

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Shildon Civic Hall, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 17th September 2020.

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

SA 4/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Childs, N Hanratty and M Johnson.

SA 5/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 6/20 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of August and of the income generated as a result of the Town Council's participation in the Eat Out to Help Scheme.

Overall for the year to date the net cost was £17k below budget. However, the furlough scheme would end after October and the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme had now ceased.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 7/20 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager submitted a report to Members and provided an update on the heating system within the Civic Hall.

Members were informed that due to Covid-19 Heineken had not charged the Town Council for the smart dispense system but intended to add the missed months onto the end of the contract. As a result, Heineken had offered to provide a rolling contract for the wet products supply in line with the smart dispense contract.

Members were also informed that a funding bid was in the process of being completed to submit to the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership Members Neighbourhood budget for a multimedia upgrade package.

Recommended that

- a. the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.
- b. a Hive thermostat control panel be installed at a cost of £440.
- c. a funding bid for a multimedia upgrade package be submitted to BASH AAP together with a contribution of £200 by the Town Council.
- d. thanks be extended to the Civic Hall staff for adapting to COVID-19 restrictions and ensuring that COVID-19 control measures had been implemented within the Civic Hall.

Signed
Chairman.....

SA 8/20 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a) Siting of two prefabricated hot/cold store buildings on the site for B2 use in association with PPG Industries, All Saints Industrial Estate, Shildon submitted by PPG Aerospace.

SA 9/20 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

No planning decisions had been received.

SA 10/20 Jubilee Fields Pitch and Pavilion

The Town Clerk informed Members that an approach had been received from Durham Tigers RLFC for use of the pitch and sports pavilion at Jubilee Fields for Rugby League purposes. It was proposed by Councillor J Graham and seconded by Councillor D L Mather that the use of the pitch and pavilion for the Durham Tigers RLFC be approved.

Recommended that:

- a. Durham Tigers RLFC be allowed the use of the pitch and pavilion at Jubilee Fields at a cost of £288 for a season (£576 per annum).
- b. the Town Council support the Durham Tigers RLFC to develop the pavilion as a hub for the enjoyment of the community.

SA 11/20 Events

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update on Council/partnership events currently scheduled.

Members were informed that there was uncertainty about parades for Remembrance Day and that it may be prudent to scale down the event to a small wreath laying ceremony and live streamed for residents to engage.

Government guidance would continue to be monitored for Christmas activities and a 'soft Christmas Tree' switch on and Santa tour might be possible under COVID-19 conditions. Durham County Council had forwarded guidance notes for festive lighting, seasonal decorations, street lighting column attachments and erection of apparatus over the highway.

Recommended that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman.....