

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 18th October 2021.

Present: Councillor D L Mather in the Chair
Councillors A Farlow, M Johnson, J Miller, F Langley, S Townsend, D Bell, R A Nicholson, P Quinn, J Graham, K Ambrosini, D Reynolds, D Childs, H M Hanratty and N Hanratty.

Before the meeting commenced a one-minute silence was observed in memory of Sir David Amess, Member of Parliament for Southend West who sadly lost his life whilst performing his duty within his Constituency.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Jeff Miller to the meeting.

TC 67/21 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 68/21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 69/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Quinn and L Deakin.

TC 70/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 71/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th September 2021 be approved.

TC 72/21 Committee Minutes

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

a) Service & Amenities - 13th September 2021

b) Resources - 13th September 2021

TC 73/21 Police Report

The Chair welcomed Neighbourhood Inspector Sarah Honeyman and Sergeant Daniel Lake to the meeting. Inspector Honeyman presented details of the crime statistics for the

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month of September 2021 and introduced Sergeant Daniel Lake who had recently taken up the post of Sergeant for Shildon and Sedgfield area.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the rise of anti-social behaviour within the town and the action that was being taken to combat anti-social behaviour. Members were assured that there was a dedicated and committed Neighbourhood Policing Team in Shildon and Police Response Teams provided support when required.

Resolved that:

- a. the verbal police report be received.
- b. best wishes be passed onto Sergeant Alex Clarke who was currently absent due to ill health.

TC 74/21 Parental Leave

The Town Clerk presented to Members a draft Parental Leave Policy.

Members were informed that Parental Leave was a statutory requirement for parents where they could take unpaid leave to look after their child's welfare. The policy would apply to all employees of the Town Council.

Resolved that the draft Parental Leave Policy be approved and adopted.

TC 75/21 Shildon Town Council Offices: Christmas Closure

The Town Clerk advised Members of the period of closure of the Council Offices during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Resolved that the closure of the Town Council Offices on Friday, 24th December 2021 until Tuesday, 4th January 2022 be noted.

TC 76/21 Minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting

The notes and recommendations from the meeting of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party held on 22nd September 2021 were submitted for consideration.

Resolved that:

- a. the minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting held on 22nd September 2021 be approved.
- b. a further Working Party meeting be arranged following a meeting via Teams with Dehenna Davison MP to discuss Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site).

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TC 77/21 Appeals Committee

It was **resolved** that the membership of the Appeals Committee be the Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of full Committees and Leader of the Town Council.

TC 78/21 Rest House, Health Express

Councillor F Langley requested that a representative of Health Express be invited to attend a future meeting of the Town Council to update Members on Health Express and its future.

Resolved that Councillor Rob Yorke be invited to a meeting of the Town Council to update Members on Health Express.

TC 79/21 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

Councillor S Townsend provided Members with an update.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn updated Members on the Annual General Meeting.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

Councillor P Quinn provided Members with an update.

- 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.

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

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TC 80/21 Announcements

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

Councillors N Hanratty and H M Hanratty left the meeting.

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