

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE
ON FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 2021

PRESENT: COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- D Howarth, M McCue & M A Cartwright

Messrs:- M Sanderson, & B Fishwick

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Councillors K Liddell, E Watson, J Black, R Moore, G Johnson & D Hawley. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received, 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. No declarations were offered.

3. Shotton Hall

Members considered the briefing report prepared by the Town Clerk which provided some background information relating to Shotton Hall. Members spoke about various issues. The Clerk advised the previous business model did not work and this need to be reconsidered should it be agreed to invest in the business operation. Comment was made at the lack of offer of accommodation, however the Clerk felt this was not the drawback it may seem with hotels available only 15 minutes away. It was something to be aware of but was not a massive limiting factor.

There was considerable discussion on the various options for the building and reference was made to the Medium Term Financial Plan that was to be considered at the Resources Meeting to be held on 21 June 2021.

RESOLVED the Clerk be given approval to engage a consultant to provide costed options for repairs to Shotton Hall and this be considered by the Group before an appraisal/feasibility study be carried out.

4. Date and time of next meeting

It was agreed the next meeting be held on Friday 9th July 2021 at 10.00am.