

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

M McCue, S Simpson, R Burnip, R Moore, J Black, D Hawley, A Laing, M A Cartwright, D Howarth & 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.

6. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors K Liddell, A Stockport, K Duffy, T Duffy, S McDonnell, D Quinn, K Hawley, S Franklin & S Meikle. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from these Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

7. 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.

8. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The contents of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th October 2022, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

9. Eden Hill Skatepark project

Members considered a report from the Town Clerk recommending the award of a contract for the provision of a new skatepark at the Council depot/rugby club site at Eden Lane to Wheelscape/Active Legacy Ltd subject to final confirmation of funding.

It was reported Wheelscape were an established skatepark design and installation company with a substantial portfolio of case studies of similar projects around the country. They had identified a credible proposal for increasing the council's existing funding of £90,000 up towards a target of £150,000 for the project. **RESOLVED approval be given to the principle of the award of contract for the design and installation of a new skate park at Eden Lane to Wheelbase at a minimum target value of £100,000 + VAT, with delegated authority for the Town Clerk to work with the contractor on a funding plan to increase this towards an upper of target of £150,000 + VAT in consultation with the Chairs of Council and Resources Committee.**

10. Budget 2023/24

Members gave further consideration to the various options open to the Council in setting its budget for the next financial year. During discussions it was asked if the progress report from Citizens Advice could be re circulated. **RESOLVED the budget be re considered at the next meeting.**

11. Winter Resilience/Community Emergency Plan

Members were asked to further consider actions to be taken forward by the Town Council to compliment the disaster recovery/civic contingencies plan for County Durham and it was suggested a small working party/group be established to work on a draft Winter Resilience/Community Emergency Plan for Peterlee. Councillors Moore, Howarth, McCue and Cartwright expressed an interest in being part of this group. **RESOLVED the working party be convened to make progress with the plan and report back to Council in due course.**