

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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

SA 65/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M P Burdess, B Stoker and S Quinn.

SA 66/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 67/15 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of January 2016 and advised that both bar and food sales exceeded the budget for the month and that the overall financial performance for the Civic Hall for the year to date represents an underspend of over £7k. However, the final outturn position will be dependent upon the performance achieved for the remaining two months of the financial year.

**Recommended** that the report be noted.

SA 68/15 Civic Hall

In the absence of the Civic Hall Manager, the Town Clerk presented a report to Members and provided an update on the proposed menu change and pricing structure.

Members were also informed of the decision of Wannasee Ltd, the promoters of Shildonbury to withdraw from promoting a third Music Festival in Shildon in 2016 due to financial and scheduling reasons.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. a letter be sent to Wannasee Ltd, promoters of Shildonbury thanking them for facilitating a Music Festival in Shildon in previous years and the Town Council would welcome the opportunity of supporting Shildonbury again in the future.

SA 69/15 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a. Demolition of warehouse and erection of 2 No. warehouses at The Future Business Park, Darlington Road, Shildon submitted by Jason Maguire.
- b. Erection of single storey rear extension, loft conversion including hip to gable roof alteration, insertion of 2 no. rooflights to rear and new

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window to gable, and erection of replacement garage door at 43 Diamond Street, Shildon submitted by Barry O'Leary.

- c. Use of the site as a market garden centre at Low West Thickley Farm, Brusselton Lane, Brusselton, submitted by Stew Bell.

Members did not wish to make comment until a full planning application was submitted. Concern was expressed that the heritage and historic environment around the Ancient Scheduled Monument at Brusselton Incline be protected as this was part of the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

SA 70/15 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 71/15 Shildon War Memorial

The Town Clerk updated Members on the progress of the pre-application funding bid for conservation work to the Shildon War Memorial submitted to the War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme. It was reported that the Trust would normally only support 50% of the eligible costs up to a maximum grant of £2,500.

Once quotations have been received for the specialist conservation and bronze work, these will be submitted to the Trust together with supporting documentation.

**Recommended** that

- a. the report be noted.
- b. If successful, further streams of funding be sought for the remaining 50% of the total costs involved.

SA 72/15 Locomotion: The National Railway Museum – Flying Scotsman Visit

The Town Clerk informed Members of the forthcoming Flying Scotsman event at Locomotion: The National Railway Museum from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016.

**Recommended** that the report be noted.

SA 73/15 Bowling Green Pavilion Update

The Town Clerk updated Members on the progress made on the Bowling Green Pavilion and following discussions with the Shildon Bowling Club.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the erection of a temporary wooden building to be purchased by the Bowling Club for their sole use and situated adjacent to the existing Bowling Green Pavilion be agreed subject to the Town Council being satisfied with regards to details of the proposal and design of the temporary wooden structure.
- b. the Bowling Club be responsible for the management, maintenance and insurance of the temporary wooden building and its contents.

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- c. the provision of toilet facilities to accommodate users of the area over the six month summer period at a cost of £1890.00 be approved.
- d. bowling green fees payable by the Bowling Club in the amount of £470.00 be waived for 2016 to compensate for the loss of the current Bowling Green Pavilion facility.

SA 74/15 Neighbourhood Warden Performance Report for the month of December 2015

**Recommended** that

- a) the Newton Aycliffe Monthly Performance Report for the month of December be noted.
- b) that the Town Council contact Durham County Council with regards to the reporting of statistical information for Shildon to be shown within the Monthly Performance reports in order that Members are aware of tasks and actions undertaken by the Neighbourhood Wardens in Shildon.

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