

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Present: Councillor B H Stoker,  
Councillors G Swinbank, P Quinn, M Hardy, L Iddon,  
G M R Howe, V Chapman, A Walker, A Hammond,  
F Timmiss, D M Hancock, J G Huntington & S C Bird

TC 160/07 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 161/07 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence .

TC 162/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 163/07 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be approved and adopted.

TC 164/07 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008
- b) Resources - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008

TC 165/07 Police Report

The Police representatives were unable to attend in person but provided the following statistics for the months of February and March 2008:-

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Total recorded crime	<u>98</u>	<u>86</u>
Sexual offences	1	0
Burglary - dwelling	8	3
Burglary - other	2	5
Theft of vehicle	6	2
Theft from vehicle	6	6
Violent crime	14	14
Robbery	-	-
Criminal damage	31	40
Shoplifting	14	2
Drug offences	2	0

Domestic incidents                      28                      N/A

Following consideration of the above it was **resolved** that:-

- a) Concern be expressed to the Police regarding the levels of violent crime and criminal damage with a request for details of the steps being taken to address these matters be provided to the next meeting.
- b) Ongoing concerns regarding off-road motorcycling be noted.
- c) A letter be sent to the Home Secretary expressing concern at the problem of repeat offenders following release from prison with a request for details of the steps being taken nationally to address this problem.

TC 166/07      Presentation by Jubilee Fields Community Association

Representatives from Jubilee Fields Community Association provided Members with details of the programme of youth work undertaken by the Association in support of their grant application for £500. A copy of the presentation is attached.

**Resolved** that a grant of £500 be made to Jubilee Fields Community Association to enable the youth sessions to be provided at least until the end of September.

TC 167/07      Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 168/07      Local Government Review – Protection of Historic Traditions & Ceremonial Arrangements

**Resolved** that Sedgefield Borough Council be advised that the preference of Shildon Town Council is for the Sedgefield Borough Council civic regalia, etc be retained, together with the regalia of all Durham County district and borough councils, for public display at the headquarters of the unitary authority to commemorate the history of local government in County Durham.

TC 169/07      Durham County Council Primary Strategy for Change Consultation

**Resolved** that Durham County Council be advised that:-

- a) the vision and ambitions are supported
- b) the plans to improve the health and well-being of children and young people are supported
- c) school closures and amalgamations should be considered as an absolute last resort as a measure to reduce the number of surplus places in primary schools.

TC 170/07      Appreciations and Congratulations

**Resolved** that the mayoral engagements be noted.