

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN R MOORE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S McDonnell, L Fenwick, K Hawley, S
Simpson, K J Duffy & K Liddell

Messrs:- S McGlen, A Watson, T Duffy, G Carne, S Miles
& A Wilkinson

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.

59. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors C Watkins, A C Long, S Kirkup, M A Cartwright & S Miles. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

60. 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 & K Duffy declared an interest on the item relating to the allotment site at Thorntree Gill.

61. Apollo Pavilion – 50th Birthday celebrations

The Chair welcomed representatives of the Apollo Pavilion Community Association, (APCA), Ms A Lister and D J Taylor Gooby and Mr Colin Robson Community Cultural Development Co Ordinator from DCC who gave a presentation on the activities and exhibits planned to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Pavilion, ranging from a projection piece in March to a community pic nic in July and other events. The representatives explained they would appreciate the support of Peterlee Town Council particularly with the community events. They also appealed for the Town Council for their representation on the APCA Committee. The Chair thanked the representatives and Officer for their attendance. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

62. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members agreed the attached minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting and they were duly signed.

63. Update on Sports Development Activities

The report of the Sport & Wellbeing Manager providing information for Members about activities, PACES, events, funding, marketing and litter management.

The Sports & Wellbeing Manager was unable to attend the meeting and members were requested to direct any specific questions on the report to the Sports & Wellbeing Manager prior to the meeting. It was suggested that in future if Managers were not able to attend then their reports be deferred until they could attend. **RESOLVED the report be accepted and the information contained in it be noted.**

64. Minutes of the Woodhouse Park Working Party of the 7th November 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

65. Minutes of the Events Working Party of the 21st November 2018 a copy of which had been circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record. It was asked that one of the main stage bands be clarified.

66. Review of opening of Town Council Parks, Play Areas and Cemetery review

The report of the Parks Manager providing members with a review of the arrangements for Town Council's Parks, play areas and cemetery Opening. The report concluded that the overall impact on the parks and play areas has been a positive one, and that further work is needed to engage with local residents and users on maintaining the cemetery's high standards of appearance.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) the contents of the report be noted, including the reduction in issues of damage and misuse of the Parks & Play Areas in Peterlee since the decision was made to open up the sites and not lock from them dusk to dawn;
- (ii) Officers and local members be authorised to engage with the Edenhill residents group to establish how the Town Council may be able to encourage people to treat the site with more respect and work with the Parks Team to keep it litter and dog mess free
- (iii) the situation with the cemetery be reviewed in another 6 months time.

67. Use of Glyphosate

The report of the Parks Manager, intended to provide Members with a summary of the use of glyphosate across PTC's assets and land and makes a recommendation that the use of this weed-killer is ceased, to be replaced with a seasonal maintenance team.

Following considerable discussion it was **RESOLVED a blanket ban on the use of glyphosate be applied within areas owned and managed by Peterlee Town Council. This being supported with a manual strimming regime, 3 times a year, April, July and October, this cycle being managed with existing team resources. This to be supported with a public information exercise letting residents know of this decision.**

68. Land West of Thorntree Gill

Members were asked to note the planning application had been approved for the erection of a detached building to create amenity room and storage area. **RESOLVED progress be awaited.**