

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Resources Committee** on **Monday, 10th June 2024** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Shotton Hall, Peterlee.

Present: Councillor R. Moore (Chairman) and Councillors J. Black, M. Cartwright, B. Fishwick, D. Hawley, K. Hawley, D. Howarth, A. Laing, K. Liddell, M. McCue, R. Scott and S. Simpson.

Also Present Ian Hall, (Chief Officer and Town Clerk) and David Anderson (Locum Democratic Services Manager)

No members of the public were in attendance.

R.1/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Councillors R. Burnip, S. Franklin, S. McDonnell and M. Sanderson,

R.2/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

R.3/24 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th April 2024 were noted.

R.4/24 REQUEST TO USE COUNCIL LAND FOR A FUNFAIR

Consideration was given to a report, which had previously been circulated, detailing a request from Nobles Amusements to use land at Helford Road in August/September to hold a funfair.

RESOLVED: That the request from Nobles Funfairs to use land at Helford Road be approved and the Town Clerk negotiate terms.

R.5/24 SALE OF CITROEN BERLINGO (NL16 NHY)

Consideration was given to a report, which had been previously circulated, proposing that the Citroen Berlingo (NL16 NHY) be disposed of via WeBuyAnyCar.com and, if operationally necessary, replace it with a vehicle from Northgate via a procurement arrangement with Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: That Citroen Berlingo (NL16 NHY) be disposed of via WeBuyAnyCar.com and, if operationally necessary, replaced with a vehicle from Northgate via a procurement arrangement with Durham County Council

R.6/24 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Consideration was given to a report, which had been previously circulated, relating to the following capital projects: -

1. Installation of Air Conditioning at the Pavilion
2. Erection of Fence at Peterlee Town Council Owned Practice Pitch, Eden Lane
3. Installation of a Wind Turbine and new batteries at Thornhill Gill Community Building
4. Replacement of the MUGA at Eden Lane

It was proposed that the installation of air conditioning at the Pavilion be agreed in principle, subject to funding being secured. It was envisaged that this project could be from funds other than S106 monies.

Members noted that there were limited S106 funds currently available and therefore were requested to prioritise projects 2-4 above.

Members expressed concern regarding the proposal to install a wind turbine at Thornhill Gill Community Building. They were of the opinion that substantial Council funding had been used to create the community building. An offer for the Town Council to install a generator to assist the operation of the solar panels had previously been rejected by the proposer of the project. Members suggested that the proposer source alternative funding, possibly from Neighbourhood Budget. It was also commented that the project would require planning permission and that no consultation had taken place with neighbouring residents.

The Town Clerk expressed concern that Council funding had been used to create the building, but it could not be fully utilised as the solar panel supply was inadequate to keep the batteries charged. The batteries required replacing as there was insufficient power generated from the solar units to keep a minimum charge.

A motion was moved and seconded to reject the proposal to install a wind turbine at Thornhill Gill be rejected.

Votes to reject the project 9
Votes for the project 0

The project was therefore rejected.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the installation of Air Conditioning at the Pavilion be approved in principle, subject to subject to funding being secured.
 2. That the proposal to install a wind turbine at Thornhill Gill be rejected.
 3. That the following projects be approved with equal priority, and funding be sought from available S106 monies.
 - i. Erection of Fence at Peterlee Town Council Owned Practice Pitch, Eden Lane
 - ii. Replacement of the MUGA at Eden Lane

C.7/24 PERMISSION TO SUPPORT SANTA'S WISH 2024

Consideration was given to a request for the Town Council to support Santa's Wish 2024 as in previous years.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council support Santa's Wish 2024 as in previous years.

R.8/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded for the remaining item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

R.9/24 APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR A STAFFING REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report, which had been previously circulated, proposing the extension of NEREO's current contract to support the process of reviewing the Council's vision, aims and objectives and subsequently its staffing structure.

RESOLVED: That NEREO's current contract be extended to support the process of reviewing the Council's vision, aims and objectives and subsequently its staffing structure.

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