

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE
ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

PRESENT: COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)
D Hawley, A Laing, D Howarth, R Scott, K Liddell & R Moore

9. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Michelle McCue. **RESOLVED the apology be noted.**

10. The Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 16th October 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting were attached for consideration and approval as a true and correct record. **RESOLVED the minutes be accepted and signed as a true record.**

11. The Pavilion, Helford Road

Members discussed The Pavilion and their thoughts on how they want it to play a part in the community. Discussions surrounded the current running costs, what services they felt needed improving or offered and the recent short-term changes to building operations due to staff shortages.

The Clerk advised that Members need to agree on a clear purpose for the building, whether this be community based or commercial. It was explained that discussions were in progress regarding what the Pavilion currently offers users, however, if Members would like the building to be open during the normal operational hours then the decision to fill the current vacant role needed immediate attention. **RESOLVED that the Committee support the Officers' recommendation to fill current vacant role. FURTHER RESOLVED that a Scrutiny Committee meeting be convened on Friday 15th March 2024 at which Members would put forward their ideas for the purpose of the building and its services moving forward.**