

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities 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.

SA 37/18 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.

SA 38/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 39/18 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk informed Members of the trading position for the month of October and advised that meal sales were marginally below budget and bar sales were £2.5k below budget. However, costs for the month were £4k below budget resulting in a marginal saving of almost £1k.

Overall for the year to the end of October bar sales were achieving budget whilst food sales were £1.5k below budget. Costs were £7k below budget and other income £5k above budget resulting in an overall saving of £10k.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 40/18 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and advised that Christmas day lunch had sold out and tickets for events taking place throughout December were selling steadily.

Members were informed that the new card reader had been installed at the Civic Hall and was working efficiently.

The Civic Hall Manager presented, for the consideration of members, a promotion strategy for January and February 2019.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. the promotion strategy be agreed.
- c. letters of appreciation, received from customers who had used the services of the Civic Hall, be received.

SA 41/18 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications:-

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- a. Proposed two storey office building at Denhams Scrap Merchant, West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by John Denham Metals.
- b. Change of use of public open space to private garden at 19 Hilsdon Drive, Shildon submitted by Tracy Nicholson.
- c. Erection of a single detached two-storey dwelling utilising existing dropped kerb access on land at West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by Pear Tree Properties.
- d. Two storey side/rear extension at 24 Celandine Way, Shildon submitted by Alan Mulley.

Recommended that the following response be forwarded to Durham County Council.

- a. no objection to applications **a, b and d.**
- b. no objection to application **c** but the following comments be expressed:-

That any development takes into consideration the protection of the trees located within West Road Cemetery adjacent to the development site.

That the entrance timber gates identified within the planning application be attached to a new brick pillar and not the existing pillar in the ownership of the Town Council.

SA 42/18 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

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