

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th April 2016.

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

SA 87/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bird and B Stoker.

SA 88/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 89/15 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of March 2016 and advised that food sales were marginally above budget and bar sales were around £2k below budget.

For the full year food sales were marginally below budget and bar sales were £13.5k below budget. However, costs were materially below budget to produce an overall saving on budget of just under £4k, which in the current financial climate is a commendable achievement.

Recommended that the report be received..

SA 90/15 Civic Hall

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided details of the Business Performance overview for 2015/2016 and advised Members that although there are less Friday and Sunday bookings, Saturday bookings were still fairly healthy. There had been a high number of Wedding bookings for 2015 with this trend continuing throughout 2016/2017.

Members were also informed that the works to the internal fire doors had now been completed with only decorative restoration required around the frames, which will be completed in-house.

Recommended that the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.

SA 91/15 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Recommended that no comment be made on the following applications:-

- a. Demolition of existing single storey rear extensions and erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extension at 9 St Johns Road, Shildon submitted by Mr & Mrs M & L Brunton.

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Chairman.....

- b. Erection of single storey side extensions and erection of detached double garage at Low Deanery Farm, Adelaide Bank, Shildon submitted by Mrs Deborah Rigg.
- c. Garage conversion to habitable space (partially retrospective) and widening of driveway at 5 Primrose Drive, Shildon submitted by Ian Bainbridge.

SA 92/15 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 93/15 Re-location of Plaque – Rest House

The Town Clerk informed Members of an approach made by Health Express to request permission to re-locate a brass plaque from the wall in the main meeting room to a prominent place in the foyer area of the Rest House.

Recommended that permission be granted to Health Express for the re-location of the brass plaque which will form part of the conversion works already agreed by the Town Council.

SA 94/15 School Statistical Information

Following a request from Councillor J G Huntington, the Town Clerk provided Members with statistical information on the offer of places in secondary schools to pupils living in Shildon along GCSE results.

Recommended that David Priestley, Executive Headteacher, Greenfield Community College, be invited to the June meeting to discuss the statistical data along with plans and successes of Greenfield Community College, Sunnysdale Campus.

SA 95/15 Wayleave Agreement : Byerley Road Allotments

The Town Clerk informed Members that Northern Powergrid had requested the Town Council to consider a Wayleave Agreement for the laying of a cable at the Byerley Road Allotment Site, to provide a new electricity supply to Wilsonart.

Recommended that:

- a. a Wayleave across land in the ownership of Shildon Town Council be agreed, for the purpose of providing a new electricity supply to Wilsonart.
- b. the fee to be paid by Northern Powergrid in the amount of £250 be accepted.
- c. the allotment tenant is given appropriate advance notice of the work to be carried out on the allotment plot and that £50 compensation be offered to the tenant for any inconvenience caused.

SA 96/15 Neighbourhood Warden Performance

Recommended that the Newton Aycliffe Monthly Performance Report for the month of February be received.

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