

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shildon Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 20th February 2023.

Present: Councillor H M Hanratty in the Chair
Councillors K Ambrosini, D Reynolds, M Johnson, D Childs, S Townsend, N Hanratty and P Quinn.

TC 125/22 Notice of Meeting

The Notice convening the Meeting was taken as read.

TC 126/22 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

TC 127/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Quinn, J Miller, R A Nicholson, D Bell, A Farlow, D L Mather and G Mather.

TC 128/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

TC 129/22 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

TC 130/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 16th January 2023 be approved.

TC 131/22 Committee Minutes

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

- a) Service & Amenities - 16th January 2023
- b) Resources - 16th January 2023

TC 132/22 Police Report

No police report had been received.

TC 133/22 Mental Wellbeing Policy

The Town Clerk presented to Members a Mental Wellbeing Policy and Manager's Guidance document to promote and maintain the welfare of employees. The policy would

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increase knowledge and awareness of mental health and provide information to support employees.

Councillor P Quinn proposed and Councillor D Reynolds seconded that the Mental Wellbeing Policy and Manager's Guidance documents be approved and adopted.

Resolved that the Mental Wellbeing Policy and Manager's Guidance document be approved and adopted.

TC 134/22 Review of Standing Orders

The Town Clerk provided Members with draft Standing Orders to be reviewed and considered.

Councillor P Quinn proposed and Councillor D Reynolds seconded that the draft Standing Orders be approved and adopted.

Resolved that the Standing Orders be approved and adopted.

TC 135/22 Durham County Council Standards Committee : Parish/Town Council Member Recruitment

The Town Clerk informed Members of information received from the County Durham Association of Local Councils relating to a vacancy on Durham County Council's Standards Committee.

Resolved that the information be received.

TC 136/22 Durham County Councillor Updates

Councillor M Johnson provided Members with various updates concerning the parish of Shildon and provided an update on issues arising from the Meeting of Durham County Council held on 25th January 2023. The next Council Meeting was to be held on 22nd February 2023.

Members were updated on the Livin development site at Firtree and Maple Avenue, Shildon and of a proposed new bus station at Bishop Auckland.

Resolved that the verbal report be noted.

Councillor D Childs joined the meeting.

TC 137/22 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

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Councillor S Townsend provided an update from the meeting held on 18th January 2023 and informed Members that she had been elected Deputy Chair.

b. County Durham Association of Local Councils

Councillor P Quinn provided an update to Members.

c. Jubilee Fields Community Association

A written update was provided and Members were informed that three new trustees had been appointed and that all groups were well attended with increased footfall across all ages.

d. Larger Local Councils Forum

Councillor P Quinn provided an update to Members from the meeting held on 16th February 2023.

e. Bishop Auckland and Shildon Area Action Partnership

Councillor S Townsend informed Members that the next AAP Board Meeting was to be held on 23rd February 2023.

f. Shildon Town Team

A written update was provided and Members were informed that a community litter pick had taken place in the Redworth Road area. The next litter pick was to take place on 4th March. A monthly advert was to be placed in the Town Crier to promote positivity in the town.

g. Friends of the Stockton and Darlington Railway

Councillor D Reynolds provided an update and informed Members that the National Lottery Heritage Fund had awarded funding to the Stockton and Darlington Railway.

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

TC 138/22 Announcements

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

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