

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY, 2019

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, G Hepworth, 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.

FC05/19 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.

FC06/19 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 public discussed a complaint that he had with Seaham Marina management. It was noted that Seaham Town Council do not have any control over the Marina and would be unable to solve any of the complaints. A County Councillor who is the Marina representative was aware of the complaint and informed the member of the public that the complaint was being dealt with and he would respond to the complaint once this had been fully investigated.

RESOLVED that the County Councillor will respond to the member of the public once the complaints had been fully investigated.

FC07/19 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 29th JANUARY, 2019

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.

FC08/19 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 5th February, 2019 subject to page 9774 the Town Clerk stated that she had met with Ms Anson, Durham County Council who will provide updates to Seaham Town Council prior to Destination Seaham meetings which the Town Clerk can disseminate to Members via post or email.
- b) Report of the Parks and Events Committee held on 5th February, 2019 subject to page 9778 it was noted that a site meeting had taken place at New Drive Playing Field and Officers will bring their proposal to the next Parks and Events meeting for the fencing to enclose the whole site. Also page 9779/9780 the George Elmy Lifeboat Way street lighting. It was noted that Seaham Town Council agreed to pay for the street lighting in March 2018 and a SLA was drawn up by Durham County Council for this and the funds were placed in the Town Councils budget. The Town Clerk stated that the original resolution made in March 2018 to pay for the street lighting had not been rescinded so a second resolution could not take place and therefore the vote made at this meeting on the 5th February, 2019 was not valid. Members agreed that in light of this information that the SLA should be signed and payment for the street lighting be paid.
- c) Report of the Special Clerks Advisory Sub-Committee held on 5th February, 2019 subject to page 9781 the Town Clerk stated that she had received a further quote for the Town Council's magazine which had come in at a higher price. Members agreed to proceed with the original quote.
- d) Report of the Special Establishment Sub-Committee held on 5th February, 2019.
- e) Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12th February, 2019
- f) Report of the Planning and Environmental Committee held on 12th February, 2019.
- g) Report of the Twinning Committee held on 12th February, 2019.

FC09/19 PROPOSAL TO TENDER AS PROVIDER OF SEAHAM MARKET

The Town Clerk furnished Members with a full written report detailing information on a proposal for Seaham Town Council to manage Seaham Market. Following discussions Members approved the Town Clerk to submit a tender.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk will submit a tender on behalf of Seaham Town Council to manage/operate the Seaham Market.