

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2021

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mrs L Kennedy (Presiding) and Councillors, R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, Mrs R Charlton-Lainé, Mrs S Forster, Mrs G M Fuller, D Harding, Mrs S Lingard, R Lowery, Miss S Morrison, J Purvis, K Routledge, Miss J Watson, S Wayman, R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H Cahill, J MacVeigh, K Shaw.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk), C Halliday (Minute Taker).

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.

FC33/21 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.

FC34/21 OPEN SESSION

In accordance with established policy the Council provided a fifteen minute opportunity for any members of the public to raise questions. There were no issues raised from members of the public.

FC35/21 TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH MAY, 2021

In relation to page 247 a Councillor queried if the appointed representative for the East Durham Heritage Coast Partnership attended the recent meeting?

It was advised this would need to be checked and the Councillor would be informed of the findings.

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.

FC36/21 **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 & Information Committee held on 1st June, 2021 subject to Councillor Mrs S Lingard being added the expressions of interest for the working party in relation to item A113/21.

- b) Report of the Parks & Events Committee held on 1st June, 2021.
A Member raised in relation to PE55/21 further work is still required at Deneside Park due to fire damage and grass cutting.
The Deputy Town Clerk advised staff attend Deneside Park every morning to clean the site and the area has seen anti-social behaviour. Banning notices have been recently issued to people causing anti-social behaviour issues at Seaham Town Park, if individuals are identified at Deneside the possibility of banning notices will be explored. The Deputy Town Clerk agreed to attend the site.

A Member queried the availability of the EU court ruling in relation to item PE61/21. It was advised this will be taken to the next meeting of the Parks and Events Committee.

A Member queried the date for the marking of football pitches and if the goalposts are being supplied by the Council. It was advised the marking is to be carried out in July and the Council is supplying goalposts.

- c) Report of the Planning & Environmental Committee held on 8th June, 2021.

- d) Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 8th June, 2021.

- e) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 8th June, 2021.

FC37/21 **COUNCIL OPERATIONS**

It was advised following the recent Government announcement delaying the relaxation of social distancing restrictions it has been necessary to cancel the summer events. It is proposed to hold an event on 4th and 5th September which would combine elements from the various cancelled events such as Armed Forces Day, Carnival, Mini Gala and Brass events.

A Member suggested the bank holiday be avoided and that an event should also be held in August. It was advised the Pirates and Princesses event is planned for August however this is a smaller event which takes place on the bank holiday weekend as it has for the previous 4 or 5 years.

A member of the public asked if local businesses on the seafront can hold activities?

It was recommended this would come under Durham County Council Licencing. The Mayor advised they will liaise with Durham County Council and provide the relevant information to the member of the public.

It was recommended the smaller support group meeting at the Town Hall resume in line with the Government guidelines prior to 19th July.

RECOMMENDED that:

- i. The preparations for the event to be held on the 4th and 5th September begin.
- ii. Bookings for smaller support group meeting at the Town Hall resume in line with the Government guidelines prior to 19th July.

The Meeting was then closed by the Chair.

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