

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Town Council** meeting held on **Tuesday, 30th July 2024** at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Shotton Hall, Peterlee.

Present: Councillor R Burnip (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors K. Duffy, B. Fishwick, S. Franklin, K. Hawley, K. Liddell, M. McCue, S. McDonnell, R. Moore, S. Simpson and H Stockport.

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

C.44/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were offered from Councillors, T. Duffy, D. Hawley, D. Howarth, S. Meikle, A. Laing and R Scott.

RESOLVED: That the apologies be noted.

C.45/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on the agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise.

C.46/24 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.

C.47/24 SHOTTON HALL

Consideration was given to a verbal report of the Town Clerk, regarding options for the future of Shotton Hall.

Members were reminded of the issues relating to the premises, previous attempts to determine a viable future use for the building and considered a range of options.

Following detailed discussions there was consensus that various attempts had been made over a number of years to develop a viable future use while maintaining ownership of the building and that the building be advertised for sale to test the market. Offers received, together with proposed uses, would be subject to further consideration by Council.

RESOLVED: That Shotton Hall be placed on the market for sale. Any offers received would be subject to further consideration and approval of Council.