

Minutes of the Meeting of Shildon Town Council held in the Town Council Offices, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham and virtually on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

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

TC 59/20 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 60/20 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 61/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Anderson & A Farlow.

TC 62/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest noted.

TC 63/20 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved.

TC 64/20 Police Report

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

**Resolved** that:-

1. the Police Report be noted.
2. a further breakdown on the narrative of the ASB incidents be sought.
3. the local Police be requested to attend a future virtual meeting of Town Council

TC 65/20 Notice of Motion

**Resolved** that in the absence of the proposer, Councillor Len Cockfield, that the Notice of Motion be deferred to a meeting of the Town Council in January 2021.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

TC 66/20 Proposed Custody Facility in Durham

The Town Clerk requested Members to consider proposals for a new 48 cell Custody Facility in Durham

**Resolved** that a representative from Durham Constabulary be asked to attend a virtual Meeting of the Town Council to be held in January 2021 in order to present the proposals and for Members to ask further questions.

TC 67/20 Durham County Council – Greenfields School (Sunnydale Campus)

Following a virtual meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Cllr Ambrosini updated Members on discussions held with representatives of Durham County Council on the future of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Campus).

**Resolved that:**

1. the verbal update presented by Councillor Ambrosini be received.
2. a working party be set up to consider the future of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site)

TC 68/20 Bishop Auckland Leisure Centre Consultation

The Town Clerk advised Members of the response provided to Durham County Council on the preferred site at Tindale for a new Leisure Centre at Bishop Auckland and of the need to support the long term sustainability of the Shildon Leisure Centre to encourage and support health and wellbeing through physical activity for residents in Shildon and the surrounding area.

**Resolved** that the response on the Bishop Auckland Leisure Centre Consultation be noted and agreed.

TC 69/20 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

Cllr P Quinn provided Members with an update on the virtual meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November to discuss Double Taxation and other local council issues.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

No meeting held.

- 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

Cllr D Reynolds updated members on details of the AGM meeting and discussions surrounding the 2025 celebrations.

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

TC 70/20      Announcements

The Town Mayor provided a verbal update for the month of December.

1. Judging of the 'Residents Best Dressed Christmas Window'
2. Christmas Tree Switch On
3. Judging of the 'Best Dressed Business Christmas Window'

TC 71/20      Civic Hall Financial Performance

No report for the month of November.

TC 72/20      Civic Hall Managers Report

The Town Clerk provided Members with an update on furloughed Civic Hall contracted staff due to the Tier 3 restrictions in place and of the Government Furlough scheme extension until April 2021.

Referrals for Christmas meals for vulnerable and elderly in Shildon had been received from Age UK and Shildon Alive.

**Resolved** that the verbal report be received.

TC 73/20      Durham County Council : Planning Applications

**Resolved** that no comment be made on the following applications:

1. Single storey rear extension and front porch/canopy at 39 Highland Gardens Shildon, submitted by Mr Lee Thompson - Planning reference DM/20/03333/FPA

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

2. Replace existing timber shop front with UPVC (Grey Colour) alternative at 28 Church Street, Shildon, submitted by BW SIPP Trustees - Planning reference DM/20/03502/FPA

TC 74/20 Durham County Council : Planning Decisions

No planning decisions had been received.

TC 75/20 Budgetary Control Statement

The Town Clerk briefed Members on the budgetary control statement for the period to the end of November.

**Resolved** that the report be received.

TC 76/20 Grant Aid

No Grant aid applications had been received.

TC 77/20 Accounts

**Resolved** that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of November 2020 in the sum of £83,031.10 be approved.

TC 78/20 Bank Reconciliations

**Resolved** that the bank reconciliations as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be noted and confirmed.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....