

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 21st January 2019.

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

In attendance: Andy Coulthard, Livin Regeneration Manager

Before the meeting commenced a one minute silence was observed in memory of Lord Derek Foster who sadly passed away.

TC 104/18 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 105/18 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 106/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors H Nicholson, D A Anderson, R A Anderson and P Walton.

TC 107/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 108/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 10th December 2018 be approved.

TC 109/18 Committees

Resolved that the minutes of the following Committees be approved and adopted:-

- a) Service & Amenities - 10th December 2018
- b) Resources - 10th December 2018
- c) Special Meeting of the Resources Committee - 3rd January 2019

TC 110/18 Police Report

In the absence of a police representative, the Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of December 2018.

Signed
Chairman

A discussion took place regarding the movement of police personnel at Shildon Police Office as of February 2019 resulting in the loss of a Police Officer. Concerns were raised that this would be detrimental to the policing of Shildon.

A copy of the crime statistics report is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. a letter of congratulations be sent to Temporary Police Sergeant Matt Plumb on his promotion to Sergeant.
- c. a letter of thanks be sent to PCSO Michael Robson for his commitment and dedication during his employment at Shildon Police Office.
- d. Chief Constable Michael Barton and Helen Goodman MP be invited to attend a council meeting to discuss the level of Neighbourhood Policing in Shildon.

Councillor D Childs entered the meeting.

TC 111/18 Update on the Proposal to Regenerate The Courts, Jubilee Fields Estate, Shildon : Andy Coulthard, Livin Regeneration Manager

Andy Coulthard, Livin Regeneration Manager, gave a presentation to Members on the proposal to regenerate The Courts, Jubilee Fields Estate, Shildon which would involve external work to the properties. At present talks were continuing with the tenants/owners and landlords of the properties involved.

Resolved that thanks be extended to Andy Coulthard for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.

TC 112/18 Budget and Precept Requirement 2019/20

The Town Clerk submitted the budget and precept requirement report seeking approval for the setting of the Council's 2019/20 precept.

Resolved that:

- a) the 2019/20 council precept requirement of £621,830 be approved.
- b) the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be duly authorised to sign the relevant precept request form.

TC 113/18 Review of Durham Local Councils Charter

The Town Clerk provided Members with the revised Durham Local Councils Charter together with the Local Councils Working Group Report.

Signed
Chairman

The County Durham Association of Local Councils had decided to seek one last consultation on the content and it was hoped that a fully revised Charter would be introduced from 1st April 2019.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Councillor L Deakin relinquished the chair at this point and Councillor P Quinn took the Chair for item 10 – Code of Conduct Complaint.

TC 114/18 Code of Conduct Complaint

The Town Clerk advised Members that a Code of Conduct complaint had been made against a Member of the Council and of the outcome of the Code of Conduct investigation by Durham County Council Governance Solicitor which had now been completed. A Decision Notice had been issued advising that no further action was required in respect of the complaint.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Councillor L Deakin re-took the Chair for item 11 – Appreciations and Congratulations.

TC 115/18 Appreciations and Congratulations

Resolved that the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor be received.

Signed
Chairman