

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 14th October 2019.

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

SA 41/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J G Huntington and H M Hanratty.

SA 42/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 43/19 Civic Hall Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of September. It was reported that bar sales exceeded budget by £1k whilst food sales failed to achieve budget by £2.5k. However, overall for the month of September the performance was marginally better than budget.

For the year to date both bar and meal sales achieved budget with the overall financial performance being £5k better than budget.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 44/19 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager presented a report to Members and provided an update on ticket sales for Christmas events to be hosted at the Civic Hall.

The Civic Hall Manager was in the process of organising a Wedding Fair for 2020 to promote and increase wedding bookings in the future.

Members were informed that the Macmillan Coffee Morning and two charity events hosted at the Civic Hall were a huge success raising funds for their charities.

Recommended that:

- a. the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received.
- b. the thank you card presented to Members be received.
- c. the Civic Hall Manager obtain quotes for name plaques to personalise the rooms at the Civic Hall.

SA 45/19 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a. Front porch at 10 Granville Avenue, Shildon submitted by Mr & Mrs Pickering

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- b. Single storey front extension at 11 Thornhill Close, Shildon submitted by David Trotter
- c. Refurbishment of The Courts, Shildon – comprising internal and external alterations to existing housing stock, demolition of dwellings, additional parking provision and improvements to landscaped areas submitted by Livin Housing Limited
- d. Garage conversion including increase in height to rear section at 30 Diamond Street, Shildon submitted by Julienne Foster

SA 46/19 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Members discussed the use of biomass boilers and fuel used for burning.

Recommended:

- a) that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.
- b) the Town Clerk speak with Durham County Council about the processes in place to control what is being burnt in biomass boilers and air pollution control.

SA 47/19 Events

The Town Clerk informed Members about forthcoming local events organised and supported by Shildon Town Council.

Recommended that the report be noted.

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