

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: R MOORE (CHAIR)
R Burnip, S McDonnell, S P Franklin, D Hawley, R Scott, B Fishwick, A E Laing,
M A Cartwright & M Sanderson

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.

5. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors M McCue, K Liddell, A Stockport, K Hawley, S Simpson, T Duffy, K Duffy, E Watson & D Howarth. **RESOLVED the Council note the submitted apologies.**

6. 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.

7. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th February 2023, a copy of which had been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

8. Community Grant Scheme

(a) Peterlee Community Garden – Public Open Day, 16th August 2023

(b) Peterlee Cricket Club - Juniors Presentation Event, 14th October 2023

RESOLVED the action taken in awarding grants of £250.00 each to these organisations towards organising community events, as per the Town Council's community grant scheme policy, be endorsed.

9. Health & Safety Site Visits

RESOLVED the notes of the two site visits to Eden Lane and Hill Rigg House, be noted.

10. Proposed Fireworks Display – Hearts of Oak Public House, Oakerside Drive on Friday 3 November 2023

Members were asked to consider a request for the use of PTC's land for this privately arranged charity event. The Council's Corporate Services Manager was in attendance at the meeting and gave a summary advising that there were still some outstanding issues relating to traffic management and submission of all of the required paperwork to both PTC and DCC Safety Advisory Group. She suggested that by not having the marquee/dance tent on site that may assist with the approval of the application.

The Organisers of the event had been invited to the meeting by a local Member and they spoke on the event, stressing it was to raise monies for two charitable causes that were very personal to them and their families.

One of the Local Members said she was minded to agree to the use of the land, as long as all of the authorities/partners in particular the Fire Service and Police gave their approval to the event going ahead. It was also agreed a meeting should be held with the Organisers, Police/Fire Brigade and PTC's Corporate Services Manager to fully discuss and make sure all was in place that needed to be for a safe event.

The Organisers assured they would not proceed with the event without the approval of the Police and Fire Brigade.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED PTC give approval in principle to the use of the land include the fenced area of the cricket pitch for a firework display to be held by The Hearts of Oak Public House, subject to all of the necessary documents being submitted and approved by both the Fire Brigade and Police. With the event application details submitted to PTC.**

11. Keep Peterlee Tidy

Members were asked to consider a request from the 'Keep Peterlee Tidy' community group to work in partnership with PTC on community events in March 2024. **RESOLVED this request be approved.**