

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 8th November 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, H M Hanratty and N Hanratty.

TC 81/21 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 82/21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 83/21 Apologies for Absence

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

TC 84/21 Dale Road, Unauthorised Encampment

The Chair welcomed a resident to the meeting and a discussion took place regarding unauthorised encampments at Dale Road.

Resolved that a meeting be arranged with Durham County Council and Theakston Estates to discuss preventative measures and target hardening of the area.

TC 85/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 86/21 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 18th October 2021 be approved.

TC 87/21 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 18th October 2021
- b) Resources - 18th October 2021

TC 88/21 Police Report

No report had been received for the month of October.

Signed
Chairman

TC 89/21 Greenfields Community College (Sunnydale Site) : Meeting with Dehenna Davison M.P.

Councillor D Reynolds provided a comprehensive verbal report to Members on the proposed closure of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site).

A lengthy discussion took place on the consultation process and the preparation of a press release to inform residents how the Town Council had challenged the proposed closure of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) and the continued fight to retain secondary education in Shildon.

Resolved that the Town Council submit a press release on the proposed closure of Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site).

TC 90/21 Code of Conduct Complaint

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Monitoring Officer, Durham County Council had received a Code of Conduct complaint against two Members of the Council.

Members were informed that no decision notice had yet been received.

Resolved that the report be noted.

TC 91/21 Local Heritage List

The Town Clerk informed Members of a pilot project by Durham County Council seeking nominations for heritage assets to protect and celebrate for future generations.

Resolved that nominations be submitted to the Local Heritage Listing Team, Durham County Council.

TC 92/21 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 was unable to attend the meeting and would provide an update following the next meeting.

b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

d. Larger Local Councils Forum

No meeting held.

Signed
Chairman

- 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 S Townsend provided Members with an update.

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

TC 93/21 Announcements

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

Signed
Chairman