

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH MAY, 2016

Present: Councillor E Bell (Presiding), and
Councillors Mrs J A Bell, B Burn,
Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
R Meir, Miss S Morrison, C Snowball.

Apologies: Councillors B Burn Jnr, I Paul, K Younger.

1. CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor E Bell was nominated to take the Chair at this meeting.

(Councillor E Bell in the Chair)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of the Council 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.

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. ELECTION OF MAYOR OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor Miss Susan Morrison 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 Miss S Morrison 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 CONSORT

The Chain of Office was then handed over to the new Mayor and the Chain of Office was presented to the Mayor's Consort. Councillor E Bell then vacated the chair.

(The new Mayor, Councillor Miss S Morrison then Presided)

6. PRESENTATION OF GIFT TO RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS

The new Mayor expressed her thanks to fellow Councillors on her election and said she would do his best to serve the residents of Seaham in this role. Councillor

Morrison acknowledged the great honour which had been bestowed upon her in voting her to the office of Mayor and stated that it was a wonderful feeling to be elected. She then thanked her 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 Morrison also thanked her partner Steve, for his support over the forthcoming year as Mayor's consort a role which he has fulfilled once before and so knows what it entails. The new Mayor thanked all of her guests for being here tonight to celebrate the occasion and explained the role of the Mayor to them as the first citizen and an ambassador for the town. In conclusion, she explained that she took very seriously the responsibly placed upon the Mayor to raise money for the Mayor's Charity fund.

Councillor Morrison then extended to the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor B and Mrs S Burn in their absence, her thanks on behalf of the Council for all their hard work, during in the past year, for Seaham. In particular she commended Councillor Burn for his energy and enthusiasm during his year in office and his achievements in bring culture to the role and improving the links to our armed forces. As a gesture to recognise their work, the Mayor then stated that Councillor and Mrs Burn would receive a gift which she hoped would bring back many happy memories of their year of Office.

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs S Forster 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 19TH APRIL, 2016

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 26th April, 2016;
- b) Minutes of Parks and Events Committee held on 26th April, 2016;
- c) Minutes of the Special Twinning Committee held on 29th April, 2016;

- d) Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3rd May, 2015;
- e) Minutes of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 3rd May, 2016.

11. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the composition of all Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Parties be as follows for the ensuing year.

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.

Parks and Events Committee – 21 Members, namely:

Chair: K SHAW

Vice-Chair: S CUDLIP

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.

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, 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: MRS B E ALLEN

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.

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 - 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: MRS B E ALLEN

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: TO BE DECIDED Vice-Chair: TO BE DECIDED

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

Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Full Committees – 9 Members, namely:

Chair: TO BE DECIDED Vice-Chair: TO BE DECIDED

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

Mayor's Advisory Sub-Committee – 7 Members, namely:

Chair: E BELL Vice-Chair: C SNOWBALL

MEMBERS: E BELL, MRS G BLEASDALE, B BURN (SNR), B BURN (JNR),
MRS S FORSTER, MISS S MORRISON, C SNOWBALL,
TOWN CLERK, MAYOR'S SECRETARY.

Budget Sub-Committee – 8 Members, namely:

Chair: S CUDLIP Vice-Chair: E BELL

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:

Chair: TO BE DECIDED

Vice-Chair: TO BE DECIDED

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

Dawdon Park Working Party – 7 Members, namely:

Chair: K SHAW

Vice-Chair: TO BE DECIDED

MEMBERS: E BELL, MRS J A BELL, B BURN (SNR), S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER,
N R PAGE, K SHAW, C SNOWBALL.

**PLUS: AGENDAS TO BE SENT OUT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE
AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED that the appointments to Outside Bodies be as follows for the ensuing year.

- a) **SEAHAM YOUTH CENTRE**
1 Representative E BELL
- b) **EASTLEA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**
1 Representative E BELL
- c) **SEAHAM CADET AIR TRAINING CORP**
1 Representative MRS H J CAHILL
- d) **SURE START, SEAHAM**
1 Representative CONFIRM IF STILL FUNCTIONING
- 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 DECIDED
- h) **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS EXECUTIVE**
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**
2 Representatives B BURN, K YOUNGER
- n) **SEAHAM MARINA**
1 Representative K SHAW

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.