

Minutes of the Meeting of Shildon Town Council held in the Town Council Offices, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham and virtually on Monday, 16th November 2020.

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

TC 40/20 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 41/20 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 42/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H M Hanratty, L Mather and N Hanratty.

TC 43/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest noted.

TC 44/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 22nd October 2020 be approved.

TC 45/20 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of October 2020.

Resolved that:-

1. the Police Report be noted.
2. further information be sought from the local Police regarding the increase of ASB in Thicklely Ward area together with more detailed information on increased youth ASB between Shildon and Aycliffe.

TC 46/20 Live Music Festival – Hackworth Park

The Town Clerk advised Members of an application submitted by Northern Productions Ltd to host a live music festival within Hackworth Park, Shildon on Sunday 30th May 2021.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that:

1. Northern Productions Ltd be granted permission to host a live music festival in Hackworth Park on Sunday, 30th May 2021 on the terms outlined within the report and subject to COVID-19 restrictions and Government Guidance in 2021.
2. Northern Productions Ltd be required to consult with the Durham County Council Safety Advisory Group.
3. that a ground rent of £200 be levied for the use of the land within Hackworth Park.

TC 47/20

Christmas 2020

The Town Clerk advised Members that due to Government Guidance and restrictions for events and public gatherings alternative Christmas Projects contained within the report be considered.

Resolved that:

1. the report be noted.
2. the Christmas proposals outlined in the report be agreed.
3. Durham County Council be asked to consider waiving the licence fee in the amount of £150.00 for the erection of Christmas motifs on lighting columns in Shildon.

TC 48/20

Edward Metcalfe Charity

The Town Clerk requested Members to consider allocating funds from the former Edward Metcalfe Charity to help support families, elderly and the vulnerable during Winter 2020.

Resolved that:-

1. the report be received.
2. £1,000 be allocated from the former Edward Metcalfe Charity funds towards a Winter Support Community Fund.
3. as a consequence of the need to determine applications speedily the Town Council's current three cheque signatories be authorised to approve applications which are then to be retrospectively reported to the Town Council Meeting for information.

Signed
Chairman

4. the Town Council support the Salvation Army and Shildon Alive in the collection of presents at the Shildon Civic Hall and Town Council Offices and for these to be distributed to vulnerable families in Shildon
5. that £400 be allocated from the former Edward Metcalfe Charity funds to provide and deliver a cooked Christmas Meal for 30 elderly vulnerable people in Shildon.

TC 49/20 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 meeting held.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Scheduled w/c 16th November 2020.

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

No meeting held.

- f. Shildon Chamber of Trade

No meeting held.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

No meeting held.

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

TC 50/20 Announcements

There were no announcements by the Town Mayor. Town Mayor and his consort thanked all involved for the planning and organising of the Remembrance events held on the 7th and 8th November 2020.

Signed
Chairman

TC 51/20 Civic Hall Financial Performance

The Town Clerk advised Members of the trading position for the month of October and the closure of the Civic Hall for trade during the month of November due to the nationwide lockdown.

Members were advised that contracted staff at the Civic hall had been placed on furlough until 2nd December 2020.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 52/20 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Town Clerk presented the report of the Civic Hall Manager.

It was reported that Christmas Party nights had to be cancelled due to the current Covid 19 restrictions and rescheduled for Christmas 2021 together with planned activities within the lounge/bar area, subject to the Covid-19 restrictions being lifted and the hospitality trade being allowed to open.

Resolved that:

1. the report of the Civic Hall Manager be received and agreed.
2. the Shildon Civic Hall be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day due to trading uncertainly and the lack of clarity on Covid 19 restrictions in December.

TC 53/20 Durham County Council : Planning Applications

No planning applications have been received.

TC 54/20 Durham County Council : Planning Decisions

No planning decisions have been received.

TC 55/20 Budgetary Control Statement

The Town Clerk briefed Members on the budgetary control statement for the period to the end of October. Preparation of the draft Budget for 2021/22 was progressing and would include an estimated outturn position for the current year.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 56/20 Grant Aid

No Grant aid application have been received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 57/20 Accounts

Resolved that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of October 2020 in the sum of £70,080.60 be approved.

TC 58/20 Bank Reconciliations

Resolved that the bank reconciliations as of 31st October 2020 be noted and confirmed.

Signed
Chairman