

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 20th June 2022.

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

TC 25/22 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 26/22 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 27/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Bell and A Farlow.

TC 28/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 29/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 16th May 2022 be approved.

TC 30/22 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 16th May 2022
- b) Resources - 16th May 2022

TC 31/22 Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Town Council.

TC 32/22 Police Report

The Town Clerk presented details of the crime statistics for the month of May 2022.

Resolved that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman

TC 33/22 Annual Return 2021/22

It was proposed by Councillor P Quinn and seconded by Councillor D Reynolds that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 be approved.

Resolved that:

- a) the Annual Governance Statement detailed in Section 1 of the Annual Return be approved.
- b) the Accounting Statements detailed in Section 2 of the Annual Return be approved.
- c) the Chairman be authorised to sign Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return.
- d) the statement of earmarked reserves as at 31st March 2022 be approved.
- e) the Asset Register as at 31st March 2022 be approved.

TC 34/22 Proposed Planning System Reforms : Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which was at the Committee Sage in the House of Commons. The Bill would provide a range of legislative change associated with the Government's "levelling Up" agenda.

The main planning proposals of interest included more planning policies to be set nationally, locally-set mandatory non-negotiable levy to replace s106 planning obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy, a 'street votes' system to be introduced that would permit residents to propose development on their street, local and neighbourhood plans to be given more weight when making decisions on applications and local authorities to have the discretion to introduce a council tax premium on second homes.

Resolved that:

- a) the verbal update report be received
- b) the Town Clerk report back to Council as the Bill passes through the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

TC 35/22 Durham County Councillor Updates

Councillors M Johnson, S Quinn and S Townsend provided Members with various updates concerning the parish of Shildon including the energy rebate scheme to help households with the costs of rising energy bills, public footpath repairs, unauthorised encampments, Children's Services and selective licensing.

Members were informed that County Durham had been unsuccessful in the UK City of Culture bid and that a community Brass Festival for 2022 would not take place in Shildon.

Signed
Chairman

Resolved that:

- a. the Durham County Councillor updates be noted.
- b. a representative from the Selective Licensing Team be invited to a meeting of the Town Council to discuss the powers and regulations of private landlords under selective licensing.

TC 36/22

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

The Town Clerk provided an update and informed Members that funding had been awarded for the employment of Youth Workers in Shildon.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn informed Members that he had been re-nominated for the position of Vice-President of the Association.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

Councillor S Quinn provided an update and informed Members that a temporary position had been advertised at Jubilee Fields Community Centre.

- d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn provided an update and informed Members that the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill had been discussed at the Forum meeting.

- e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Councillor S Quinn provided an update and informed Members that funding was available from the Towns and Villages programme.

The Town Clerk informed Members that the existing cemetery building was to be demolished and would be replaced with a new modular building.

- f. Shildon Town Team

Councillor D L Mather provided an update and informed Members that a community litter pick was to take place on 2nd July and that the launch of Shildon Town Team would be held in September.

- g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds provided an update from the Brusselton Incline Group.

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

Signed
Chairman

TC 37/22 Announcements

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

Councillor S Quinn left the meeting.

Signed
Chairman