

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held on Monday, 8th March 2021.

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

In attendance: Katy Thompson, Active Shildon Project

TC 121/20 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 122/20 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 123/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors L Cockfield, R A Nicholson and S Townsend.

TC 124/20 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 125/20 Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor D Reynolds and seconded by Councillor M Johnson that the minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th February 2021 be approved.

Resolved that the minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Town Council held on 8th February 2021 be approved.

TC 126/20 Katy Thompson – Active Shildon Project

Katy Thompson gave a presentation to Members on the Active Shildon project which was a new initiative to bring together a group of local organisations who were working together to improve physical activity in Shildon.

Members were informed that the Project had launched Parkletics, a Mobile Adventures app, Borrow a Bike Scheme and online sessions.

The Project was to implement a marketing plan to raise awareness and promote all existing opportunities to be active, provide taster sessions and events and develop weekly social groups which would provide the opportunity to try new activities as a group.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that thanks be extended to Katy Thompson for joining the meeting and providing an informative presentation.

TC 127/20 Minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor D L Mather and seconded by Councillor D Reynolds that the minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting held on 16th February 2021 be approved.

Resolved that:

- a. the minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting held on 16th February 2021 be approved.
- b. the discussion and actions from the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party held on 16th February 2021 be noted and confirmed.

TC 128/20 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of February 2021.

Resolved that the Police report be noted.

TC 129/20 Winter Support Fund

The Town Clerk informed Members that four applications for the Winter Support Fund had been received and approved.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 130/20 Towns and Villages Programme Investment Plan

The Town Clerk submitted information to Members on the Durham County Council's Towns and Villages Investment Plan. Members were provided with the Cabinet Report of February 2021 together with the Towns and Villages Programme Investment Plan.

Members were informed that following consultation events with the AAP's it was agreed that a further allocation of £5 million was to be made to ensure that opportunities to improve local areas could be further enhanced. This raised the overall Towns and Villages programme allocation to £25 million.

The Town Clerk further updated members on detailed information provided by Durham County Council on Neighbourhood Retail scoping at New Shildon, Targeted Delivery Plans which included Thickley Ward, work to resolve the issue of 2 derelict buildings as well as clarification that Selective Licensing would cover the whole of Shildon.

Resolved that Members receive the report.

TC 131/20 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Reports were received from representatives on the following outside bodies: -

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Chairman

- a. Shildon Children and Young People's Action Network

No meeting held.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn informed Members that the Notice of Motion regarding the issue of double taxation had been raised with Durham County Council.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

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

Councillor D Reynolds provided Members with an update on the successful re-location of Locomotion No. 1 to Locomotion - National Railway Museum, Shildon.

Resolved that:

- a. the reports given by representatives on outside bodies be received.
- b. a letter be sent to Locomotion, Shildon to thank all involved in bringing Locomotion No. 1 back to Shildon.

TC 132/20 Announcements

There were no announcements by the Town Mayor.

Councillor S Quinn left the meeting.

TC 133/20 Civic Hall Financial Performance

There was no report for the month of February.

TC 134/20 Civic Hall Managers Report

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Chairman

The Civic Hall Manager presented a verbal report to Members and provided an update on the Civic Hall roof which was now in the process of being repaired.

The Civic Hall Manager advised Members that quotes would be obtained for the redecoration of the lounge and foyer area and a report submitted to the Town Council in due course.

The Civic Hall Manager informed Members that various events had been booked at the Civic Hall subject to Government guidance and Covid-19 restrictions.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Civic Hall Manager would be placed on flexible furlough during March 2021 onwards.

Resolved that the verbal report be received and noted.

TC 135/20 Durham County Council : Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received.

TC 136/20 Durham County Council : Planning Decisions

No planning decisions had been received.

TC 137/20 Budgetary Control Statement

The Town Clerk advised that the budgetary control statement for the month of February indicated an underspend of £99k which was considerably in excess of the underspend projected for the year during the consideration of the 2021/22 Budget.

Whilst there would be a number of year-end adjustments to be made for the purpose of the final accounts there was every indication that the projected year-end underspend would be achieved.

Resolved that the report be received.

TC 138/20 Grant Aid

No Grant Aid applications had been received.

TC 139/20 Accounts

Resolved that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of February 2021 in the sum of £49,176.03 be approved.

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Chairman

TC 140/20 Bank Reconciliations

Resolved that the bank reconciliations as of 28th February 2021 be noted and confirmed.

The Chair announced that Councillor A Walker would be standing down at the forthcoming elections on 6th May and thanked Councillor Walker for his long and dedicated service to the Town Council since 1974 serving the people of Shildon and wished him well for the future.

Signed
Chairman