

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2015

Present: Councillor B Burn Snr (Presiding), and
Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen,
Mrs G Bleasdale, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, I Paul,
C Snowball.

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
Mrs S Forster, N R Page, 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. 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 Bruce Burn, as the retiring Mayor, extended a warm welcome to all Councillors, visitors and staff present at the Annual Meeting of Seaham Town Council. He began by stating that the past year had been wonderful for himself and Retta and that they had met some lovely people. Even though there is still a recession Councillor Burn 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 his fellow Councillors for their support and the Council for this great honour bestowed upon him for the past year. The Mayor stated that he 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 (Jnr) 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 (Jnr) 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 B Burn then handed over the Chain of Office to the new Mayor and presented the Chain of Office to the new Mayoress. Councillor B Burn then vacated the chair.

(The new Mayor, Councillor B Burn (Jnr) 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 and stated that it was a wonderful feeling to be 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 Mayoress, his parents, Councillor B Burn and Mrs R Burn 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 and Mrs Burn with a gift which he hoped would be useful and bring back many happy memories of their year of Office.

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor Miss S Morrison 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 her Badge of Office.

9. MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST APRIL, 2015

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 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 28th April, 2015;

- b) Minutes of Parks and Events Committee held on 28th April, 2015;
- c) Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th May, 2015;
- d) Minutes of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 5th May, 2015.

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Parks and Events Committee 21 Members, namely:

Chair: Miss 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, C. SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD, K. YOUNGER.

Arts and Information Committee 21 Members, namely:

Chair: I Paul Vice-Chair: K Younger

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, C. SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD, K. YOUNGER.

Planning and Environmental Committee 19 Members, namely:

Chair: Miss S Morrison Vice-Chair: C Snowball

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, C. SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD, K. YOUNGER.

Finance and General Purposes Committee 20 Members, namely:

Chair: S Cudlip Vice-Chair: Mrs S Forster

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,

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S CUDLIP, MRS. S. FORSTER, R. MEIR, MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE,
I PAUL, K SHAW, C. SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD,
K. YOUNGER.

Twinning Committee

21 Members, namely:

Chair: Mrs S Forster

Vice-Chair: Mrs J A Bell

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, C. SNOWBALL,
B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD, K. YOUNGER.

Town Promotion and Development Committee

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, C. SNOWBALL,
B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD, K. YOUNGER.

Establishment Sub-Committee

12 Members, namely:

Chair: K Shaw

Vice-Chair: R Meir

MEMBERS: B. ALLEN, MRS B E ALLEN, MRS. M. R. BAIRD, E. BELL,
MRS G BLEASDALE, B. BURN SNR, MRS H J CAHILL, S CUDLIP,
MISS S MORRISON, K SHAW, B TAYLOR, R WHITEHEAD

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, C. SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, 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, MRS J A BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B. BURN JNR, R MEIR, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, B TAYLOR

Staff Disciplinary Sub-Committee

8 Members, namely:

Chair:

Vice-Chair:

MEMBERS: MRS J A BELL, B BURN JNR, MRS S FORSTER, R MEIR, N R PAGE, I PAUL, C SNOWBALL, K YOUNGER

Computer Sub-Committee

13 Members, namely:

Chair: B Taylor

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, B TAYLOR, K YOUNGER

Joint Staff Consultative Committee

Chair and Vice Chairs of Full Committees - 9 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: E. BELL, MRS. J. A. BELL, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER, MISS S MORRISON, I PAUL, K SHAW, C. SNOWBALL, K. YOUNGER.

Mayor's Advisory Sub-Committee

7 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: E. BELL, B BURN SNR, B BURN JNR, MRS G BLEASDALE, 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,

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MISS S MORRISON, N R PAGE, I PAUL, K SHAW, C. SNOWBALL,
B TAYLOR, 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, B TAYLOR,
PLUS: AGENDAS TO BE SENT 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, C SNOWBALL,
B TAYLOR, K YOUNGER, TOWN CLERK AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Budget Review Working Party 8 Members, namely:

MEMBERS: E BELL, MRS J A BELL, B BURN JNR, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER,
C SNOWBALL, B TAYLOR, K YOUNGER

Town Hall Working Party 7 Members, namely:

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

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) **SEAHAM YOUTH CENTRE**
1 Representative E BELL
- b) **EASTLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
1 Representative E BELL
- c) **SEAHAM CADET AIR TRAINING CORPS**
1 Representative MRS H J CAHILL
- d) **SURE START, SEAHAM**
1 Representative MISS S MORRISON
- e) **EAST DURHAM HERITAGE COAST PARTNERSHIP**
1 Representative B BURN JNR

- f) **COASTLINERS**
1 Representative K YOUNGER
- g) **EAST DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS**
3 Representatives TO BE ADVISED
- h) **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
1 Representative E BELL
- i) **EAST DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP FORUM**
1 Representative B BURN JNR
All Members entitled to attend
- j) **SEAHAM AND DISTRICT SCOUTS ASSOCIATION**
1 Representative MISS S MORRISON
- k) **COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK**
1 Representative MRS S FORSTER
- l) **COUNTY DURHAM LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**
1 Representative K YOUNGER
- m) **DESTINATION SEAHAM**
1 Representative TO BE ADVISED
- n) **SEAHAM MARINA**
1 Representative TO BE ADVISED
- o) **SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP**
1 Representative TO BE ADVISED

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.