

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on 22nd June 2009.

Present: Councillor G M R Howe
Councillors G Swinbank, A Walker, L Iddon, T Bannister,
B Stoker, A Hammond, V Chapman, P Quinn and S C Bird

TC 24/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 25/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D M Hancock, H Nicholson, J G Huntington and F Timmiss.

TC 26/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 27/09 Minutes of Annual Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 26th May 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC 28/09 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 8th June 2009
- b) Resources - 8th June 2009

TC 29/08 Police Report

General

In the absence of the police the Town Clerk circulated the following statistics for the month of May 2009 :-

Assaults	12
Sexual Offences	1
Robbery	-
Burglary – dwelling	6
Burglary – other	7
Criminal damage	33
Theft from vehicle	2
Theft of vehicle	2
Total Theft	14
Fraud	1
Drug offence	4
Youths street drinking	14

Future PACT meetings were to be held as follows:-

- Thickley - 6.30 pm on 30th June at Jubilee Fields Community Centre
- Byerley - 6.30 pm on 8th July at the Civic Hall
- Sunnydale - 7.30 pm on 8th July at the Civic Hall

The following priorities had been identified at the June PACT meetings:-

- Thickley - Tackling anti-social behaviour in Laurel Court
Tackling anti-social behaviour on Jubilee Road
- Byerley - Speeding on Byerley Road
Parking on double yellow lines adjacent to Steve and Suki's
- Sunnydale - Youths causing annoyance at Auckland Wynd and Garbutt Street

Resolved that the Police be requested to advise whether there are any recurring themes/trends in respect of criminal damage and whether any arrests have been made.

TC 30/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

- a) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young Peoples Action Network held on 4th June 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.
- b) Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Community Safety Group held on 20th May 2009 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 31/09 Annual Return 2008/09

Resolved that:-

- a) the accounts for 2008/09 be approved
and
- b) the annual governance statement for 2008/09 be approved.

TC 32/09 Annual Report 2008 and Performance Plan 2009

Resolved that the Annual Report 2008 and Performance Plan 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC 33/09 Larger Local Councils Forum – Review of Membership and Constitutional Issues

Resolved that the revised membership and associated constitutional issues be approved.

TC 34/09 Pension Fund Committee – Statutory Bodies Representative

Resolved that Councillor G M R Howe be nominated for the position of statutory body representative.

TC 35/09 Youth Services in Shildon

Resolved that the response from Durham County Council regarding the provision of youth services in Shildon be noted.

TC 36/09 Consultation on Durham County Council's In House Mental Health Day Service

Resolved that:-

- a) the proposed changes to the Mental Health Day Service be supported and
- b) Durham County Council be requested to provide comment on the high levels of residents suffering from dementia in OAP residential units, to provide details of the care services provided within the units and proposals to address the increased incidence of dementia.

TC 37/09 Nominations for Elected Positions on CDALC Executive Committee

Resolved that no nominations be made from the Town Council.

TC 38/09 Overview and Scrutiny Review – Winter Maintenance

Resolved that the response detailed in the report be approved.

TC 39/09 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.

Following the conclusion of the meeting a minutes silence was held as a mark of respect to the former Councillor, June O'Brien who died recently.