

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 25th JULY 2022 at 6.30PM

PRESENT: - COUN R MOORE (CHAIR)

K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, S McDonnell, S P Franklin, H Stockport, F J Black,
D Hawley, K Hawley, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick & D Howarth

35. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered from Councillors D Quinn, M A Cartwright, M Sanderson & G Johnson.

36. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

37. 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 offered.

38. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 27th June 2022

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

39. Police Update

The Chair welcomed Phil Carter (Neighbourhood Inspector) and Alex Gibson (Neighbourhood Sgt) to the meeting. The Officers introduced themselves and went on to outline some positive results with recent operations with off road bikes, graffiti and empty buildings. They asked for any information from Members that may assist them with their operations and they thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. The Chair thanked the Officers for their attendance.

40. Notes of the Finance Sub Committee of the 18th July 2022

Members confirmed and endorsed the resolution of the Finance Sub Committee to approve BACS payments to be made for July 2022. **RESOLVED the payments be accepted.**

41. Events programme 2023

The Corporate Services Manager provided feedback from the summer events held recently and she had provided a proposed calendar of events for Members for discussion. It was also reported there may be further events added held as part of the 75th Anniversary of Peterlee celebrations. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:-**

(a) Durham County Council be asked to support the 75th Anniversary of the Town in 2023;

(b) The proposed calendar of events for 2023 be considered further at the Events Working Party and where possible budget costs be provided.

42. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor K Duffy reported that East Durham College had been successful with a grant bid of £6million for improvements to facilities at both Peterlee and Houghall sites. Believe Housing were also in the process of upgrading properties in the Town. She thanked Councillor Fishwick for facilitating activity packs provided by the Sports and Well Being Officer being given to residents in the Bannatyne Care Home. She was hopeful that the proposed carbon capture and research and development development facility at Mill Hill in Peterlee would be approved later this summer. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

43. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor McCue reported that she had enjoyed seeing the public's positive feedback about the events that had been provided by the Town Council this year. She felt that the Town Council interacted well with the public and, subject to budget restraints, she hoped this would happen more often in the future. She expressed her concerns about poverty, child poverty, the rising cost of living and cost of fuel and food increases. She was worried that if extreme weather events and power supply issues etc continue the Town Council would need a Crisis Plan for Peterlee and the community would expect the Town Council to do something to help. She felt these were cross party issues and as a Council we should be looking to see what we could do to help.

RESOLVED the information given, be noted.