

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE  
ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley, D Howarth, & K Liddell

Messrs:- S Miles & T Duffy

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors L Fenwick, K Duffy, R Moore & G Carne. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, 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.

3. Shotton Hall

The Town Clerk gave an update for Members and then went on to outline, as had been requested previously, the rates and terms of various amounts of loan from the Public Works Loan Board were given.

Following discussion and consideration it was **AGREED:-**

- (a) in principle, investment be made in Shotton Hall;**
- (b) approval be given to engage professional support to obtain a a costed programme of works to be drawn up for Shotton Hall;**
- (c) a loan from PWLB be used to finance the works rather than using reserves.**

Councillor K Hawley wished for it to be recorded in the minutes that she was against these proposals.

4. The Pavillion

The Town Clerk outlined the story so far and then the items of information requested at the last meeting were considered. There was an overview report for the Pavilion showing two weeks of room bookings and use. The details of use by community groups on a discounted rate was also provided.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed to pass the resolution to exclude the press and public.

5. To exclude the press and public

**RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the committee passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1961 & the Local Government Act 1972, due to various items relating to commercial operations and staffing issues at Shotton Hall.

6. The Pavillion

There was considerable discussion on concessionary rates and community use and it was **AGREED** a full review of room hire rates be carried out and this include a restructure of the room hire rates for community use, (for a registered charity or not-for-profit organization or constituted community group; private hire and business/commercial hire.