

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 19 June 2023.

Present: Councillor S Quinn in the Chair
Councillors J Graham, D Childs, W Keal, S Townsend, R A Nicholson, D L Mather, N Hanratty, H M Hanratty and P Quinn.

TC 24/23 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 25/23 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 26/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, D Bell, G Mather, K Ambrosini, D Reynolds and A Farlow.

TC 27/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 28/23 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

TC 29/23 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 15th May 2023 be approved.

TC 30/23 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 15th May 2023
- b) Resources - 15th May 2023

TC 31/23 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of May 2023.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 32/23 Annual Return

It was proposed by Councillor P Quinn and seconded by Councillor H M Hanratty that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23 be approved.

Resolved that:

- a) the Annual Governance Statement detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.
- b) the Accounting Statements detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.
- c) the Chairman be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- d) the statement of earmarked reserves as at 31st March 2023 be approved.
- e) the Asset Register as at 31st March 2023 be approved.

TC 33/23 Durham County Councillor Updates

Councillor S Quinn provided Members with various updates concerning the parish of Shildon including walkabouts, the Veterans Hub, PACT meetings, Civic Hall Working Party meeting and various training courses.

Resolved that the verbal report be noted.

TC 34/23 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Reports were received from representatives on the following outside bodies: -

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network

No update provided.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn provided an update to Members.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

Councillor H M Hanratty provided an update and informed Members that the Community Centre was well attended and lots of different projects were taking place. Decorators were in to paint the Centre and a fridge/freezer had been donated.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn informed Members that he had been elected Chair of the Forum.

Signed
Chairman

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

No meeting held.

- f. Shildon Town Team

No meeting held.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

No update provided.

- h. Shildon Alive

No update provided.

Resolved that the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.

TC 35/23 Announcements

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be received.

Signed
Chairman