

## **MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018**

Present: Councillor K Shaw (Chair) and  
Councillors R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell,  
Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace,  
S P Colburn, S Cudlip, Ms R M Gratton,  
G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy,  
D McKenna, T Shepherd, B Taylor,  
Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen,  
E Bell, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings,  
Mrs S Forster, Mrs S Pratt.

*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. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018**

RECOMMENDED 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 Chairman.

### **3. PARKS AND EVENTS SERVICES**

The Committee considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report which provided an update on the following items:

#### **3.1 Seaham hits the front page of the Clerk Magazine**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a photograph of 'Tommy' had been used on the front cover of the March edition of the Clerk Magazine which was good promotion for Seaham.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

#### **3.2 Proposed Sculptured Poppy's Memorial – Terrace Green**

Pursuant to the last meeting of the Full Council where this issue was discussed The Deputy Town Clerk seeks approval to work with Mr Gary Richardson on this project. The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that

he has contacted Durham County Council in relation to seeking permission to have the poppies placed on the fencing around North Terrace. A Member had also spoken to Durham's Planning section who had confirmed that this would need to go through Durham County Council's Assets Team.

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk is approved to work with Mr Richardson on the Poppy's Memorial.

**3.3 Request to Perform "Battles Over" 6.00am 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

The Deputy Town Clerk requested approval for the Houghton le Spring Pipe Band to play in front of Tommy at 6.00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 to commemorate the end of the First World War

RECOMMENDED that Houghton le Spring Pipe Band play in front of Tommy at 6.00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**3.4 Parks Operations – New Policies to Cover Operations**

RECOMMENDED that the policies would be taken to the next available Establishment Sub-Committee for approval.

**3.5 Feasibility Study for New Layout of Car Parking Bays and Pavements Around Terrace Green and North Terrace**

The Deputy Town Clerks suggested that the Town Council agrees to the wider footpath on North Terrace in front of the shops but disagrees to the extra parking behind Tommy as this will take away the views. County Councillors stated that they had been informed of the extra parking on the grass next to the old Londonderry Offices which would mirror Bath Terrace but had not been informed of extra parking behind Tommy. Members agreed that the section looking onto the old Londonderry Offices and the widening of the footpath on North Terrace were sensible ideas but the section behind Tommy would need further discussions.

It was also noted that this should be shared with Royal British Legion for their views as the cenotaph is sensitive and needs to be respected. It was noted that over 90 car parking spaces have been created in the last few years next to the Volunteers Arms which members of the public can use.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) County Councillors find out further information with regards to the additional parking directly behind Tommy.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk to share this information with the Royal British Legion for their views.

**3.6 Dawdon Park Project**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that a further meeting of the Dawdon Working Party had taken place yesterday and the fencing for the

football pitch had come in under budget. It was stated that the work on the fencing will be carried out within a matter of weeks.

The Town Council needs to show Durham County Council that the works have commenced so the Town Council do not lose the funding.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

**3.7 Allotments Sub-Committee Meetings**

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that following further discussions with the Associations it is hoped that there will be improvements between the Allotment Holders and the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meetings which took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 be approved.

**3.8 Risk Management Issues**

RECOMMENDED Members note the information being provided.

**4. Parkside Community Centre 6-a-side League**

RECOMMENDED that Parkside Community Centre complete a grant application form for the Sunday Soccer 6s league.

**5. Tipi Proposal**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that the owners of Port of Call in Sunderland are opening a business on North Terrace. They have suggested that they wish to get involved in Seaham Town Council's events and have suggested having a Tipi on the Terrace Green selling alcohol and they will have their own security. The Deputy Town Clerk informed them that the Town Council have never approved this before. It was noted that the application for the Tipi proposal not to be accepted.

RECOMMENDED that the application for the Tipi proposal not to be accepted.

**6. SCOTS GUARDS**

RECOMMENDED that the recruitment days held by the Scots Guards are approved.

**7. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that the Deputy Town Clerk will where possible encourage the press and media to promote the positive projects discussed at this meeting.