

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in Hackworth Park Rest House, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

Present: Councillor B H Stoker, Town Mayor  
Councillors S Bird, I Jackson, G Swinbank, D Hancock,  
J G Huntington, V Chapman, F Timmiss, A Walker, L Iddon,  
G M R Howe, A Hammond, R Matthews & J M Smith

TC 37/07 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 38/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs L Smith.

TC 39/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Walker declared a personal interest in Item 14 – Application for financial support from the Shildon People’s Centre because of his involvement as Treasurer of the Centre.

TC 40/07 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 be approved and adopted.

TC 41/07 Committees

**Resolved** that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted:-

- a) Service and Amenities - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007
- b) Resources - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007

TC 42/07 Police Report

In the absence of a representative from the Police, the Town Clerk presented the following statistics for the month of June 2007:

Total reported incidents	-	<u>416</u>	
Total number of crimes	-	<u>65</u>	Reduction from 104 in May
Violent crime	-	13	Detection rate 64.6%
Robbery	-	0	
Burglary – dwelling	-	1	
Burglary – other	-	3	Reduction from 7 in May
Criminal damage	-	16	Reduction from 35 in May

Theft of vehicle	-	4	Reduction from 8 in May
Theft from vehicle	-	8	
Shop theft	-	5	
Total theft	-	32	
Rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour	-	55	17 youth related

The Town Clerk further advised that hotspots had been identified at the rear of the 'Courts' near the railway station, Bouch Street, Elm Drive and Auckland Wynd and intervention work had been undertaken in these areas by the police and neighbourhood wardens.

Traffic management issues regarding parking on Albert Street and the lower part of Byerley Road had been investigated and will be the subject of a report to the next meeting of the Area Forum.

Reference was made to the damage caused to a property and car in Main Street as a consequence of a young people's party and it was **resolved** :-

- a) to request an update on the investigation of this incident from the Police for the next meeting and
- b) arrangements be made for a meeting of all relevant stakeholders to consider the issue of young people and alcohol related anti-social behaviour with a view to raising the profile of the issue and to seek a commitment from national government to provide dedicated resources to address this issue.

TC 43/07 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network held on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007 – **Resolved** that the report be noted.

TC 44/07 Nomination for Membership of the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee 2007/08

**Resolved** that no nomination be made for membership of the Larger Local Councils Committee 2007/08.

TC 45/07 County Durham Association of Local Councils – Nominees for election to the Executive Committee

**Resolved** that:

- a) Councillor V Chapman be nominated for election to the Executive Committee and
- b) the Executive Officer of the Association be invited to the September meeting of the Town Council to update Members on the work of the Association and the value to be gained from membership.

TC 46/07 Heritage Line Community Partnership

**Resolved** that the Town Council be represented on the Heritage Line Community Partnership by Councillor L Iddon and the Town Clerk.

TC 47/07 Sedgefield Borough Draft Green Space Strategy Framework Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the Framework which, once approved, will be used to guide the development of a Green Space Strategy for the Borough.

**Resolved** that the Town Council make the following comments in response to the Report:-

- a) Concern for the low level of representation from external organisations on the Steering Group
- b) a need to ensure that all relevant external organisations are provided with regular progress reports throughout the development of the strategy
- c) details be requested of the support to be given by the Borough Council to partner organisations who own and manage sites which may be suitable applicants for Green Flag status.

TC 48/07 Request for letter of support from Shildon Vintage Vehicles

**Resolved** that a letter of support from the Town Council be provided in respect of the Shildon Vintage Vehicles Ltd. project at the Dabble Duck Industrial Estate.

TC 49/07 Application for financial support from the Shildon People's Centre

Following consideration of the application for financial support from the Shildon People's Centre is was **resolved** that:-

- a) the Shildon People's Centre be requested to submit a business plan providing the following details:-
  - i Aims and objectives of the People's Centre.
  - ii Budget projections including estimated expenditure and income.
  - iii User groups both confirmed and proposed.
  - iv Additional funding applications to be made including purpose and value and
- b) following receipt of the above a further report be considered at a future meeting.

TC 50/07 Appreciations and Congratulations

The Town Mayor advised Members that he had recently attended Proms in the Park events at Auckland Castle and Easington on behalf of the Town Council.

He also made specific reference to performing the opening of the refurbished tennis courts at Hackworth Park on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2007 which was very well attended despite the prevailing weather conditions. The Town Mayor advised Members that the courts were now of the highest quality and he hoped they would be well used and appreciated by the community.

**Resolved** that a letter of condolence be sent to the family following the untimely death of Andrea Savino.

TC 51/07      Exclusion of Press and Public

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 Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

TC 52/07      Contract for the supply of wet products to the Civic Hall

**Resolved** that the revised offer submitted by Scottish and Newcastle be approved subject to their agreement to a one year contract and the annual loyalty bonus to be made on the purchase of 90 barrel equivalents rather than 100.