

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY, 2014**

Present: Councillors B Burn (Presiding) and  
Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,  
Mrs M Baird, Mrs J A Bell,  
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip,  
Mrs S Forster, R Meir, Miss S Morrison,  
I Paul, C Snowball, K Younger

Apologies: R Arthur

Observers: Ms W Berry, Ms M Hodgson, B Taylor

### **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. OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with established policy the Council provided a fifteen minute opportunity for any members of the public to raise questions.

- 2.1 Members of the public were in attendance to convey their views on the situation with regard to the proposed Rock on Tommy event scheduled to be held on the Terrace Green on Sunday, 20th July, 2014. After a lengthy organisational process by members of the public, it transpired that the event could not take place as the appropriate licence had not been applied for or gained in the relevant timescale. Seaham Town Council was asked for any help they could give to enable the event to be held, however it was pointed out that the Town Council had no jurisdiction over the land in question as it was owned by Durham County Council and it was their decision to make.

RESOLVED the Council approve the assistance of the Deputy Town Clerk to facilitate the event being held, subject to the permission of Durham County Council being obtained.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 2014**

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.

### **4. 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 Arts and Information Committee held on 25th June, 2014;

- b) Report of Town Promotion and Development Committee held on 25th June, 2014;
- c) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 25th June, 2014 subject to the removal of the reference on page 8568 to the potential utilisation of monies from the Town Hall project when completed towards the new Multi-use Pavilion at Seaham Town Park.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 1st July, 2014,
- e) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 1st July, 2014
- f) Report of the Clerk's Advisory Sub-Committee held on 1st July, 2014.
- g) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 1st July, 2014
- h) Report of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 4th July, 2014 subject to the addition of an Addendum at 3. (iv) that the Town Clerk report to an early meeting on the statement made by Mr Elves that he had allegedly offered the Council the opportunity to employ a Quantity Surveyor prior to the contract being entered into.

**5. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED in view of the confidential nature of the following item, the formal resolution be hereby passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1961.

**6. SEAHAM TOWN HALL FUNCTION SUITE/BAR AND CAFE**

RESOLVED the Council agree to progress the negotiations for the catering function with Oldfields on the terms outlined within the report previously circulated.