

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH MARCH, 2015

Present: Councillor B Burn Snr (Presiding) and
Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, I Paul, K Shaw,
C Snowball, R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillor B Taylor

Observer: Mrs W Berry
Members of Hall Street Allotment
Association
Mr M Coltman

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.

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. During this period representatives from the Hall Street Allotment Association raised their concerns with regard to the recent events concerning the toilet block installed at the Hall Street Allotments. Members of the Town Council were provided with a document which Mr J Scollen, Secretary of the Allotment Association, read out and which detailed their concerns. The Deputy Town Clerk gave his response to the issues raised as did Mr M Coltman, a Seaham resident who was also in attendance.

The Chair gave an assurance that the issues raised by the Association and by Mr Coltman would be taken into consideration and a response addressing the issues raised would be provided by the Town Council. The delegation then left the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Members of the Allotments Sub-Committee visit the site in question at the earliest opportunity to review the issues raised.
- (ii) Subsequent to the site visit the Allotments Sub-Committee submit their proposals for a resolution to the problems to the Council.
- (iii) All parties be advised of the decisions made.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 2015

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 3rd March, 2015;
- b) Parks and Events Committee held on 3rd March, 2015;
- e) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th March, 2015;
- f) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 10th March, 2015;
- g) Report of the Clerk's Advisory Sub-Committee held on 10th March, 2015;
- h) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 10th March, 2015 subject to the apologies of Councillor K Younger being deleted.

5. RISK ASSESSMENTS – ANNUAL REVIEW FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2014/15

Pursuant to previous consideration at the recent Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th March 2015, the Council was asked to formally approve the annual review of risk assessments in line with Audit requirements.

RESOLVED the annual review of risk assessments previously submitted to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, be formally approved.