

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 11th April 2016.

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

In attendance: Megan Patterson – Bite the Ballot, Peter Davies and students from Greenfields Community College, Sunnydale Campus.

TC 131/15 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 132/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 133/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Bird and B Stoker.

TC 134/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 135/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 14th March 2016 be approved.

TC 136/15 Committees

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

a) Service & Amenities - 14th March 2016

b) Resources - 14th March 2016

TC 137/15 Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus – Presentation

Students from Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus, gave a presentation to Members on their visit to Parliament and the importance of empowering young people to engage with decision making and make informed choices.

Signed
Chairman.....

Resolved that:

- a. thanks are extended to Peter Davies and students from Greenfield Community College, Sunnydale Campus, for attending the meeting and giving an informative presentation.
- b. a letter of appreciation is sent to David Priestley, Executive Headteacher, Greenfield Community College, in recognition of the commitment and enthusiasm of Peter Davies and the students involved in delivering an excellent presentation.

TC 138/15 Police Report

APS D Littlefair presented details of the crime statistics for the month of March 2016. A copy of the report is attached to these Minutes. Discussion surrounded the format of recording crime that the Police now have to adhere to and what type of crime had to be included within statistical information.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 139/15 Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

The Town Clerk provided Members with details of the internal audit function provided for the Town Council by Allen Sykes, Chartered Accountants. The review of internal audit has been undertaken and as a result of the review it is considered that the internal audit service is effective. A copy of the completed review checklist was provided to Members.

Resolved that Allen Sykes be re-engaged to provide the internal audit function for 2016/17.

TC 140/15 Corporate Risk Report and Action Plan

The Town Clerk informed Members that the annual corporate risk assessment review had been undertaken and a copy of the revised corporate risk report and the updated action plan was provided to Members.

Recommended that the risk report and action plan for 2016/17 be approved.

TC 141/15 Vacancy in Byerley Ward – Co-option

Following the resignation of Matthew Burdess, the Town Clerk advised Members that Durham County Council did not receive the requisite number of signatories to call an election for the vacancy. Therefore, the vacancy could now be filled by co-option.

It was proposed that Luan Deakin be co-opted onto Shildon Town Council. There being no other nominations it was:

Resolved that Luan Deakin be co-opted as a Councillor for Byerley Ward, Shildon.

Signed
Chairman.....

TC 142/15 Proposed Shildon Youth Council

Councillor P A Pemberton gave an oral presentation to Members on proposals to re-instate the Shildon Youth Council and requested Members to agree, in principle.

Resolved in principle to reinstate the Shildon Youth Council with a further report back to the Town Council in due course.

TC 143/15 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be received.

Signed
Chairman.....