

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BANQUETING SUITES,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, S McDonnell, S P Franklin, R Moore, E Watson, F J Black,
D Hawley, B Fishwick & M Sanderson

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 G Johnson, D Quinn, K Hawley, K Duffy, D Quinn, A Stockport, R Burnip, S Meikle, D Howarth and T Duffy.

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. None were given to the meeting.

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The contents of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th February 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

4. Community Emergency Plans

The Chair welcomed Laura Dobson, Civil Contingencies Officer to the meeting and a copy of Durham County Council's Community Emergency Plan template and 6 Step Guide was circulated for each Member. Ms Dobson explained what a community emergency plan was explaining it was community resilience following an incident and she went through the process of how the council may develop such a plan. She reported it was mainly about communication and that DCC could assist PTC in writing their plan. There were various pots of grant funding available also to support with the purchase of for example torches, hi vis vests, shovels etc and larger amounts for equipment to help with resilience. The Chair opened the meeting for questions and following the session it was generally agreed that having a Community Emergency Plan for Peterlee would be a positive piece of work for PTC to carry out.

5. Christmas Tree – Town Centre Roundabout

It was reported there had been a suggestion from the Events Working Party held on 29th September 2022 that this work not be commissioned this year. Following discussion and a vote it was **RESOLVED an order be placed with DCC for them to provide and light the tree on the town centre roundabout this year.**