

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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

SA 20/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R A Anderson, D A Anderson, L Butterworth and L Cockfield.

SA 21/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 22/19 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of June and advised that bar sales achieved budget and meal sales exceeded budget by £4.5k. Costs were on budget resulting in an overall underspend on net budget of £4.2k.

For the year to date both bar and food sales were above budget with costs on budget resulting in a cumulative underspend of £8.6k.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. thanks be extended to the Civic Hall staff for the service provided at the Mayor At Home event on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

SA 23/19 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided information on Christmas events to be hosted at the Civic Hall.

Members were informed that the Christmas Day menu would be released imminently.

**Recommended** that the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.

SA 24/19 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications: -

- a. Single storey front/side extension at 10 Baysdale Gardens, Shildon submitted by Durham County Council
- b. Proposed detached domestic dwelling at Unit 10, Hackworth Industrial Park, Shildon submitted by Jordan Bell

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- c. Extension to scrapyards with associated hardstanding structures and landscaping at Land to the South of John Denham Metals, West Auckland Road, Shildon submitted by J Denham Metals
- d. Repairs to 7no. historic buildings to make structurally sound, water and weather tight at Locomotion NRM, Shildon submitted by Science Museum Group
- e. Repairs to 7no. historic buildings – listed building consent at Locomotion NRM, Shildon submitted by Science Museum Group

**Recommended that:**

- a. no comment be made on applications **a, c, d** and **e**.
- b. the Town Council object to application **b based on the following** comments:

The principle of a domestic dwelling being erected for residential use on a designated industrial estate.

There are a number of suitable housing developments already within the Shildon area and the Town Council believes that the industrial estate is not an appropriate environment for a domestic dwelling in terms of noise impact on future occupiers.

SA 25/19 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

SA 26/19 Sleeper Stones

Councillor D Reynolds reported to Members on information received from the Brusselton Incline Group on a number of two and four hole S & D R railway sleeper stones which the group had in storage.

The Brusselton Incline Group had identified a location in Shildon to install the sleeper stones which would be almost exactly on the route of the line which existed in 1825.

**Recommended** that the Town Council support, in principle, the proposal outlined in the report.

Councillor S Quinn left the meeting.

SA 27/19 Notes of a Meeting of the Hackworth Park Working Party held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The notes and following recommendations from the meeting of the Hackworth Park Working Party held on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 were submitted for consideration:-

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1. The future hire charge arrangements for the use of the Hub during the summer opening hours be agreed (subject to the amendment that VAT is not required to be charged on the hire charge)
2. That the opening and closing times for public conveniences be agreed and that a review take place after a 6-month period.
3. That the future vision for the area outlined in the notes be agreed and explored further.
4. That the Town Council seek to agree, in principle, to progress with the asset transfer of bikes through further discussion with Durham County Council and for progress information to be brought back to Committee in due course.

**Recommended** that the notes and recommendations from the Hackworth Park Working Party held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be agreed.

SA 28/19      Use of Land at Jubilee Fields, Shildon

The Town Clerk advised Members that permission had been granted to If U Care Share Foundation for the use of land in the ownership of the Town Council at Jubilee Fields to host a Family Fun Day on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

The Town Council would, as landowner, need to ensure that all relevant event documentation and insurance was in place.

**Recommended** that the action of the Town Clerk in granting permission to If U Care Share Foundation for the use of land, in the ownership of the Town Council at Jubilee Fields, Shildon on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019, subject to all event documentation and Public Liability Insurance being presented to the Town Council, be endorsed.

SA 29/19      County Durham Plan – Submission for Independent Examination

The Town Clerk advised Members that information had been provided by Durham County Council on the submission of the County Durham Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

**Recommended** that the information be received.

SA 30/19      Proposed Removal of Telephone Kiosk(s)

The Town Clerk advised Members that information had been provided by Durham County Council on the intention of BT to remove telephone kiosks at Coronation Avenue, Lilac Court and Byerley Road, Shildon due to reduced demand.

**Recommended** that the report be noted.

SA 31/19      Land adjacent to Dabble duck Industrial Estate

The Town Clerk advised Members that information had been received from Durham County Council on the sale of a piece of land adjacent to the Dabble Duck Industrial Estate.

**Recommended** that:

- a. the report be noted.

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- b. Durham County Council advise the applicant that a memorial garden was situated near to the piece of land for sale and to be respectful of the area when work is undertaken.

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