

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 9th March 2015.

Present: Councillor M P Burdess in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, P Quinn, L Iddon, S Bird, B Stoker
P A Pemberton, G Huntington, D M Hancock, M Gordon
and D Gordon

In Attendance Ann Hazel (Safer Homes Co-ordinator)

Before the meeting commenced a one minute silence was observed in memory of the Mayoress, Mrs Pat Nicholson, who sadly passed away.

TC 117/14 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 118/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Nicholson and S Quinn.

TC 119/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 120/14 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th February 2015 be approved.

TC 121/14 Committees

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 9th February 2015
- b) Resources - 9th February 2015

TC 122/14 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative the Chair provided an update on local issues for the information of Members. A copy of the report for February is attached to these Minutes. At the request of Members, a copy of an e-mail from Sergeant Tim Kelly is also attached.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 123/14 Presentation on the Safer Homes Project

The Chair welcomed Ann Hazel to the meeting to give a presentation on the Safer Homes Project which is a collaboration between County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council and Neighbourhood Watch/community based volunteers with the aim of assisting isolated and vulnerable residents to improve safety and

wellbeing in their home. Details were provided on the services and resources available to make homes safer from fire and crime.

Resolved that the presentation be welcomed and thanks be extended to Ann Hazel for attending the meeting.

TC 124/14 Local Council Award Scheme

The Town Clerk reported on the Local Council Award Scheme.

Recommended that Members confirm the action of the Town Clerk in registering for the Foundation Level of LCAS and that a further report be presented to Members later in 2015.

TC 125/14 Your Region, Your Council, Your Future – North East Regional Event

The Town Clerk reported on the North East Regional Event. Members were advised to inform the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 126/14 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

- a. Minutes of the meeting of Shildon Community Safety Group held on 28th January 2015 - **resolved** that the minutes be received.
- b. Minutes of the meeting of the Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network held on 10th December 2014 - **resolved** that the minutes be received.
- c. Minutes of the meeting of Shildon Chamber of Trade held on 26th January 2015 – **resolved** that the minutes be received.

TC 127/14 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements be noted.