

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH OCTOBER, 2015

Present: The Deputy Mayor Councillor Miss S Morrison (Presiding) and Councillors, R Arthur, B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Snr, Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, I Paul, K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillor K Younger.

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. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Miss S Morrison took the Chair at this meeting.

(Councillor Miss S Morrison in the Chair)

2. 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.

3. 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 no issues were raised.

4. DEATH OF FORMER SEAHAM TOWN COUNCILLOR MRS MARY LOCKYEAR

As this was the first Full Council meeting since the recent death of former Seaham Town Councillor Mrs Mary Lockyear, who had served on the Town council since its inception in 1983 until 1999, the Chair requested that all Members stood in a minutes silence as a mark of respect.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 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 subject to it being noted that with regard to item 5d as a result of a query by Councillor R Arthur, clarification had been obtained from Durham County Council in relation to the attendance at Committees of Councillors

who are not members of that Committee and this would be communicated to Councillors as soon as possible for consideration;

6. 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 29th September, 2015;
- b) Report of Town Promotion and Development Committee held on 29th September, 2015;
- b) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 29th September, 2015;
- c) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th October, 2015;
- d) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 6th October, 2015;
- e) Report of the Twinning Committee held on 6th October, 2015;
- f) Report of Establishment Sub-Committee held on 6th October, 2015 subject to it being noted that with regard to item 7 as a result of a query by Councillor R Arthur with regard to the length of time the Organisational Review and Job Evaluation process had taken. The Council was informed that the process had been conducted as expeditiously as possible and that the new organisational structure would be implemented as soon as practicable with all appropriate payments for staff back-dated to April 2015.