

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, County Durham, on 25th January 2010.

Present: Councillor G M R Howe
Councillors A Hammond, T M Bannister (from Item No 8),
A Walker, D Hancock, V Chapman, H Nicholson, L Iddon,
B Stoker, G G Lewis, P Quinn and G Swinbank.

TC107/09 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC108/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors F Timmiss and S Bird.

TC109/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC110/09 Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21st December 2009 be approved and adopted.

TC111/09 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 18th January 2010
- b) Resources - 18th January 2010

TC112/09 Police Report

There was no representative from Durham Constabulary present and no written report had been received.

TC113/09 Report from representatives on outside bodies

There were no reports or minutes of meetings of outside bodies. Councillor T M Bannister joined the meeting.

TC 114/09 Budget and Precept Requirement 2010/2011

The Town Clerk presented the revised budget and precept requirement for 2010/2011 following consideration of the original draft budget at the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 18th January 2010.

Resolved that the draft budget for 2010/2011 be approved and a precept of £651,370 be declared.

TC 115/09 School Admission Arrangements 2010/2011

Resolved that no comments be made on the proposed school admission arrangements for 2011/2012.

TC 116/09 Overview & Scrutiny Review – Anti-Social Behaviour People & Places

Resolved that Durham County Council be provided with the following comments to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Review of Anti-Social Behaviour People and Places:-

- a) A full review of the effectiveness or otherwise of the current arrangements for the enforcement of penalties for environmental crime should be undertaken with a view to changing the emphasis from education to enforcement.
- b) Consideration be given to the introduction of a 'dogs on lead' only provision for public parks in the County Durham Dog Control Order.
- c) Consideration be given to extending the selective licensing scheme currently piloted in Dean Bank, Ferryhill and Chilton.
- d) A review of open space provision be undertaken to determine whether the provision remains appropriate and relevant to current needs. The review to also include the adequacy of the arrangements for the maintenance of public open space.

TC 117/09 Election to the NALC Larger Local Councils Committee

The Town Clerk advised that neither Councillor P Quinn nor himself had been successful in seeking election to the Larger Local Councils Committee.

Resolved that the information be noted.

TC118/09 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of Mayoral engagements and the letter of thanks from the Shildon History Recall Society be noted.

TC 119/09 Millennium Green

Following an enquiry from Councillor Huntington regarding the status of the Millennium Green Trust the Town Clerk advised that he was of the understanding that the Trust were to make representation to Durham County Council as landowners regarding the future management and maintenance of the Millennium Green.

Resolved that the situation be monitored and a report be presented to Members at an appropriate time regarding this matter.