

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 15th July 2019.

Present: Councillor P Quinn in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, J Graham, A Farlow, D Childs, J G Huntington, D Reynolds, S Townsend, L Deakin, D L Mather, H M Hanratty, K Ambrosini and S Quinn.

In attendance: Mark Davies, CCLA

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the former Town Mayor, Councillor L Deakin, presented cheques to her nominated charities/causes, The Sanctuary, PawsUp and Shildon & District Town Crier.

TC 38/19 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 39/19 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 40/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R A Anderson, D A Anderson, L Butterworth and L Cockfield.

TC 41/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 42/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 17th June 2019 be approved.

TC 43/19 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 17th June 2019
- b) Resources - 17th June 2019

TC 44/19 Presentation by Mark Davies, CCLA (Churches, Charities & Local Authorities)

Mark Davies, CCLA gave a presentation to Members on the Public Sector Deposit Fund. Members were informed that the Fund was only available to eligible public sector investors which included local authorities, charities and churches and was suitable for short term investments which would achieve a competitive rate of interest.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that:

- a. thanks be extended to Mark Davies for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.
- b. approval be given to the deposit of up to £300,000 in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to manage the Fund on a day to day basis on behalf of the Town Council.

TC 45/19 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative the Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of June 2019.

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

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 46/19 Notice of Motion

The following Notice of Motion had been submitted by Councillor J G. Huntington and seconded by Councillor L Deakin.

The Town Council request that a representative from Health Express attend a future meeting of the Town Council to provide an update on their achievements and future aims of Health Express with particular regard to their ongoing use of the Rest House

Resolved that

- a) the Notice of Motion be agreed
- b) a representative from Health Express be requested to attend a future meeting of the Town Council.

TC 47/19 CDALC : Annual General Meeting Elections

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from the County Durham Association of Local Councils to consider submitting nominations or to nominate existing post holders for positions of President and three Vice Presidents to be elected at the Annual General Meeting on 12th October 2019.

Resolved that the Town Council nominate Councillor Peter Quinn for the position of Vice-President of the Association.

TC 48/19 VE Day 75th Anniversary

The Town Clerk informed Members that information had been received from ssafa, the Armed Forces charity, outlining plans for VE Day 75 to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Signed
Chairman

Councillor Shirley Quinn proposed and Councillor D Childs seconded that a working party be set up to discuss plans for VE Day 75.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be noted.
- b. a working party be set up to consider funding and events for the VE Day 75th Anniversary.

TC 49/19 Disciplinary Policy

The Town Clerk provided Members with a revised disciplinary policy to help and encourage all employees to achieve and maintain appropriate standards of conduct.

The revised draft disciplinary policy had been produced by Durham County Council Human Resources in conjunction with the Town Clerk.

Resolved that the revised draft disciplinary policy for all employees of the Town Council be approved and adopted.

TC 50/19 Outside Bodies

Reports were received from representatives on the following outside bodies: -

- a. Shildon Children and Young People’s Action Network
- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils
- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association
- d. Larger Local Councils Forum
- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership
- f. Shildon Chamber of Trade
- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Resolved that:

- a. the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.
- b. thanks and best wishes be extended to Derrick Robinson on his retirement as Chair of SCYPAN.

TC 51/19 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that:

Signed
Chairman

- a. the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.
- b. the letter of appreciation received from The Salvation Army be noted.
- c. the letter of appreciation received from Citizens Advice County Durham be noted.
- d. thanks be extended to those who attended and supported the Henry Nicholson memorial football match on 4th July 2019.
- e. thanks be extended to the Direct Works staff for their dedication and hard work in completing the positioning of the coal wagon adjacent to the Shildon Civic Hall.

Signed
Chairman