

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 8th June 2015.

Present: Councillor M Burdess in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, P Quinn, S Quinn,
P A Pemberton, G Huntington, J Miller and B Bates

In attendance: Richard Brown – Durham County Council, Neighbourhood Protection Coordinator (South)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the former Town Mayor, Councillor H Nicholson, presented the proceeds of his charity appeal to Heidi Cronin, a representative from Help for Heroes.

TC 27/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 28/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bird, B Stoker, M Gordon, D Gordon and D Hancock.

TC 29/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 30/15 Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 11th May 2015 be approved.

TC 31/15 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 11th May 2015
- b) Resources - 11th May 2015

TC 32/15 Presentation – Durham County Council Neighbourhood Protection Coordinator

The Chair welcomed Richard Brown to the meeting who gave a presentation on the structure and role of the Neighbourhood Protection Team as well as information on environmental crime statistics in Shildon.

Resolved that the presentation be welcomed and thanks be extended to Richard Brown for attending the meeting.

TC 33/15 Police Report

Sergeant T Kelly presented details of the crime statistics for the month of May 2015. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. An update was provided on local issues for the information of Members.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 34/15 Annual Return 2014/15

Resolved that:-

- a) The accounts detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.
- b) The Annual Governance Statement detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.
- c) The Town Mayor be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.

TC 35/15 Annual Report 2014 and Performance Plan 2015

Resolved that the Annual Report 2014 and Performance Plan 2015 be approved and adopted.

TC 36/15 Consultation on extending the remit of the Local Government Ombudsmen to Larger Town and Parish Councils

The Town Clerk provided details of a consultation paper issued by The Department of Communities and Local Government, on extending the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman to larger town and parish councils.

Resolved that:-

- a) The report be noted.
- b) If the remit of the Local Government Ombudsman is extended to larger town and parish councils, then it should equally apply to all parish and town councils.
- c) Should the proposal apply only to large parish and town councils then this be based on a combination of population and precept.
- d) Once subject to the Local Government Ombudsman jurisdiction, this should remain for a fixed period of time.

TC 37/15 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a. Minutes of the meeting of Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network Annual General Meeting held on 20th May 2015 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

- b. Minutes of the meeting of Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network held on 20th May 2015 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of Shildon Chamber of Trade held on 27th April 2015 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 38/15 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.