

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday 14th February 2022.

Present: Councillor D Reynolds in the Chair
Councillors K Ambrosini, J Graham, A Farlow, M Johnson, F Langley, D Bell, R A Nicholson and D L Mather.

SA 55/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Quinn, S Quinn, N Hanratty, H M Hanratty, L Deakin, D Childs and S Townsend.

SA 56/21 Declarations of Interest

Councillors D L Mather and R A Nicholson declared an interest in item 5b – Planning Applications and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

SA 57/21 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of January which indicated that whilst both bar and food sales were below budget for the month expenditure was also below budget resulting in an overall underspend of £33k against budget for the year to date.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 58/21 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and advised that the main area and toilet within the former Allotment Guild building had now been completed and that the original name of Park View House would remain.

Members were informed that items of new equipment were required and costs for this expenditure would be allocated from the Civic Hall earmarked reserve account.

Heineken were to increase their prices with effect from February 2022.. The Civic Hall Manager was to hold off implementing price increases until the brewery contract was up for renewal and would report back to a future meeting.

The Civic Hall Manager proposed that the Civic Hall would act as a drop off point for the collection of easter eggs to support families in Shildon and would donate them to local schools and Shildon Alive for distribution.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 59/21 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications: -

- a. Conversion into 4no. 1 bed self-contained flats with use of detached rear building as teaching/meeting facility for residents and family visitors and associated alterations including blocking up of and new window openings at 20 Main Street, Shildon – planning reference DM/22/00160/FPA

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- b. Single storey rear extension at 5 Granville Avenue, Shildon, submitted by Alan Bell – planning reference DM/22/00253/FPA
- c. Sycamore (T1) fell by way of sectional dismantle at Limetree House, St Johns Road, Shildon, submitted by Urban Group (York) Ltd – planning reference DM/22/00219/TPO
- d. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning permission DM/19/02755/FPA at the Courts, Shildon, submitted by Livin – planning reference DM/21/04250/VOC
- e. Installation of 6no. new parking spaces including change of use of public open space to parking bays at Association Street, Shildon – planning reference DM/22/00161/FPA

The Chair granted permission for a member of the public to speak on the above planning application who expressed concern regarding the siting of the planned installation of 6 new parking spaces and issues associated with land ownership.

Recommended that:

- a. no comment be made on applications **a, b, c and d**.
- b. Livin be contacted to arrange a meeting and possible site visit with the residents of Association Court, Shildon with regards to application **e**.

SA 60/21 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 61/21 Community Fun Run

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from Shildon Alive for the use of Hackworth Park to host a community fun run on Saturday 11th June 2022.

Shildon Alive would be the main event organisers and would be supported by Park Run, Park Play and Active Shildon to promote and encourage physical activity.

It was proposed by Councillor K Ambrosini and seconded by Councillor M Johnson and

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. permission be granted to Shildon Alive for the use of Hackworth Park on 11th June 2022 from 11am – 2pm for the purpose of a community fun run.
- c. Shildon Alive be responsible for insurance and risk assessment of the event together with volunteers manning the event on the day.
- d. the Town Council support the event on the day.

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