

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2022 at 6.30PM

PRESENT: - Cllr R Moore (Chairman)

M McCue, S Simpson, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick, M A Cartwright & M Sanderson

87. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered from Councillors K Liddell, D Howarth, D Hawley, A Stockport, K Hawley, S McDonnell, S Meikle, S Franklin, A E Laing, R Burnip, J Black & G Johnson. **RESOLVED the apologies for absence from these Councillors be noted.**

88. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

89. 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.

90. To Approve the Minutes of the last meeting of the 28th November 2022

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

91. Notes of the Finance Sub Committee

Members considered the accounts presented for payment for the month of December 2022 and it was **RESOLVED the payments be accepted and paid.**

92. Minutes of the Community & Environment Meeting of the 5th December 2022

The Minutes of the Community & Environment Meeting held on 5th December 2022 were attached for information purposes only. **RESOLVED the record of the meeting be noted.**

93. Peterlee Town Council outline budget 2023/24

The Town Clerk provided Members with an outline draft budget for 2023/24 financial year and sought feedback on options to balance the budget in the forthcoming year.

The Town Clerk once again outlined the key risks with the challenges of the increase in utility charges, inflationary increases and the national pay deal, along with the need to bolster dwindling reserves. He stressed should any Member have any questions or feedback to get in touch with him directly. **RESOLVED the information given be noted and the budget be discussed further in January 2023.**

94. Shotton Hall Angling Club

Members were provided with a verbal update on progress with this matter and feedback from the public meeting. Members were keen for this to be progressed and were pleased that another facility was going to be offered for the residents of the town and surrounding areas. It was suggested there be an opening ceremony and perhaps a tribute/plaque erected for the local gentleman who had made significant progress with the Club. **RESOLVED approval be given for the Shotton Hall Angling Club to be launched.**

95. Peterlee Town Council – Big Conversation – Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 6.00pm
The Pavilion, Peterlee

It was confirmed the Council's 'Big Conversation' workshop with community partners and groups on Wednesday 4th January 2023. All groups were welcome to attend and Members were encouraged to bring others along to the event. **RESOLVED the details be noted.**

96. Spokesperson of the North East Party's Report

Councillor Cartwright spoke about the Christmas Event held in the Rugby Club where Councillor Fishwick had played the role of Santa Claus. She thanked everyone who had supported the People's Gift Recycled Toys and games effort from a unit in Peterlee Town Centre. She reported on the successful Christmas craft fayre held at The Pavilion. In closing she wished staff and councillors a Happy Christmas. **RESOLVED the details be noted.**

97. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

Councillor McCue thanked everyone that had helped and supported with the Toy Appeal at Shotton Hall. Along with this project she felt there was lots of fantastic work happening with churches, charities and individuals all around the town making donations and helping out across Wards and organisations. She felt it had been a successful year working cross party delivering for the residents. She wished the Councillors staff and their families a Merry Christmas.

In closing the Mayor mentioned his disappointment at the decision made by DCC about the DLI site at Durham. He also mentioned the Award he had recently given to a young resident who had gifted some of his pocket money and birthday gifts to the local foodbank. To end the meeting Councillor Moore wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.