

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, Mrs H J Cahill, N R Page.

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 no issues were raised.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 22ND MARCH, 2016

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 Town Promotion and Development Committee held on 29th March, 2016;
- b) Report of Arts and Information Committee held on 29th March, 2016;
- c) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 29th March, 2016;
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 5th April, 2016;
- e) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 5th April, 2016;

- f) Report of Twinning Committee held on 5th April, 2016;

5. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Council was advised that the interviews had taken place for this post on Wednesday 13th April, 2016 and six of the eight candidates invited had been interviewed as two had withdrawn. The recommendation of the Interview Panel was that the preferred candidate was Miss Ashley Jane Rountree of Norton Avenue, Seaham. After her successful completion of a typing test on Friday 15th April Members agreed she be offered the post commencing on salary scale point 22. The reserve candidate was Ms Helen Allan of Shiney Row and it was agreed that if Miss Rountree declines the position or the post becomes vacant within six months of the original interview then Ms Allan will be offered the position.

RESOLVED the Council approves the appointment of Miss Rountree of Norton Avenue, Seaham to the post of Administrative Assistant to commence as soon as possible.

6. NHS CONSULTATION “GETTING CARE RIGHT FOR YOU”

RESOLVED the article on this issue appearing in the Sunderland Echo on Tuesday 19th March, 2016, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be noted.

7. NHS CONSULTATION “BETTER HEALTH PROGRAMME”

RESOLVED the information detailing the venues for this consultation and that an event was to be held at Seaham Town Hall on Friday 27th May, 2016, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be noted.