

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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

In attendance: Paul Evans, Carnival Funfairs

TC 105/19 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 106/19 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 107/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J G Huntington and M Johnson.

TC 108/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 109/19 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be approved.

TC 110/19 Committees

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

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- a) Service & Amenities - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- b) Resources - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- c) Special Meeting of the Resources Committee - 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

TC 111/19 Carnival Funfairs – Presentation

Paul Evans, Carnival Funfairs, gave a presentation to Members on a proposal to use Hackworth Park to host a Monster Trucks Show and fairground.

A question and answer session followed the presentation which included a discussion on the possibility of ground damage.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

**Resolved that:**

- a. thanks be extended to Paul Evans for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.
- b. the hosting of the event at Hackworth Park be agreed, in principle, subject to a further meeting with the monster truck organiser to obtain more detailed information in order for Members and staff to be satisfied with regards to set up/ clear up procedures, health and safety documentation as well as ensuring that no damage will occur to the football pitch area.

TC 112/19 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of December 2019.

A discussion took place regarding recruitment, staffing levels and call handling performance within Durham Constabulary Force Control Room.

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

**Resolved that**

- a. the report be received.
- b. the Police be asked to keep the Town Council updated on recruitment of communication staff and updated statistical data relating to 101 'dropped calls'.

TC 113/19 Budget and Precept Requirement 2020/21

The Town Clerk submitted the budget and precept requirement report seeking approval for the setting of the Council's 2020/21 precept.

**Resolved that:**

- a) the 2020/21 council precept requirement of £653,530 be approved.
- b) the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be duly authorised to sign the relevant precept request form.

TC 114/19 Care Connect – Notes of Service Level Agreement Review Meeting

The Town Clerk provided a verbal report to Members on a telephone CCTV Service Level Agreement review meeting with Shildon Town Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

**Resolved** that the verbal report be noted.

TC 115/19 Outside Bodies

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

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

The Town Clerk gave an update.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

No meeting held.

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Councillor S Quinn gave an update.

- f. Shildon Chamber of Trade

No meeting held.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

No meeting held.

**Resolved** that the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.

TC 116/19 Announcements

Members were informed that the Mayor's Charity Ball was to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> January at the Shildon Civic Hall.

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

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....