

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 13th October 2025.

Present: Councillor D L Mather in the Chair
Councillors D Bell, R A Bell, N Hanratty, S Townsend, P Quinn, T Hillary, D Thompson, N Cleasby and S Luckhurst.

R 31/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor S Quinn.

R 32/25 Declarations of Interest

Councillor S Townsend declared an interest in Item 5 Grant Aid – Shildon Alive and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

R 33/25 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

R 34/25 Budgetary Control Statement for September 2025

Members were provided with the budgetary control statement for the month of September 2025.

Recommended that the report and budget variances be received.

R 35/25 Grant Aid

Lauren Robinson and a young volunteer from Shildon Alive presented to Members a Small Grant application for the purchase of Hand Up Bags which would contain essential items needed for homeless people to survive.

Following a discussion, Councillor D L Mather proposed and Councillor R A Bell seconded an amount of £100 be granted. Following a vote, 3 Members voted in favour of £100 and 5 members voted in favour of £200 and it was:-

Recommended that the following grant be approved under the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 introduced by Sections 1-8 of the Localism Act 2011:-

- Shildon Alive - £200

R 36/25 Accounts

Recommended that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of September 2025 in the sum of £109,504.66 be approved.

R 37/25 Bank Reconciliations

Recommended that the bank reconciliations as of 30th September 2025 be noted and confirmed.

Signed
Chairman.....

The Town Clerk advised Members that an application had been received from Northern Productions Ltd to host a live music festival in Hackworth Park, Shildon, on Friday, 5th June 2026 and Saturday, 6th June 2026.

Northern Productions Ltd would be responsible for the management and consequent cost for the festival. The Town Council would carry no financial responsibility for the event and would replicate the arrangements that had existed in previous years.

It was proposed to hold the event earlier in the year due to other commitments and better weather conditions.

It was proposed by Councillor P Quinn and seconded by Councillor D Bell and

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. Northern Productions Ltd be granted permission to host a live music festival in Hackworth Park on Friday, 5th June 2026 and Saturday, 6th June 2026.
- c. Northern Productions Ltd be required to consult with the Durham County Council Safety Advisory Group.
- d. ground rent of £500 plus VAT be levied for the use of the land/pavilion within Hackworth Park on Friday, 5th June 2026 and Saturday, 6th June 2026.
- e. electricity usage of the Pavilion be monitored.
- f. that residents living within the immediate area be notified of the event(s) 4 weeks prior to them taking place.
- g. Direct Works place yellow cones along the road and side streets to alleviate parking issues.

Signed
Chairman.....