

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th March 2019.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, A Farlow, D Childs, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, D Reynolds, S Townsend, R A Anderson, L Mather, L Deakin and S Quinn.

SA 64/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor H M Hanratty.

SA 65/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 66/18 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk Informed Members of the trading position for the month of February and advised that both bar and food sales were below budget. However, the expenditure for the Civic Hall was 2.4k below budget for the month.

For the year to date total income was £2.6k above budget and costs were £7.4k below budget resulting in an underspend against budget to the end of February of 10k.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 67/18 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided an update on future events to be held at the Civic Hall by the Angel Trust charity.

The wet product increase agreed at the February meeting had now been implemented.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 68/18 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications: -

- a. Change of use from B8 to B2 (general industrial) at Scallywagz, Unit 6, All Saints Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by CRD Devices Ltd
- b. Single storey rear extension at 4 Brancepeth Place, Shildon, submitted by North of England RFCA
- c. Change of use of existing agricultural shed to storage of commercial plant and equipment, demolition of byre and erection of building for commercial and personal storage and improvements to vehicle access at Low West Thickley Farm, Brusselton submitted by Michael Spence
- d. Proposed secondary access for service vehicles at Units 1 & 2, Furnace Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by Alan Reed Ltd

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Chairman.....

- e. 9no. dwellings on Land to the North of 18 to 36 Sunnyside Avenue, Shildon submitted by Megill Shildon Ltd

Recommended that:

- a. no comment be made on applications: **a, b, c and d.**
- b. due to the short time scale for the consideration by Members in respect of application **e**, any comments on the planning application be submitted to the Town Clerk before the end of March.

SA 69/18 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

No planning decisions had been received.

SA 70/18 Shildon 'Big Spring Clean' and 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Grant

The Town Clerk provided information to Members on the 'Big Spring Clean' event which had been organised by Shildon Town Council in partnership with Jubilee Fields Community Centre and Shildon Alive. The activity would take the form of a closed structured litter pick and would be held on 17th April at the Jubilee Fields Community Centre.

Members were also informed of the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Community Grant Scheme which is a scheme for volunteer-led community gardening groups focused on cleaning up and greening up their local area.

The Town Council had been successful in a funding application submitted to Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team to support Guerrilla Gardening projects within Hackworth Park, working in partnership with children and young people together with Shildon Alive. The Town Clerk reported that a grant of £500.00 had been awarded to the Town Council to 'green' up the Park area.

It was also reported that the Town Council had secured, via the Woodland Trust, 30 sapling trees for the creation of a new copse area.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be noted for information purposes.
- b. a community litter pick be organised as part of Shildon 'Big Spring Clean' for the benefit of the local area.

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