

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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

SA 11/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D L Mather, R A Anderson, D A Anderson, L Deakin and S Quinn.

SA 12/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 13/19 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk informed Members of the trading position for the month of May and advised that both meal and bar sales exceeded budget resulting in a surplus against budget of almost £2k.

For the first two months of the financial year there was a cumulative surplus against budget of 4.5k which represented an encouraging start to the financial year.

**Recommended** that the report be received.

SA 14/19 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided an update on the Ladies Day event. Members were informed that the event had been a huge success and had received positive feedback from those who attended.

Members were advised that Amazon music was now operating within the Civic Hall to give customers the option of using the streaming service as background music.

The Civic Hall Manager was in the process of obtaining quotes to replace curtains in the main hall and would report back to Members.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. a thank you card from a couple who were married in the Civic Hall be received.
- c. thanks be extended to the Manager and staff at the Civic Hall for the excellent quality of service provided to customers.

SA 15/19 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications: -

- a. Barn for storage of agriculture machinery at Redmires Farm, Brusselton, submitted by Neil Brooks

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- b. Conversion of existing 4 no. 2 bed apartments to 1 no. 4 bed dwelling house and 1 no. 5 bed dwelling at 5, 5A, 6, 6A Oaklea, Shildon submitted by Livin Housing Ltd
- c. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a Class A1 convenience foodstore and 2no. Class A1-5 units with associated access, parking and servicing areas on Land to the South East of 10-34 Dale Road, Shildon submitted by JSRE Ltd
- d. 4no. bungalows including highway widening, footpath, turning head and associated works on Land to the South East of 10-34 Dale Road, Shildon submitted by JSRE Ltd
- e. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DM/18/01500/FPA to raise floor and roof levels by 600mm and discharge of conditions 3 (external materials conversion), 4 (external materials new build), 5 (windows and doors), 6 (drainage), 7 (contaminated land), 8 (landscaping) and 9 (external lighting) of planning permission DM/18/01500/FPA and conditions 2 (external materials conversion) and 3 (windows and doors) of planning permission DM/18/01501/LB at The Grey Horse, 2 Byerley Road, Shildon submitted by Amtech Fabrications UK Ltd
- f. 4no. dwellings (outline – all matters reserved) at Sirius Dog Grooming, West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by Mrs C Thompson
- g. Retention of existing biomass boiler including alteration to existing building to house the boiler and extraction flue of 6 metres in height at Unit 5, Furnace Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by Barrier Energy

**Recommended that:**

- a. no comment be made on applications **a, b, f and g.**
- b. no objection to application **c** but the following comment be made:-
  - To restrict the 2 no. retail units to A1, A2, A3 and A4 use only and to exclude A5 use (hot food takeaway).
- c. no objection to application **d** but the following comment be made:-
  - The Highway Department look at the access and egress road to the site and the visibility splay for vehicles onto Dale Road.
- d. no objection to application **e** but the following comment be made:-
  - The Planning Department to ensure that replacement windows to the listed building be of a similar and appropriate style and any historical chimney features remain as part of the original listed building.

SA 16/19 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

No planning decisions had been received.

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SA 17/19 Events

The Town Clerk updated Members about forthcoming events organised and sponsored by the Town Council.

**Recommended** that the report be received.

SA 18/19 VAT Training Course

The Town Clerk advised Members that County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership had offered free training on VAT to Clerks and Members who had an interest or involvement with the financial management of the Council.

**Recommended** that the report be received.

SA 19/19 Citizens Advice County Durham – Outreach Service, Shildon

The Town Clerk provided Members with advice activity information, provided by Citizens Advice County Durham, during their outreach service in Shildon. The advice activity detailed the nature of the issues and advice provided to Shildon residents.

**Recommended** that the report be noted.

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