

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH MAY, 2014

Present: Councillor Mrs B E Allen (Presiding),
and Councillors B Allen, R Arthur,
E Bell, Mrs J Bell, B Burn, B Burn Jnr,
Mrs H J Cahill, Mrs S Forster, R Meir,
Miss S Morrison, N R Page, I Paul,
G A Shepherd, C Snowball

Apologies: Councillor S Cudlip

1. 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.

2. REMARKS BY RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mrs Barbara Allen, as the retiring Mayor, extended a warm welcome to all Councillors, visitors and staff present at the Annual Meeting of Seaham Town Council. She began by stating that the past year had been wonderful for herself and Brian and that they had met some lovely people. Even though there is still a recession Councillor Allen was proud of the amount of money raised for the Mayor's charity. The Mayor thanked all of the staff for their support throughout the year during which time there hadn't been any mishaps. The Mayor thanked her fellow Councillors for their support and the Council for this great honour bestowed upon her for the past year. The Mayor stated that she had tried to uphold the post with pride, dignity and humility.

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor Bruce Burn be elected as Mayor of Seaham Town Council for the ensuing year.

4. SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR

Councillor B Burn then signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor for Seaham Town Council in the presence of the Town Clerk.

5. HANDOVER OF CHAINS OF OFFICE TO NEW MAYOR AND MAYORESS

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs B E Allen then handed over the Chain of Office to the new Mayor and presented the Chain of Office to the new Mayoress. Councillor Mrs B E Allen then vacated the chair.

(The new Mayor, Councillor B Burn then Presided)

6. PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT

The new Mayor expressed his thanks to fellow Councillors on his election and said he would do his best to serve the residents of Seaham in this role. Councillor Burn acknowledged the great honour which had been bestowed upon him in voting him to the office of Mayor for the third time and stated that it was a wonderful feeling to be re-elected. Councillor Burn then thanked his fellow Councillors for their trust and promised to fulfil the position of Mayor of Seaham with the utmost dignity and respect, representing the Town to the best of his ability and speaking up for the community.

Councillor Burn then extended to the retiring Mayor and Consort, Councillor Mrs B E Allen and Councillor B Allen his thanks on behalf of the Council for all their hard work, during in the past year, for Seaham. As a gesture to recognise their work, the Mayor then presented Councillor Mrs B E Allen and Councillor B Allen with a gift which he hoped would bring back many happy memories of their year of Office.

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor B Burn (Jnr) be elected as Deputy Mayor of Seaham Town Council for the ensuing year.

8. HANDOVER OF CHAIN OF OFFICE TO NEW DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor then presented the Deputy Mayor with his Badge of Office.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL, 2014

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

10. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH APRIL, 2014

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

11. MINUTES OF SERVICE COMMITTEES

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

- a) Minutes of Arts and Information Committee held on 29th April, 2014;
- b) Minutes of Parks and Events Committee held on 29th April, 2014;

- c) Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th May, 2014;
- d) Minutes of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 6th May, 2014.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Parks and Events Committee – 21 Members, namely:

Chair: S MORRISON

Vice-Chair: K SHAW

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, R ARTHUR, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Arts and Information Committee – 21 Members, namely:

Chair: C SNOWBALL

Vice-Chair: I PAUL

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, R ARTHUR, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Planning and Environmental Committee – 19 Members, namely:

Chair: MRS J A BELL

Vice-Chair: MISS S MORRISON

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 20 Members, namely:

Chair: S FORSTER

Vice-Chair: MRS B E ALLEN

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR,

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MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Twinning Committee – 21 Members, namely:

Chair: K YOUNGER

Vice-Chair: MRS. S. FORSTER

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, R ARTHUR, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR,
MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Town Promotion and Development - 21 Members, namely:

Chair: E BELL

Vice-Chair: C SNOWBALL

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, R ARTHUR, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR,
MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER

Establishment Sub-Committee – 15 Members, namely:

Chair: K SHAW

Vice-chair: R MEIR

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL,
MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), S CUDLIP,
R MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD,
R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Clerk's Advisory Sub-Committee – 20 Members, namely:

Chair: E BELL

Vice-Chair: C SNOWBALL

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL,
MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR,
MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Allotments Sub-Committee – 12 Members, namely

Chair: MRS. G. BLEASDALE

Vice-Chair: R. MEIR

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL,

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MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (JNR), R MEIR,
N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD.

Staff Disciplinary Sub-Committee - 4 Members, namely

MEMBERS: B. BURN (JNR), MRS. S. FORSTER, N PAGE, C SNOWBALL.

Computer Sub-Committee – 13 Members, namely:

Chair: G A SHEPHERD

Vice-Chair: B BURN JNR

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, E BELL, MRS J A BELL,
MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), S CUDLIP,
R MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD,
K YOUNGER.

Joint Staff Consultative Committee –

Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Full Committees – 10 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: S MORRISON K SHAW, C SNOWBALL, I PAUL, MRS J A BELL,
MRS S FORSTER, MRS B ALLEN, K YOUNGER, K SHAW, E BELL,

Mayor's Advisory Sub-Committee – 9 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: B BURN JNR, E. BELL, MRS. G. BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR),
MRS S FORSTER, MISS S. MORRISON, C SNOWBALL,
TOWN CLERK, MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

Local Government Review Working Party – 21 Members, namely:

Chair: E BELL

Vice-Chair: C SNOWBALL

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, R ARTHUR, MRS M R BAIRD, E BELL, MRS J A
BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR), MRS H J
CAHILL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR,
MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, G A SHEPHERD, C
SNOWBALL, R WHITEHEAD, K YOUNGER.

Review of Council Buildings Working Party – 9 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: B. ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, E. BELL, MRS. G. BLEASDALE,
MRS. S. FORSTER, R. MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, K. SHAW,

G A SHEPHERD.

PLUS: AGENDAS TO BE SENT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Organisational Review Working Party – 10 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: MRS M R BAIRD, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR),
B BURN (JNR), S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, MISS S MORRISON, G A
SHEPHERD, C SNOWBALL, K YOUNGER + TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY
TOWN CLERK

Budget Review Working Party – 7 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, E BELL, B BURN (JNR), S CUDLIP,
MRS S FORSTER, C SNOWBALL

New Town Hall and Community Working Party – 7 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: COUNCILLORS B ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, E BELL,
MRS S FORSTER, MISS S MORRISON, C SNOWBALL,
K YOUNGER

13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) **SEAHAM YOUTH CENTRE**
1 Vacancy N Page
- b) **EASTLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
1 Representative E Bell
- c) **SEAHAM CADET AIR TRAINING CORP**
1 Representative Mrs H Cahill
- d) **FORUM OF LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS IN COUNTY DURHAM**
4 Representatives Leader E Bell, Deputy Leader, C Snowball,
on an alternative basis and two Members from the
rota + Town Clerk
- e) **SURE START, SEAHAM**
1 Representative Miss S Morrison
- f) **EAST DURHAM HERITAGE COAST PARTNERSHIP**
1 Representative C Snowball

- g) **SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP (Formerly East Durham Crime Partnership)**
1 Representative E. Bell
- h) **COASTLINERS**
1 Representative K. Younger
- i) **EAST DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS
AND N.A.L.C. ISSUES PLUS NOMINATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
3 Representatives B. Burn (Snr), B Burn Jnr, G. A. Shepherd
- j) **N.A.L.C. LARGER COUNCILS COMMITTEE**
To consider nominating a
Member to serve on this
Body (if elected) E Bell
- k) **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS EXECUTIVE**
1 Representative E Bell
- l) **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP FORUM**
Mrs B E Allen, B Allen, I Paul
All Members entitled to attend
- m) **FIVE HELPING HANDS CHARITY**
Mayor plus three
representatives B Burn Snr
- n) **SEAHAM AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION**
1 Representative Miss S. Morrison
- o) **COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK**
1 Representative Mrs. S. Forster
- p) **County Durham Local Access Forum**
1 Representative K. Younger

TO RESOLVE THAT, IN RESPECT OF ANY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED APPOINTMENTS INVOLVING ATTENDANCE BY THE MEMBER CONCERNED, THIS SHOULD RANK AS AN APPROVED DUTY FOR PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES.