

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 17th January 2022.

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

In attendance: Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion

TC 109/21 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 110/21 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 111/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Miller and L Deakin.

TC 112/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 113/21 Minutes

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

TC 114/21 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 13th December 2021
- b) Resources - 13th December 2021
- c) Special Resources - 15th December 2021

TC 115/21 Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion

Sarah Price, Head of Locomotion, gave a presentation to Members on proposals for a new building at Locomotion to celebrate the regions important role as the birthplace of the railways. It would also enhance the story of Shildon and its contribution to the development of railways worldwide.

Signed
Chairman

Following a public consultation in January 2022 proposed plans would be submitted in February 2022 and a planning decision received in Spring 2022. It was hoped that construction would begin in Autumn 2022 and it was anticipated that the new build would be opening in summer 2023.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

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

TC 116/21 Police Report

Resolved that the police report be received.

TC 117/21 Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site)

Resolved that:

- a. the minutes of the Greenfields School (Sunnydale Site) Working Party Meeting held on 9th December 2021 be approved.
- b. a further working party meeting be arranged following the results of the consultation.

TC 118/21 Parish Plan

Councillor D Reynolds provided information to Members on the Shildon Parish Plan 2010-2015 to determine if there was a need to review and revise the Parish Plan to make it up to date and relevant to the town.

The following options were put to Members for consideration:

- a. initiate a fresh Parish Plan to reflect the current state of the town which may involve broad scale direct consultation with the community at a cost.
- b. conduct a review of the previous Parish Plan, evaluating every section, and make amendments based upon what had been learned since 2010 and revise strategic objectives to meet today's perceived needs.
- c. do nothing and retain the current Parish Plan.

A vote took place with the majority opting for Option b.

Resolved that a review of the Parish Plan be conducted.

TC 119/21 Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillors D Bell and S Quinn had been nominated to serve on the Bishop Auckland and Shildon Local Councils Committee.

Resolved that the verbal report be noted.

Signed
Chairman

TC 120/21 Budget and Precept Requirement 2022/23

The Town Clerk submitted the budget and precept requirement report seeking approval for the setting of the Council's 2022/23 precept.

Resolved that:

- a) the 2022/23 council precept requirement of £698,750 be approved.
- b) the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be duly authorised to sign the relevant precept request form.

TC 121/21 County Durham Association of Local Councils : Double Taxation

The Town Clerk provided Members with a report received from Durham County Council and further guidance produced by NALC on the issues and options of dealing with double taxation.

Resolved that:

- a. Members note the report.
- b. a further report be presented to Members following a presentation by the Head of Corporate Finance and Commercial Services, Durham County Council in early February 2022 to ascertain what approach to take.

TC 122/21 Durham County Councillor Updates

Resolved that an agenda item be added each month in order for Durham County Councillors to provide regular updates on matters of interest and specific to the parish area.

TC 123/21 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 informed Members that the AGM was to be held in January 2022.
- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils
No meeting held.
- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association
An update was provided.
- 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

The Town Clerk informed Members that Councillor L Deakin had met with representatives and the general consensus was to restart the group. An update would be provided to the next meeting.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

No meeting held.

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

TC 124/21 Announcements

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

Signed
Chairman