

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 12th November 2018.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, D Childs, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, H M Hanratty and S Quinn.

R 32/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H Nicholson, D L Mather, R A Anderson, D A Anderson, P Walton, L Deakin and A Farlow.

R 33/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

R 34/18 Budgetary Control Statement for October 2018

The Town Clerk advised that the budgetary control statement for the month of October indicated an underspend of £15k with no individual service area giving any cause for concern.

The overspend on Cemetery was compensated for by an underspend on Parks and Open Spaces as a result of a reallocation of labour costs between the two services.

Work had commenced on the preparation of the 2019/20 Budget, part of which would be a full calculation of projected outturn for the current financial year.

Recommended that the report be received.

R 35/18 Grant Aid

Recommended that the following grant be approved under the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 introduced by Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011:-

- Shildon Alive St John's Project £50

R 36/18 Accounts

Recommended that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of October in the sum of £79,424.52 be approved.

R 37/18 Retirement

The Town Clerk informed Members of the impending retirement of the Town Clerk's Secretary on 14th December 2018.

Proposals would be presented to Members on changes of staff roles and the resulting job vacancy as part of the consideration of the 2019/20 Budget in early January.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.

Signed
Chairman.....

- b. the Town Clerk's Secretary be thanked for her commitment to the role during her employment with Shildon Town Council.

R 38/18 Friends of the Stockton & Darlington Railway : Membership and Update on Brusselton Reservoir

The Town Clerk informed Members that an approach had been made by the Membership Secretary, Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway with a view to the Town Council taking out corporate membership of the organisation.

Members were provided with an update on Brusselton Reservoir and informed that as part of the Heritage Action Zone project, Historic England would be reviewing the legal protection of the Brusselton Incline and it was likely that the current scheduled area would be extended to include the reservoir.

A tree survey of Brusselton Reservoir was scheduled to take place in April 2019 and it had been suggested by the Friends that a condition survey of the dam and reservoir walls be undertaken in order to have full knowledge of any possible ongoing capital or revenue repair costs.

Recommended that:

- a. the Town Council join the Friends of the Darlington and Stockton Railway as a corporate member at an annual cost of £50.00.
- b. the Town Council note the review of the heritage destinations within the Heritage Action Zone and of the intention to schedule Brusselton Reservoir.
- c. further discussions take place with the Shildon Angling Club on the lease arrangements including the public access arrangements to the Reservoir.
- d. the Town Council note the tree survey to be carried out in April 2019 which would be funded from the annual Tree Services budget.
- e. the cost of the condition survey of the dam and walls be considered as part of the 2019/20 Budget and in the meantime sources of external funding support be investigated.

Councillor P Quinn thanked everyone who took part in the Remembrance Day Parades on Saturday 10th November and Sunday 11th November 2018.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the Young Peoples Awards would be taking place on 14th November 2018.

Councillor P Quinn welcomed Councillor H M Hanratty to the meeting.

Signed
Chairman.....