

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN R MOORE (CHAIR)

Councillors: M McCue, S Simpson, H Stockport, FJ Black, K Hawley, R Scott,  
B Fishwick, A Laing, D Howarth

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors K Liddel, R Burnip,  
S McDonnell, S Franklin, D Hawley, K Duffy, T Duffy, M Cartwright, D Quinn &  
M Sanderson

26. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda,  
whether pecuniary or otherwise. Cllr FJ Black declared an interest in item 31 Draft  
Tenancy Agreement & Allotment Rules **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

27. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

**RESOLVED the minutes of the previous meeting of the Resources Committee held  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, be approved as a true and correct record.**

28. Provision of stalls for charitable organisations at Town Council events

Item requested by Cllr K Hawley. The Council's Corporate Services Manager confirmed  
that due to previous incidents of no-shows at some council events, charitable  
organisations requesting stalls at Council events were now being asked to make a  
refundable deposit. Members endorsed this approach, and it was **RESOLVED that  
charitable organisations would be charged a £10 refundable deposit for stalls at  
Council events, to be refunded only if the organisation did attend the event.**

29. Community Business Model consultancy support

Members considered the report from the Town Clerk regarding proposal from the Plunkett Foundation for a feasibility study into establishing a community business model in Peterlee. **RESOLVED that the contract be awarded to the Plunkett Foundation at a cost of £8,300 + VAT as set out in the proposal document.**

30. Health & Safety Policy

Members considered the updated Health & Safety Policy that had previously been circulated. Cllr Moore confirmed that the proposed policy had been considered by the Health & Safety Working Party on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. **RESOLVED that the Health & Safety Policy be adopted by the Town Council with immediate effect.**

31. Draft tenancy agreement and rules for Leisure Gardens

Members considered the draft tenancy agreement and rules for Leisure Gardens that had been previously circulated. The Town Clerk confirmed that both of the Council's leisure gardens sites were being managed by the Council, and that the new tenancy agreements and rules document were intended to help both the gardeners and the Council to understand the rights and responsibilities of being a leisure garden tenant. Cllr J Black had previously declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this item. **RESOLVED that the tenancy agreement and rules be approved and issued to leisure gardeners as soon as practicable.**

32. Planning Application – 1 Hailsham Place DM/23/O1429/FPA

Members considered this planning application to convert the existing betting shop into a drinking establishment. Members raised a number of concerns about the proposal including the high number of existing drinking establishments in the town, the proximity of the site to the youth club and nursery buildings, and the impact on pedestrian and cycle access to this important gateway into the town centre. **RESOLVED that the Town Clerk issue an objection to the planning application on behalf of the Council. FURTHER RESOLVED that Cllr A Laing represent the Town Council to voice these objections at DCC Planning Committee, if called.**

33. Christmas Tree – Peterlee roundabout

Members considered the options around the provision of a Christmas tree on the Burnhope Way/Essington Way town centre roundabout this year. It was noted that the Town Council does not own the roundabout, and that there have been issues with the quality of trees supplied by the County Council in recent years. **RESOLVED that the Town Council will not fund a Christmas tree being placed on the Burnhope Way/Essington Way town centre roundabout this year.**