

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

Present: The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miss L Willis (Presiding) and Councillors R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, B Taylor, R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, Mrs G Bleasdale, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, G Hepworth, Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw.

*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.*

### **FC01/19 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. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

### **FC02/19 OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with established policy the Council provided the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for a 15 minute session.

A member of the Seaham Field of Remembrance group attended the meeting to provide Members with an update. He stated that some of the poppies have been removed as they are being fitted with stronger clasps to keep them in place as some of the poppies have been damaged. This will be carried out in stages and all poppies will have stronger clasps.

It was noted that 25 poppies had been damaged during the Fireworks Display due to children climbing on the fence for a better view and using the poppies as a ledge and he requested that barriers are placed in front of the fencing for this year's firework display to prevent this happening again. He also requested that the benches are moved back away from the fences as adults are placing their feet on the fences which is also causing damage to the poppies. It was noted that the benches are owned by Seaham Town Council but the pavements are the responsibility of Durham County Council so permission would need to be sought for this to take place.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the Town Clerk will contact Durham County Council regarding moving the benches further away from the fencing.

(ii) the Deputy Town Clerk to organise barriers to be placed in front of the poppies for this year's Fireworks Display to prevent further damage to the poppies.

**FC03/19**

**TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

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 page 9737 the using of Councillors names in minutes. A Member stated there was a resolution in June 2017 that Members names would not be included in any Council minutes. The Town Clerk is going to take a full review of the Town Council's Standing Orders and the naming of Councillors will be reviewed at this time. The Member moved that an amendment be made that Councillors names should not be minuted. Council discussed this in detail and it was agreed that a vote should take place that there is an amendment to the minutes that no Members names are included until a review has been carried out.

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RESOLVED that Members names will not be included on Council minutes until a full review of the Town Council Standing Orders has taken place.

**FC04/19**

**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 the Arts and Information Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 subject to page 9740 and some misinformation that was presented by the Fire Chief. Members should not discuss this on Social Media.
- b) Report of the Parks and Events Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- c) Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.
- d) Report of the Planning and Environmental Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. A Member stated that Seaham Townscape Heritage were holding two public consultation events regarding improvements to Seaham on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 4.00-7.00pm at Seaham Library and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019 10.00-1.00pm at Byron Place Shopping Centre.
- e) Report of the Clerks Advisory Sub-Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 subject to page 9767 the Town Clerk informed Members that unfortunately Seaham Town Council had not been chosen to attend the Garden Party.
- f) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.