

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25TH JUNE 2018 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- L Fenwick, K Hawley, K J Duffy & S Simpson

Messrs:- S Kirkup, R Kyle, T Duffy, R Moore, S Miles & A Watson

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted by Councillor S McDonnell, K Liddell, A C Long, S McGlen, C Watkins & A Wilkinson. **RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

26. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council.
Four representatives from the Lowhills Road Leisure Gardens site addressed the Town Council about the metal container being taken from the site recently.

27. 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.

28. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 21st May 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

(i) Minute Number 21 – Possible delegation to meet Rt Hon Nick Hurd, Minister of State for Policing, it was asked if any response had been received.

(ii) Asset Transfer, North Blunts site, progress was requested with this item. The Town Clerk confirmed that on first read of the County Durham Plan, this land

was identified as land for 65 houses. This item was to be considered further at the Resources Meeting the following week.

29. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 4th June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

30. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 11th June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 14 – Hampshire Place Play Area

The Deputy Clerk made reference to a recent e mail from a Local Member following representations made to her by local resident asking if the Council would consider closing the park again. It was reported this gentleman had been invited to attend the public open session held this evening. It was confirmed the play area would remain open and this would be reviewed, as previously agreed, at the end of the trial in October 2018. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

31. The Minutes of the Scrutiny & Progress Meeting of the 11th June 2018 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

It was reported trials of the community cinema had received very positive feedback from the public when the football was screened, with a family atmosphere, the quality was excellent.

It was reported the Woodhouse Park toilets had a few snagging items that needed to be carried out before they would be opened, however the disabled toilet was available for use. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

32. Financial Matters

(i) 2017/18 Financial Year Budget outturn report

This report was to be submitted to the next meeting of the Resources Committee.

(ii) Statement of Accounts 2017/18

RESOLVED the accounts for 2017/18 as previously circulated, be accepted.

(iii) Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 – Report of the Town Clerk for approval

RESOLVED the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 and the report of the Town Clerk, be approved and the Chairman/Mayor and the Town Clerk sign the statement on behalf of the Town Council.

(iv) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 & Annual Internal Audit Report 2017/18

RESOLVED the Accounting Statements 2017/18 and Internal Audit Report, be approved and the Chairman/Mayor and the Town Clerk sign the Accounting Statement on behalf of the Town Council.

Councillor M A Cartwright came into the meeting at 7.20pm.

33. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor A Watson referred to the Flying the Flag for Armed Forces which had been held that morning and he thanked everyone for their attendance and participation. He reported on the testing of the community cinema system which other than a few minor tweaks, had received fantastic feedback. He also reported the big screen in the bar was excellent. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

34. Spokesperson of the Labour Party's Report

Councillor Fenwick congratulated the parks Department on work on the roundabouts. She reported on the Flying the Flag Event and thanked Councillor Moore and the Corporate Services Manager. She said she was looking forward to Armed Forces Day. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**