

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd APRIL, 2019

Present: The Mayor, Councillor (Presiding) and Councillors R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, D McKenna, Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw, T Shepherd, B Taylor, R Whitehead, Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillors D Cummings, Mrs L Kennedy.

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)
Miss A Rountree (Minute Taker)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

FC15/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

FC16/19 OPEN SESSION

In accordance with established policy the Council provided the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for a 15 minute session.

The Mayor thanked all Members who had sent her good wishes whilst she had been ill.

Greenscape thanked the Town Council for their kind donation of £700 towards their project and noted that the money would be well spent in their garden.

FC17/19 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 26th MARCH, 2019

RESOLVED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and they be signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

FC18/19 REPORTS OF SERVICE COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the reports of the following Committees, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved:

- a) Report of the Arts and Information Committee held on 2nd April, 2019.
- b) Report of the Parks and Events Committee held on 2nd April, 2019 subject to page 9815 PE20/19 (2) a Member questioned who will monitor the coastal water reports. The Town Clerk stated that she is awaiting a response from Durham County Council and there should be an addition to the resolution that this will be chased up in September/October.
- c) Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9th April, 2019 subject to page 9822/23 item F29/19 (b) Caring for Craig donation. The Town Clerk stated that the Town Council currently does not have the General Power of Competence to grant donations to individuals. The Town Council can approve it meets the criteria at the Annual General Meeting in May and this item should be deferred to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee in June.

The Town Clerk updated on F33/19 Allotment Agreements that the meeting would go ahead on the 30th April, 2019 at the Parks and Events Committee.

- d) Report of the Planning and Environmental Committee held on 9th April, 2019 subject to page 9826 Councillor Ms R M Gratton was not in attendance and should be noted as apologies.
- e) Report of the Twinning Committee held on 9th April, 2019
- f) Report of the Special Establishment Sub-Committee held on 9th April, 2019 subject to page 9829 E10/19 the word “unjust” to be changed to the word “wrong”.