

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE
ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, & K Liddell

Messrs:- S Miles, R Moore, G Carne & T Duffy

6. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillor R Kyle.
RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received, 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. No declarations were offered.

8. 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, Part 1, paragraph 1.

9. To review the financial impact of the COVID pandemic upon the Council's budget and services

Shotton Hall

The Town Clerk had produced a presentation re capping the initial predictions of the financial impact of COVID-19. He then asked Members to consider the impact of the "Rule of 6" announcement.

RESOLVED to recommend to the Council that the future viability of Shotton Hall be considered as a matter of urgency.

The Pavilion

The Town Clerk once again outlined the forecast budget position and the net surplus budget for the Pavilion. Whilst there was no adverse budgetary impact there was very clearly a social impact of services not being offered from the Centre. The Town Clerk reported the Passfield and District Community Association had now folded. This meant the prices and pricing structure at the Pavilion could be reviewed. It was agreed the next Scrutiny Meeting be held to the close of October to review the financial situation at that point in time.