

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 12th October 2015.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, M P Burdess,
P A Pemberton, J Gash, B Bates and L Cockfield

SA 33/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stoker, J Miller, S Quinn, D Gordon and J G Huntington.

SA 34/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 35/15 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of September 2015.

Recommended that the report be noted.

SA 36/15 Civic Hall

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided details of all the major weekend events programmed for the Christmas season during November and December 2015 together with details of the advertising campaign leading up to the events..

Recommended that the report be noted.

SA 37/15 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a. Conversion of integral garage to habitable space at 37 Primrose Drive, Shildon, submitted by Mr Paul Brocki
- b. Crown reduction (3m) of 1 No. horse chestnut tree in rear garden protected by TPO CCD-27-2012, at 16 Stephenson Court, Shildon, submitted by Mr Sam Nicholson

SA 38/15 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 39/15 Neighbourhood Warden Performance Report for the month of August 2015

Recommended that the Newton Aycliffe Monthly Performance Report for the month of August be noted.

SA 40/15 Skate Park

The Town Clerk provided an update on the refurbishment of the Skate Park and informed Members that the Skate Park was completed week commencing 5th October.

To celebrate the new Skate Park, an Official Opening had been arranged for Monday 26th October from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in Hackworth Park where various activities will be taking place to celebrate the opening.

Councillor P Quinn requested that thanks be given to Glenn Gibson, Direct Works Manager, and the Direct Workforce for their assistance during the refurbishment of the Skate Park.

Recommended that the report be noted and a letter of appreciation be forwarded to Glenn Gibson and the Direct Workforce thanking them for their assistance during the Skate Park refurbishment.

SA 41/15 Town Centre Improvements

The Town Clerk updated Members on the proposed improvements to the Town Centre and provided details of the updated consultation proposals.

However, following an e-mail received from Durham County Council Regeneration Team, informing the Town Council that the consultation process around capital improvements would pause as a result of the closure of Morrisons Store, Shildon, it was recommended that the report be deferred until the re-start of the consultation.

Recommended that the report be deferred.