

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2017 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT(CHAIR)

Mesdames:- V Watson, A C Long, L Fenwick, K Hawley, K J Duffy, S Simpson & K Liddell

Messrs:- A T Wilkinson, A S Meikle, S Kirkup, R Kyle, C Watkins, G Carne, T Duffy, R Moore, S D McGlen, S Miles, S P Franklin, J Robinson & A Watson

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Colin Watkins back onto the Town Council following his election to the Edenhill Ward.

70. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted from Councillor S McDonnell, (work commitments). **RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds where given above, and the Councillor's apologies for absence be recorded.**

71. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council. There were no members of the public in attendance.

72. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise.

73. Police Update

It was reported figures for the month were as follows:-

Total calls for Peterlee	663
Anti social behavior	91

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Burglary	20
Theft of a motor vehicle	11
Theft from a motor vehicle	2
Criminal damage	27

Several vehicles that have been used in criminal activity have been seized
Shoplifting is down 12% compared to this time last year. It was suggested that a spreadsheet be kept of the monthly figures. Members reported issues with reporting matters using the 101 telephone number and other matters relating to making contact with the Police were raised.

74. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 25th September 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
75. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 2nd October 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.
76. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 9th October 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved, subject to it being recorded Councillor K Duffy wished to be named as voting against any payment being made to Horden Parish Council in relation to the cemetery.
77. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- There were no matters arising, although a Local Member did raise the matter of regular progress reports on the proposal to build a rain shelter at Thorntree Gill Leisure Gardens allotment site.
78. Appointment of Replacements of Council Representatives on the Sub Committees

RESOLVED the following Members be added onto these sub committees

- **Human Resources Sub (one place – S Simpson)**
- **Health & Safety Sub (two places – G Carne & S Meikle)**
- **Events Sub Committee (one place – S Simpson)**
- **Sports & Well Being Sub Committee (two places – G Carne & K Hawley)**
- **Facilities Sub (two places – S Meikle & R Moore)**
- **Twining (one place – R Moore)**

79. Audit of Accounts 2016/17

It was reported the notice of conclusion of Audit from BDO Stoy Hayward had still not been received. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

80. Review of Council's Risk Register

RESOLVED consideration of this this item be deferred to a future meeting.

81. Spokesperson of the NEP Member's Report

Councillor Watson welcomed Councillor Watkins back onto the Town Council and congratulated him on the result of the election for the vacancy in the Edenhill Ward. He reported that Councillor T Duffy and himself had attended the CDALC AGM on Saturday 21st October 2017 which was interesting. One of the main topics was the changes to the Data Protection Act and he encouraged all members to go along to the training that had been arranged on the subject; several Members expressed an interest in going along. Councillor Watson gave details of recent incidents involving youngsters and motorists with stones and eggs being thrown at cars. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

82. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor Kyle spoke about the issues with anti social behavior with youths in the Town in relation to attacks on vehicles where the Police were advising motorists not to stop their vehicles. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**