

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th February 2019.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, A Farlow, J G Huntington, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, R A Anderson, H M Hanratty and S Quinn.

In attendance: Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion
Faye Kirton, Community Liaison Officer, Virgin Media

TC 116/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 117/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 118/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H Nicholson, D Childs, D L Mather and L Deakin.

TC 119/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 120/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 21st January 2019 be approved.

TC 121/18 Committees

Resolved that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted:-

- a) Service & Amenities - 21st January 2019
- b) Resources - 21st January 2019

TC 122/18 Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion

Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion, gave a presentation to Members on the development plans at Locomotion which would involve reconfiguring space and facilities in the existing building, renovating the historic buildings, upgrading the wider landscape and creating a new storage facility.

Resolved that thanks be extended to Sarah Price for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.

Signed
Chairman

TC 123/18 Faye Kirton, Community Liaison Officer, Virgin Media

Faye Kirton, Community Liaison Officer, Virgin Media, gave a presentation to Members on Virgin Media works taking place in Shildon in order to expand their network and provide ultrafast internet connection to the residents of Shildon.

Resolved that thanks be extended to Faye Kirton for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.

TC 124/18 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative, the Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of January 2019. The Town Clerk further reported on correspondence received from the Chief Constable, Durham Constabulary regarding policing in Shildon.

A copy of the crime statistics report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 125/18 County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft

The Town Clerk provided Members with the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft together with Durham County Council's response to comments made by the Town Council at the Preferred Options stage of the Plan. This was the final, formal stage of consultation and was the last opportunity for people to make comments on the Plan before it was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination by a planning inspector.

The Town Clerk informed Members that a consultation session would take place at the Shildon Civic Hall on 25th February from 4pm – 6.30pm for residents to comment on the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. Members submit individual responses to the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft.

TC 126/18 Report on Local Government Ethical Standards

The Town Clerk provided Members with information on a report issued by the Committee on Standards in Public Life which recommended measures on ethical standards in local government.

Members were informed that work would continue with Durham County Council's Monitoring Officer to ensure regular training updates were provided and, where necessary, individual council training would be provided on the standards regime.

The report containing recommendations was now with the Government to take appropriate steps to introduce the new measures.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that Members note the Review on Standards in Public Life.

TC 127/18 Durham County Council Homelessness Strategy 2018-2021

The Town Clerk provided Members with the Durham County Council Homelessness Strategy. The aims of the Strategy were to prevent homelessness, ensure a sufficient supply of accommodation and provide support services for those at risk alongside partner agencies. Consultation on the Strategy would run until 8th March.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. Members submit individual responses to the consultation.

TC 128/18 Durham County Council Housing Strategy

The Town Clerk provided Members with information on the County Durham Housing Strategy. The Strategy would provide a strategic framework to inform the actions and investment of Durham County Council and its partners and had been developed to ensure it was well positioned to maximise future opportunities for funding support.

The Housing Strategy would be published for public consultation for a period of six weeks from 25th January and would form part of the consultation on the Homelessness Strategy and County Durham Plan to be held at the Shildon Civic Hall on 25th February.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. Members submit individual responses to the consultation.

TC 129/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.

Councillor J G Huntington left the meeting.

Signed
Chairman