

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 13th June 2016.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, L Cockfield,
J G Huntington, L Deakin, B Stoker and B Bates

SA 11/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Gordon, P Quinn, S Quinn and J Miller.

SA 12/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 13/16 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of May 2016.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 14/16 Civic Hall

The Civic Hall Manager presented an oral report to Members and informed them that overall trading levels were stable with a high number of wedding bookings for 2016.

During the Flying Scotsman visit to Shildon, from 23rd to 31st July 2016, the Civic Hall Manager asked Members to consider opening the Shildon Civic Hall to provide lunches for one day during the week to accommodate visitors to the area.

Recommended that:

- a. the oral report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.
- b. the Shildon Civic Hall provides lunches to the public on a day during the week of the Flying Scotsman visit to Shildon.

SA 15/16 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Recommended that no comment be made on the following applications:-

- a. Replacement 14.7 metre high telecommunications monopole involving removal of existing at All Saints Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by H3G UK Limited.
- b. Proposed loading canopy extension at Wilson Art, Lambton Street Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by Wilson Art.
- c. Erection of conservatory to side (retrospective) at 15 Primrose Drive, Shildon submitted by David Hugill.

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- d. Demolition of existing football stand and erection of new 200 seat stand at Football Stands, Dean Street, Shildon submitted by Shildon Football Club.

SA 16/16 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

SA 17/16 Proposed Merger of Jubilee Medical Group and Dr Baliga's Surgery

The Town Clerk informed Members of the proposed merger of the Jubilee Medical Group and Dr Baliga's Surgery to ensure that both practices continue to offer a safe and efficient service and be in a better position to sustain the decrease in practice budgets. A proposed merger briefing paper was also presented to Members.

Resolved that the report be noted.

SA 18/16 Fly the Flag : Armed Forces Day

The Town Clerk informed Members of a letter received from the County Durham Association of Local Councils on information received from the Ministry of Defence to participate in Armed Forces Day encouraging communities to fly the Armed Forces Day flag for the duration of the week leading up to the National Day itself on 26th June, to show support to the Armed Forces.

Recommended that the Town Council purchase and fly an Armed Forces Day flag at the Town Council Offices during the week leading up to the National Day.

SA 19/16 Durham Brass Festival – Shildon Event

The Town Clerk informed Members of the Big Brass Bash Tour and an approach by Durham County Council/Shildon Health Express to formally request permission to host the event on Thursday, 14th July in Hackworth Park as part of the Big BRASS Bash Community Tour 2016.

Recommended that permission be granted for the Big BRASS Bash event to be held in Hackworth Park on Thursday, 14th July 2016.

SA 20/16 Shildon Railway Station – Artwork

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from New Shildon Residents Association for the Town Council to provide insurance liability for new public artwork to be displayed at Shildon Railway Station.

Recommended that the Town Council takes on the insurance liability for the public artwork at Shildon Railway Station to enhance visitor experience to the town and for people living and working within the area.

SA 21/16 Neighbourhood Warden Performance

Recommended that the Newton Aycliffe Monthly Performance Report for the month of April 2016 be noted.

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