

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2022 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)

Councillors K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, R J Burnip, S P Franklin, R Moore, H A Stockport, E Watson, F J Black, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick, A E Laing, M A Cartwright, D Howarth & M Sanderson

6. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were offered to the meeting and accepted from Councillors D Quinn & D Hawley & S McDonnell.
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. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**
8. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED the minutes of the previous meeting of the Resources Committee held on Monday 13th June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.
9. Planning Application – former Evans Halshaw car showroom, Passfield Way, Peterlee
The Town Council had received notification from Durham County Council's Planning Department of a planning application for the former Evans Halshaw car dealership site. The application was for 5 retail units, a tanning shop, takeaway and ATM with car parking and landscaping. **RESOLVED no formal response be made by the Town Council to this planning application, however, should any local Members wish to comment they do so directly to Durham County Council.**
10. Policies
 - (i) Outdoor Events Policy

The policy had been updated for PTC's use and anyone wanting to hold their events on PTC land

(ii) Annual Leave Policy

Updated to include staff using minus 7.5 hours, (one day) in the case of an emergency

(iii) Toil Policy

Updated to include staff using minus 7.5 hours, with the expectation and plan of when the hours will be worked to bring the balance back to zero.

RESOLVED these policies be approved and adopted immediately.

11. 2022/23 Q2 budget update

Members received a report from the Town Clerk on the Council's financial performance to the end of September 2022 (financial year quarter 2). Members asked several questions and these included what was being done by the Council at its various sites to reduce their energy use and costs. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

12. 2023/4 draft budget

Members received a visual presentation from the Town Clerk on the draft budget for the 2023/24 financial year to promote conversation and feedback. He provided the estimated increases in costs and in summary that these would provide a precept rise of 15%. He spoke about the Big Conversation meeting he would like to host and asked for direction from Members as to how they saw this working. It was suggested this community event be arranged for early January 2023.

The Clerk then outlined some of the precept facts for Members. He circulated information breaking down the budget and he asked if the allocation of resources was fit for purpose.

He went on to report on a recent government document published on Left Behind Neighbourhoods, with 225 countrywide; 16 in County Durham, 8 in East Durham and 2 in Peterlee.

RESOLVED discussions continue on the 2023/24 Budget.