and Town Clerk on a proposed community woodland creation project for the 'pony fields' area off Eden Lane. Members will be asked to approve the proposal to plant several thousand new trees on the site in a project that has been developed in partnership with Durham County Council.

Report of the Parks Manager (to follow)

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE BANQUETING SUITES,  
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: R MOORE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, A Stockport, K Duffy, S. Simpson, M. McCue

Messrs:- D. Hawley, B. Fishwick, M. Sanderson, T. Duffy

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, the Town Clerk opened the meeting by seeking nominations for Chair. Councillor R Moore was nominated by Councillor T Duffy and seconded by Councillor K Liddell. No other nominations were received and it was **RESOLVED** that R Moore Chair the meeting.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors K Hawley, G Johnson, D Howarth, M A Cartwright, D Quinn, S Meikle and A Laing.

**RESOLVED** the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from these Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise.

**Councillors T. Duffy and K. Duffy had declared their interest in item 5 'Leisure Gardens Policy', to the Town Clerk via email prior to the meeting.**

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

A copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved.

4. The Impact of Covid on the Council's Sport and Wellbeing Service

Members received a presentation from the Town Council's Sports and Wellbeing Manager providing a summary of some of the Town Council's Sports & Wellbeing activities during the COVID pandemic and plans for the future.

5. Leisure Gardens Policy

Members were asked to consider and provide feedback on a draft Leisure Gardens Policy that had been developed in line with recommendations from Internal Audit. Following consideration by the Committee, a number of revisions were suggested to be made to the Policy.

**RECOMMENDED the Town Clerk to liaise with Councillor T Duffy to make the agreed revisions to the Policy, after which the revised version would be issued to gardeners from the Council's two sites for feedback prior to final consideration by the Council later this year.**

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**Report to:** Peterlee Town Council Community & Environment Committee

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Report of:** Ian Hall, Parks Manager

**Report Title:** Eden Lane Woodland Proposal

**Purpose:** This report is intended to provide members with a summary of the proposals to create a community Woodland Park at the Eden Lane 'Pony Fields' area of Peterlee.

**Background:** As members will be aware, the Town Council owns and manages the 'Pony Fields' area of public open space at Eden Lane. The area is to the east of the Peterlee Cemetery and Peterlee & Horden RFC, in between the residential settlements of Peterlee and Horden. The area includes a Historic England registered monument - the Yoden medieval settlement<sup>1</sup> - and the SSSI magnesia limestone tropical reef at Yoden village quarry<sup>2</sup>. These are all maintained by the Town Council's Parks Department.

Members will be aware that the Town Council has already been successful in new native trees to the Pony fields area through external grant funding under the Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf) initiative. On the back of that success the Parks Manager was approached by the Woodland Creation Officer from Durham County Council (DCC) about the potential for a joint project to introduce further tree planting to the site, as well as nearby County Council land.

The PTC Parks Manager has worked in partnership with DCC colleagues to produce a proposal for further grant funding to create a community woodland park on the pony fields site, towards the south of the area and away from the ancient monument and SSSI site. The nature of the grant funding is such that there would be no financial cost to PTC other than staff time on planting the project as the grant will cover all other material costs.

**Proposal:** To create a Woodland Park on the pony field site DCC will apply for the grant and submit the plans for the woodland which includes over 7,000 trees including a fruit orchard, wildflowers areas and rabbit fencing. Appendix 2 provides further on some of the plans and tree varieties

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Yoden settlement please see <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1019913>

<sup>2</sup> For more information about the Yoden village quarry please see <https://peterlee.parish.durham.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/37/2016/09/40326-RLS-Yoden-Village-Quarry-Web-Leaflet-P5.pdf>

included in the bid.

If the bid by DCC is successful the trees and fencing will be delivered to the Town Council's parks depot at Eden Lane. It is proposed that the Town Council invites local schools, community groups and Members to take part in the planting of the trees in January-February 2022.

The key next steps are as follow:

- PTC Members agree the proposal for the woodland project and principle of the grant application in partnership with DCC;
- PTC parks department work with colleagues at DCC to begin preparing the site;
- Democratic Services and Parks staff will work together on an engagement plan to ensure that local Members, local schools and community groups are given the opportunity to join-in with the planting and installing of the trees and rabbit fencing and the planting of wildflower seeds in cleared areas.

The creation of a new community woodland park on the pony fields site will enhance the social amenity of the area, and will help to encourage more visitors to the area to visit the woodland as well as the ancient monument site and SSSI site. The woodland is intended to provide a more diverse natural environment in comparison to the single-type grassed areas, promoting greater biodiversity. And trees also have a beneficial impact by absorbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, storing the carbon and releasing oxygen back into the air.

**Budget:** There is no budget required as the project would be fully funded if the grant is approved.

**Recommendation:**

Members are recommended to note the contents of this report and to approve the proposed project to work in partnership with Durham County Council on the bid for the Pony fields community woodland park grant bid with a proposed start in early 2022.

## **Appendix 1: Implications**

**Finance** – No direct implications.

**Staffing** - No direct implications.

**Risk** – No direct implications.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - No direct implications.

**Accommodation** - No direct implications.

**Crime and Disorder** - No direct implications.

**Human Rights** - No direct implications.

**Consultation** - No direct implications.

**Procurement** – No direct implications.

**Disability Issues** - No direct implications.

**Legal Implications** - No direct implications.

**Data Protection** - No direct implications.

## Appendix 2

Species	Specification	Height	Density	Centres	Mix	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Acer campestre	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	10.0%	26	18	37	61	32	27	20	32	13	40	120	13	17	14	17
Aesculus hippocastanum	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	5.0%	13	9	19	30	16	14	10	16	7	20	60	7	9	7	8
Betula pendula	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	20.0%	52	36	75	122	65	55	39	63	27	81	241	26	35	28	34
Corylus avellana	Transplant B	40-60cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	5.0%	13	9	19	30	16	14	10	16	7	20	60	7	9	7	8
Crataegus monogyna	Transplant:1+1 :1/3 brks:B	40-60cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	10.0%	26	18	37	61	32	27	20	32	13	40	120	13	17	14	17
Prunus sylvestris	Transplant B	40-60cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	7.5%	19	13	28	46	24	21	15	24	10	30	90	10	13	11	13
Quercus robur	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	30.0%	78	53	112	182	97	82	59	95	40	121	361	39	52	42	50
Rosa canina	1+1 :BR :Bushy: 2/3 brks :BR	60-80cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	2.5%	6	4	9	15	8	7	5	8	3	10	30	3	4	4	4
Sorbus aucuparia	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plant / m2	2m	10.0%	26	18	37	61	32	27	20	32	13	40	120	13	17	14	17
<i>Note - Sorbus Aucuparia (Rowan) to be planted on edges of planting blocks in groups of 7, 9 and 13.</i>					100.0%															
50% of Crataegus monogyna (Hawthorn ) and 50% of Rosa canina (Dog Rose) to be planted as edge species and the remaining plants randomly dispersed within the tree mix. Tree species to be planted in groups of 7, 9 and 13 as directed on site at the prestart meeting.				Total No. of plants		259	178	373	608	324	274	195	316	133	403	1203	131	173	140	168
				Total Area		1035	710	1490	2430	1295	1095	780	1265	530	1610	4810	525	690	560	670
Fencing in lin m				Total	4079	133	163	163	293	187	166	126	157	162	330	349	85	124	93	132
Orchard fencing				118m																

Total Plant Numbers

750

1500

375

750

563

2250

188

750

7125

Plant Numbers

Measured each compartment

30000Total Area m2

3 Hectares

7369Total Plants

Wild Flower Mix - EM1 Basic General Pupose Meadow Mix sown at 4 g/m2





Species	Specification	Height	Density	Centres	Mix	B
Asclepias peremptoria	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	10.0%	10
Aesculus hippocastanum	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	5.0%	5
Thalictrum flavum	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	5.0%	21
Corylus rostrata	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	5.0%	5
Corylus monspeliensis	Transplant A+1/3 forks B	40-60cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	10.0%	10
Thalictrum flavum	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	5.0%	8
Quercus robur	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	30.0%	31
Rosa canina	1+198 Rosy/2 forks B	40-60cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	2.0%	8
Salix alba	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.5 plants/m <sup>2</sup> ± 2m	2m	10.0%	10


Note: *Salix auriculata* (Rowan) to be planted on edges of planting blocks in groups of 7, 2 and 13.

SN of Transplants (Species)	SN of Rosa (Rosa)	SN of Rosa (Rosa)	Total Area
50% of Transplants (Species)	50% of Rosa (Rosa)	50% of Rosa (Rosa)	420
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Species	Specification	Height	Density	Centres	Mix	I
Acer campestre	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	10.0%	
Asocytus hippocastanum	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	
Quercus pedunculata	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	20.0%	
Corylus avellana	Transplant 8	40-60cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	1
Quercus mongolica	Transplant 1+1: 1/3 brks 8	40-60cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	10.0%	
Quercus robur	Transplant 1+1: 1/3 brks 8	40-60cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	10.0%	
Quercus robur	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	30.0%	2
Rosa canina	1+1 BK Bushy: 2/3 brks BK	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	2.5%	
Rosa canina	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.15 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	2.5%	
Note: <i>Sorbus aucuparia</i> (Rowan) to be planted on edge of planting blocks in groups of 7 and 13						
50% of <i>Quercus mongolica</i> (Heworth) and 50% of <i>Rosa canina</i> (Dorset) to be planted as edge species and the remaining plants randomly dispersed within the tree mix. Tree species to be planted in groups of 7, 13 and 15						
Total No. of plants						20
Total Area						20

Seasonal formal bedding  
at entrance to park

**Scale Bar**



10 20 30 40 50 metres

Overhead  
cable route

## Yoden Village Quarry (SSSI)

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Species	Signification	Height	Density	Centres
Aer. campestris	Transplant B	90-100cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Aer. flexuosus	Transplant A	80-100cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Asculus hypochaeridis	Transplant A	80-100cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Asculus hypochaeridis	Transplant B	90-100cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Asculus ovelliana	Transplant B	40-60cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Crataegus monogyna	Transplant 1+1-2 brix B	40-60cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Crataegus monogyna	Transplant A	40-60cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Quercus robur	Transplant B	80-100cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Rosa canina	Transplant 1+1-2 brix B	40-60cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m
Rosa canina	Transplant A	40-60cm	0.25 plants/m <sup>2</sup>	2m

Note: - Sorbus Aucuparia [Eurasian] to be planted on edges of planting albedo in groups of 7, Band 13.

50% of Crataegus monogyna [Western] and 50% of Rosa canina [East] rose species to be planted as edge species and 50% of Crataegus monogyna [Eastern] and 50% of Rosa canina [West] rose species to be planted in group of 7, Band 2 and 3 affected on end of the present meeting.

Total Area:

[illegible]

Species	Specification	Height	Density	Centres	Time	
<i>Ascaris campestris</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	10.0%	1
<i>Ascaris hippocrepans</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	1
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	2m	20.0%	1	1
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	1
<i>Citragrus monogyna</i>	Transplant 1+1/1 bbs/8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	10m	10.0%	2
<i>Pinus salicifolia</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	1
<i>Corylus rubra</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	80.0%	7
<i>Nosa cinnam</i>	1+1 BB Thru 2/1 bbs/8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	10m	10.0%	2
<i>Nosa cinnam</i>	Transplant 8	80-100cm	0.5 plant/m <sup>2</sup>	2m	5.0%	1
Notes: <i>Scorpius Aquarius (Rouen)</i> to be planted at edge of planting blocks in groups of 7 and 13.						
50% of <i>Citragrus monogyna</i> (Newtown) and 50% of <i>Nosa cinnam</i> (Dagobert) to be planted at edge of planting blocks.						Total No. of plants = 25
50% of <i>Pinus salicifolia</i> and 50% of <i>Trifolium pratense</i> to be planted in the tree line. (Two species to be planted in groups of 7 and 13 selected on day at the present meeting).						Total Area

**Note**  
*Proposed tree planting locations have been adjusted to accommodate stand off distances from underground services. Service locations shown are indicative only and there are also some private services in the centre of the site not shown on this plan. The ground should therefore be CAT scanned prior to planting and plant location adjusted on the ground accordingly.*

*Supply and fix 50cm canes and 30cm spiral rabbit guard for each plant.*

*Indicative areas of Wild  
Flowers to be EM1 Basic  
General Purpose Meadow  
Mix or similar sown at 4 g/m<sup>2</sup>*

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REVISIONS		
24/09/21	A	Approach to planting and species
29/09/21	B	Species change



PROJECT  
Yoden Woodland Park

**TITLE** Woodland Planting Plan  
Sheet 1 - Northern Area  
Woodland Blocks A to L

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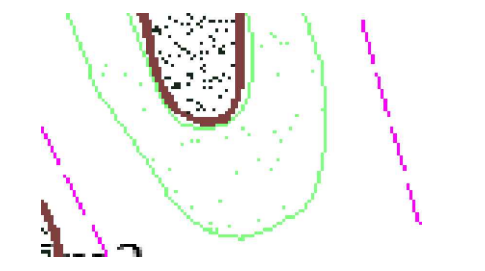
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Supply and fix 50cm canes and 30cm spiral rabbit guard for each plant.



Indicative areas of Wild Flowers to be EM1 Basic General Purpose Meadow Mix or similar sown at 4 g/m2

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REVISIONS	
24/09/21	A Approach to planting and species



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Yoden Woodland Park	
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Woodland Planting Plan Sheet 2 - Central Area Woodland Blocks M to V	
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