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A MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021** IN THE **BANQUETING SUITES, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE, SR8 2PH** at **6.30pm**

Mr I Morris M.C.I.H, P.S.L.C.C.

Town Clerk

AGENDA

Due to the current COVID situation the capacity of the meeting room is reduced and public admission to the meeting will be limited.

**Any members of the public wishing to attend Shotton Hall to observe the meeting are strongly advised to contact the Council in advance to reserve a seat:
council@peterlee.gov.uk or 0191 5862491**

Members of the Committee and members of the public are reminded that the public part of the meeting may be recorded in both audio and video, and photographs may be taken.

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are cordially invited to inform the Deputy Town Clerk of their apologies as soon as practical before the meeting if they are unable to attend.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Members are reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Please seek advice from the Town Clerk or Deputy Town Clerk prior to the meeting if in doubt. Members are reminded that they can check their published declaration of interests here: <https://bit.ly/2wVyeLA>

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

Members are asked to agree the attached minutes as a true and correct record of the meeting.

(Minutes of the meeting held on 11TH October 2021, attached)

4. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and initial draft budget for 2022/23

Members will received a presentation from the Town Clerk on an update to the draft MTFP presented to Resources Committee in June 2021 alongside the outline budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

(Presentation by the Town Clerk)

The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BANQUETING SUITES,
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: M A CARTWRIGHT (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, D Quinn, K Duffy, S Simpson, M McCue, S McDonnell & J Black

Messrs:- D Hawley, B Fishwick, M Sanderson, R Burnip, S P Franklin, R Moore & T Duffy

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.

6. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors K Hawley, D Howarth, G Johnson, E Watson, and S Meikle.

RESOLVED the Council approve the reason submitted for absence received from these Councillors, and their apologies for absence be recorded.

7. 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.

8. To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th September 2021, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member were approved.

9. To welcome Joy Allen, Police & Crime Commissioner to the meeting

The Chair welcomed Joy Allen to the meeting and handed over to her. Ms Allen advised her office had undertaken an online survey with the public during October and December 2020 with over 1,200 people responding on what they felt the Police priorities should be, as well as expressing a wide variety of views. She advised the top 5 priorities were anti Social behaviour, drug use and drug dealing; fly tipping; speeding/off road bikes and vandalism. With the information collected, she was preparing a draft plan for consultation and feedback and the Town Council would be included in this exercise.

Ms Allen addressed the questions that had posed by Council/councillors prior to the meeting. She encouraged Councillors to sign up to the "In the Know" service where

already 10,000 people had already signed up. There was also a “Fearless” service which was a Crime Stoppers for young people to use.

There was considerable discussion on the use of the 101 service along with the new custody site proposals for Spennymoor.

In closing Ms Allen thanked the Council for the opportunity to come along to the meeting and she assured she would be happy to return to provide a progress report.

RESOLVED Ms Allen be thanked for her attendance and the information provided, be noted.

10. To review the arrangements for the opening and closing of the gate the car park adjacent to the CALM CIC community hub at Lowhills Road

This item had been requested by Cllr Scott Meikle following complaints about the car park being left locked during some week days and weekends. Councillor Meikle was unable to attend the meeting and asked that the item be deferred. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted and Councillor Meikle submit a Notice of Motion should he wish for this item to be reconsidered.**

11. Eden Lane Woodland Park Proposal

Members were presented with a report from the Parks Manager and Town Clerk on a proposed community woodland creation project for the ‘pony fields’ area off Eden Lane. Members were asked to approve the proposal to plant several thousand new trees on the site in a project that had been developed in partnership with Durham County Council. Members fully supported the proposals and asked to be involved where possible. **RESOLVED the information given be noted and approval be given to the proposals outlined in the report.**