

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Present: Councillor H M Hanratty in the Chair  
Councillors D Reynolds, D Childs, F Langley, N Hanratty, J Miller and P Quinn.

TC 38/22 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 39/22 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 40/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, J Graham, K Ambrosini, S Quinn, D L Mather, R Nicholson, D Bell, A Farlow and S Townsend.

TC 41/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 42/22 Minutes

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be approved.

TC 43/22 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- b) Resources - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022

TC 44/22 Presentation – Kathryn Watson, Durham County Council

Kathryn Watson, Durham County Council, gave a presentation to Members on proposals for free public wi-fi in Hackworth Park, Shildon.

A question and answer session followed the presentation.

**Resolved** that thanks be extended to Kathryn Watson for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation.

TC 45/22 Presentation – Members of Shildon Town Team

Members of Shildon Town Team were unable to attend the meeting.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

TC 46/22 Police Report

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

**Resolved** that the report be received.

TC 47/22 Brusselton Nature Reserve

The Town Clerk updated Members on a request from the New Shildon Angling Club to enter into a formal lease of Brusselton Nature Reserve for angling activities.

The Town Council's solicitor presented an alternative for consideration for a Licence to Occupy.

**Resolved** that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. in principle, a potential licence to occupy be granted to the New Shildon Angling club for a period of up to 2 years subject to discussions with the Town Council's solicitor with the option to renew subject to further advice being sought.
- c. the draft Licence to Occupy be presented to Members for consideration.

TC 47/22 Durham County Councillor Updates

In the absence of Durham County Councillors, the Town Clerk informed Members that the Durham County Council Full Council meeting was to be held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and Councillor M Johnson would circulate a short summary to Members following the meeting.

**Resolved** that the verbal report be noted.

TC 49/22 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 the new Shildon Youth Group had been well attended.

- b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

No meeting held.

- c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

No meeting held.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....

d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn provided an update from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Councillor P Quinn provided Members with an update.

f. Shildon Town Team

No update provided.

g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds provided an update to Members.

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

TC 50/22 Announcements

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Town Council had signed up for the Community Safety Charter, launched to tackle crimes in public spaces.

**Resolved** that:

- a. the schedule of mayoral engagements and announcements by the Town Mayor and Town Clerk be received.
- b. a letter of congratulations be sent to Santinni, Shildon in recognition of receiving an award for 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Italian Restaurant Over 50 seats in England and Wales.

**Signed**  
**Chairman** .....