

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 16TH AUGUST 2021 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- M McCue, S Simpson, E Watson, F J Black, K Hawley, A E Laing &
D Howarth

Messrs:- S Franklin, G Johnson, A S H Meikle, B Fishwick & M Sanderson

53. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillors K & T Duffy, R Moore, R Burnip, D Quinn & K Liddell.

54. Public Participation Session

County Councillor I Cochrane attended the meeting. He advised he had been asked by the remaining 7 firms on the North East Industrial Estate for the Town Council's support to exert pressure on Durham County Council to push for action and for the site to be re developed. One of the County Councillors present at the meeting advised she was awaiting details of a site visit to the Estate that was to be arranged by DCC. **RESOLVED the Town Council contact DCC to ask for action to be taken in this regard.**

55. 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 disclosed.

56. Police Update

The Police were unable to attend the meeting and their update report was given verbally to the meeting. It was suggested a PACT Meeting be held at Shotton Hall to allow the Councillors and the public to come along and speak to the Police, this could even be every

quarter. **RESOLVED this suggestion be made to the Police and Council be advised f the outcome.**

57. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 26th July 2021
The Deputy Town Clerk advised the Police and Crime Commissioner, Joy Allen was to come to Council meeting in October 2021. Councillors were asked to submit any issues they wished to raise with her prior to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting were attached for consideration and approval. **RESOLVED the minutes be accepted.**
58. Report of the Community & Environment Committee of the 12th July 2021
The minutes of the Community & Environment Meeting were attached for information. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**
59. The notes of the Events Working Party of the 6th August 2021
The notes of the Event Working Party were attached for the information of Members. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**
60. Fireworks
Council was requested to approve recommendations from the Events Working Party not to hold this event in November 2021 due to Covid 19 uncertainty. There was discussion and debate on the suggestion the event not be held this year however, following consideration and a vote it was **RESOLVED the fireworks event take place on 5th November 2021.**
61. Weekend Summer Music Event
Council was requested to approve recommendations from the Events Working Party to hold a weekend music festival on 17th/18th June 2022, with approval being requested to begin the booking of bands for the festival immediately. There was discussion and debate on the suggestion and it was **RESOLVED that Peterlee Carnival not be held in 2022 and its place a series of Summer Events be arranged, details to be discussed at the Events Working Party. FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given to a weekend music festival being held on 17 & 18th June 2022 and approval be given for the Corporate Services Manager to book bands for the event immediately.**
62. Finance Sub Committee 16th August 2021
RESOLVED the resolution of the Finance Sub Committee of 16th August 2021 to approve BACS payments to be paid on 19th August 2021 in the sum of £69,840.74, be confirmed and endorsed.

63. COVID-19 Update

The Deputy Town Clerk gave a brief verbal update on the Council's response to the COVID-19 situation. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

64. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor Hawley advised she was unable to give an update to the meeting. **RESOLVED the information given be noted.**

65. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor McCue highlighted the achievement of Maureen Conway being nominated for an award in the National Volunteer Awards for her collaborative work with Peterlee & Horden Rugby Club. She reported on the recent successful Family Fun Day that had been held at the site raising money towards holiday hunger schemes. She encouraged everyone to engage wherever they could with local charities with them being stripped of the usual opportunities to fund raise. **RESOLVED the report be noted.**