

## **MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH JANUARY, 2014**

Present: Councillor C Snowball (Chair) and Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, Mrs M Baird, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, Miss S Morrison, K Shaw, G A Shepherd, C Snowball, R Whitehead

Apologies: Mrs H Cahill, I Paul, K Younger

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair wished all Members of Seaham Town Council a Happy New Year

### **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. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2013**

RECOMMENDED 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 Chairman.

### **3. CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

RECOMMENDED the list of conference appointments a copy of which had been previously circulated, be approved.

### **4. NALC/CDALC ISSUES**

#### **a) Community Right to Bid – The Localism Act, 2011**

The Committee considered a communication from CDALC which provided greater details for Town and Parish Councils in respect of the Community Right to Bid.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

#### **b) Larger Local Councils Forum**

The Committee considered documentation in relation to the last meeting of the Larger Local Councils Forum held in Peterlee on Friday, 15th November, 2013.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

5. **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Committee considered a communication from the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to the above issue.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

6. **DESTINATION SEAHAM**

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the minutes of the last meeting of Destination Seaham held on 21st November, 2013.

7. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that no press opportunities existed from this meeting.

8. **PLANNING ISSUE**

The Committee considered details of an application for a new Premises Licence in respect of The Lamp Room Ltd, 20 North Terrace, Seaham. As the last date for representations on this application was 14th January, 2014, the same date as the next meeting of the Planning and Environmental Committee, this item was brought to this Committee for consideration.

RECOMMENDED the Council offer no objections to this application.

9. **VISIT COUNTY DURHAM – WEDNESDAY GRAPEVINE**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the Wednesday Grapevine publications from Visit County Durham dated 13th November and 11th December, 2013.

10. **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the proposed dates for the East Durham AAP Priority Groups in 2014.

11. **CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM**

RECOMMENDED the conference evaluation form completed by the Town Council's delegate who attended the NAC Annual General Meeting in Belfast recently, be accepted.

12. **ROYAL GARDEN PARTY – 2014**

The Committee considered the details provided by the County Durham Association of Local Councils of the 2014 Royal Garden Party to be held on 3rd June, 2014 for which up to 4 nominations could be made.

RECOMMENDED this item is deferred for consideration to the next meeting.