

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 18th July 2016.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair
Councillors H Nicholson, A Walker, J Gash, D Hancock, J G Huntington, B Bates, L Cockfield and S Quinn.

TC 42/16 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 43/16 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 44/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, B Stoker, L Deakin, P Quinn and J Miller.

TC 45/16 Declarations of Interest

Councillor H Nicholson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 10 – Consultation on County Durham Plan Issues and Options being a landowner within the town and took no part in the voting thereon.

Councillor P A Pemberton also declared an other interest in Item 10 as a Member of Durham County Council but continued to Chair the Meeting.

TC 46/16 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council

It was proposed by Councillor J G Huntington and seconded by Councillor D Hancock that the wording within the Minutes relating to the estimated repair costs under the Public Participation Item should read as follows:

‘Members of the public questioned the validity of the estimated repair costs and why only one estimate had been sought’

A named vote was taken with Councillors J G Huntington, D Hancock and L Cockfield voting for the amendment and Councillors H Nicholson, A Walker, J Gash, B Bates, P A Pemberton and S Quinn voting against the amendment. Consequently the amendment fell.

Subsequently it was proposed by Councillor P A Pemberton and seconded by Councillor H Nicholson that the wording relating to the estimated repair costs under the Public Participation Item should read as follows:

‘Members of the public expressed concern with regard to the estimated repair costs and that only one quote was provided for consideration’

A named vote was taken with Councillors P A Pemberton, H Nicholson, A Walker, J Gash, B Bates and S Quinn voting for the amendment and Councillors J G Huntington, D

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Hancock and L Cockfield voting against the amendment. Consequently the amendment was agreed.

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th June 2016 be approved subject to the amendment agreed above.

TC 47/16 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th June 2016 be approved.

TC 48/16 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 13th June 2016
- b) Resources - 13th June 2016

TC 49/16 Presentation by Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham Constabulary

Members were informed that unfortunately Ron Hogg was unable to attend the Meeting and arrangements had been put in place for attendance at a meeting of the Town Council to be held on 12th September, 2016.

TC 50/16 Police Report

APS D Littlefair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of June 2016. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Mention was made of the restorative justice programme which brings those harmed by crime or conflict and those responsible for the harm into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward. Members were informed that the young person who had committed acts of vandalism to the Skate Park area within Hackworth Park had been working in the park area as part of the restorative justice programme. Members also discussed the reporting of crime and detection rate as well as ongoing incidents within the town.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 51/16 Nominations for CDALC Executive Committee

A report was submitted to Members to consider nominations for CDALC Executive Committee positions.

Resolved that Councillor Peter Quinn be nominated for the position of Vice-President on the CDALC Executive Committee.

TC 52/16 Consultation on County Durham Plan Issues and Options

A report was submitted to Members to consider the County Durham Plan Issues and Options. A brief introduction was given on the background and withdrawal of the original Plan and the key stages in the development of the new Plan.

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Durham County Council were seeking views on the amount of new development needed for housing, potential job creation and future retail spaces up to the year 2033. Consideration was given to the spatial distribution of development and the four options being Main Town Focus, Sustainable Communities, Sustainable Communities within Central Durham Villages and Wider Dispersal. Discussion also took place on the consideration of sites for housing development and the provision of hot food take-aways.

Resolved that:

- a) the Town Council identifies Option 4 – Wider Dispersal, as contained within the County Durham Plan Issues and Options report, as the preferred option for new development.
- b) land in the ownership of the Town Council at back Princes Street, Shildon and at Eldon Bank Top in the ownership of Durham County Council be identified as land for potential affordable housing.
- c) the Town Council seeks to limit the number of hot food takeaways in towns and local centres and/or close to schools and colleges to 2% of available retail space. Takeaway outlets impact on the vitality and viability of town centres and cause a disturbance with noise, odours and litter as well as the attracting young people to congregate in these areas. Concern was also expressed with regards to takeaway outlets and the overconsumption of fast foods which are strongly linked to low quality diet and weight gain.
- d) Members, if they so wished, to respond individually on other issues contained within the County Durham Plan Issues and Options report.

Councillor S Quinn left the Meeting.

TC 53/16 Appreciations and Congratulations

An itinerary of activities taking place in Shildon on the 23rd July, as part of the visit of the Flying Scotsman to Shildon, was provided to Members along with information on a Young People’s Art Exhibition to be held at the Shildon Civic Hall on Wednesday, 20th July.

Resolved that:

- a) the schedule of mayoral engagements be received subject to the visit to Seaham on the 10th July and the litter pick on 17th July being cancelled plus the addition of the Town Mayor attending St. John’s CofE Primary School on the 18th July.
- b) a special thank you be extended to Councillor S Quinn for covering Civic functions in the absence of the Town Mayor.

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