

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 9th May 2016.

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

SA 1/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Miller, B Bates, M Stott, D Gordon, D Hancock, B Stoker and S Bird.

SA 2/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 3/16 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of April 2016 and of end of year adjustments to be made.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 4/16 Civic Hall

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided details of the Premises Licence for Marriage and Civil Partnerships. The Town Council had applied to renew the licence which will be granted for a three year period up to September 2019.

Members were also informed that the existing Civic Hall Website was now generally dated and not fully cross platform compatible on handheld devices. The opportunity had been taken to obtain a quote to upgrade the website from the Company currently engaged to design a website for the Town Council.

Recommended

- a) that the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.
- b) that the quotation in the amount of £890 excl. VAT be accepted to upgrade the existing website to increase the market visibility of the Civic Hall to showcase the facilities and events.

SA 5/16 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a) Proposed relocation of existing and construction of 1 no new storage building at Denhams Scrap Merchant, Copsy Crooks Yard, West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by J Denham Metals Ltd.
- b) Erection of single storey rear extension in place of existing rear off-shoot at 16 Elm Road, Shildon submitted by Kevin Roche.

Signed
Chairman.....

SA 6/16 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 7/16 Shildon Alive Review 2015

The Town Clerk presented the Shildon Alive, A Saint John's Church Project, Review 2015, for the information of Members.

Recommended that:

- a) the report be received.
- b) a letter be sent to Shildon Alive congratulating them on a successful year.

SA 8/16 Legal Consultation : Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Market Place, Shildon

The Town Clerk informed Members of the legal consultation for the proposed stopping up of highway at Market Place, Shildon.

Recommended that:

- a) the report be received.
- b) no objection be made to the proposed stopping up of highway at Market Place, Shildon.

SA 9/16 Resignation of Apprentice

The Town Clerk informed Members of the resignation of the Horticultural Apprentice employed within the Direct Works Department.

Recommended that:

- a) the report be received.
- b) the balance of the funds available within the budget be utilised to employ a casual worker within the Direct Works Department to provide cover during the busy summer working period.

SA 10/16 Neighbourhood Warden Performance

Recommended that:

- a. the Newton Aycliffe Monthly Performance Report for the month of March be received.
- b. a letter be sent to the Neighbourhood Warden Manager to obtain a cost for Durham County Council to investigate a fly-tipping incident.

Signed
Chairman.....