

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th OCTOBER, 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor David Wallace, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Allcock, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs Campbell, Coates, Costello, Coulson, Elvin, Mrs. J. Heron, Hepple, R. Heron, Holt, Mrs. Sinnott, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. G. Wallace. (17).

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Mayor made the following statement:-

'To advise both Members of the Council and members of the public that the Meeting may be recorded by both audio and video and photographs may also be taken. Indeed the Town Council are recording the Meeting, in accordance with their adopted policy. Any objections to this should be stated before the commencement of the Meeting.'

Prior to the commencement of the meeting newly appointed Northumbria Police Community Inspector Quinn met with Members to explain new operational procedures and officers in the district. Members discussed with Insp. Quinn a variety of questions relating to ongoing issues in the Town. The mayor thanked Insp. Quinn for her presentation and assistance.

7.00 p.m. Public Participation

Several members of the public were present and had recorded names in the Attendance Book.

Mr. Mathews again referred to the need for upgraded transport public bus services from Durham City to Hetton, especially on evenings. He also asked if a check could be undertaken with regard to a dangerous structure to the old concrete style bus shelter at Bedale Street, Peat Carr Estate. He placed on record his thanks for the prompt help and assistance he had received from Cllr Coats, regarding fly tipping matter at Moorsley.

Ms. Pearson again asked for further response to issues raised regarding matters shown in the audited annual accounts March 2016.

Ms Rowhan asked for copies of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meetings 29th September and 6th October and asked if they would be made public by the Council.

1. To Receive, Accept and Approve Apologies for Absence

The following Members had submitted apologies in advance of the Meeting: Councillors Blackburn, Cummings, Defty and Green – all received and approved.

2 To receive, accept and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 20th September, 2016

The Minutes having been distributed to members in advance it was moved by Cllr R. Heron and seconded by Cllr Hepple and RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a correct record.

Cllr Mrs Campbell at this point highlighted her objection to the Minutes, which she stated did not reflect the full discussions ongoing at Meeting.

3 To consider matters arising from the Minutes

None reported.

4. To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members for Items on the Agenda

A Declaration recorded in respect of **Cllr D. Geddes** who is a Member of the Heritage for Hetton Sculpture Group.

5. To receive, accept and approve the minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee Meetings held Thursday, 29th September and Special Meeting 6th October, 2016

Cllr Heron gave members a verbal presentation of the Minutes. a copy of which has been previously distributed to Members.

a. In respect of Meeting 29th September, Cllr Elvin, whilst agreeing to the Grant Award to the Sculpture Committee, asked how it would be funded.

Cllr Heron responded from the current Grant Aid Budget, which was not yet committed, however, Members were reminded that a £5,000 Community Grant had been received from Eppleton Quarry Products for such support of groups.

It was moved by Cllr Hepple and seconded by Cll R. Heron that the recommendations and Minutes be accepted.

b. In respect of meeting 6th October, 2016, which was a Special Meeting called to examine one issue, that of the mayoral Allowance.

Cllr Elvin questioned why the public should be excluded from such discussions and if indeed the Agenda was presented correctly.

Cllr Heron in response highlighted Standing Orders and Rules governing meetings and he was satisfied on both issues correct procedures had been followed.

He then gave a verbal report to accompany the Minutes and recommendations made. He moved and was seconded by Cllr Hepple that the Minutes be accepted and agreed RESOLVED.

6. Information and Invitation: Hetton and District Annual Remembrance Services, 2016

Members were given a full report on the two events: Hetton, 11th November and Easington Lane, 13th November. All Members were invited to attend one or both events.

7. City of Sunderland: Library Service Review, Public Consultation and Survey

Members were provided with details of the ongoing consultation document and it was agreed that individual responses should be submitted.

8. Hetton Lyons Country Park – Notice of A.G.M. and Events from Secretary

Members received information and in doing so, Cllr Elvin suggested that a letter of gratitude be sent to Ms. Shirley Carr, Secretary of the Friends of H.L.C.P. for all of her commitment and hard work given so freely.

Agreed the letter to be sent on behalf of the Council.

9. C.D.A.L.C. Notice of 70th A.G.M., County hall, Durham, 10.00 a.m., 22nd October, 2016

Information noted and it was confirmed that Town Council Representatives Cllr R. Heron, Hepple and Sinnott would be attending.

10. Eppleton Quarry Products – Liaison Meeting, Thursday, 20th October, 2016, 5.00 p.m.

Members were given notice of the meeting. Cllr Elvin asked to be provided with a copy of the past meeting minutes of the Liaison Group.

11. Elemore Vale Provision of Post Box

Members were provided with a copy correspondence from Royal Mail explaining criteria for providing newly installed post boxes, unfortunately it would not be possible to install a facility at Elemore Vale.

12. Report of the Mayor's engagements carried out during previous month

The Mayor scheduled his appointments and engagements for Members since the last Meeting:

Darlington Mayor Quiz Fundraising Night
Spennymoor Mayor Brass Band Concert
Mayor of Sunderland fundraising night
Locomotion Shildon visit
Locomotion Shildon Trust Update
Houghton Feast Queen of Eventide
Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony
Houghton Feast Civic Service
Houghton Feast Community Hymns
Bulb planting with school children Hetton Lyons Country Park

13. To consider Grant Applications Received

- a. H-L-S Firework Display
- b. M.F.C.

Cllr Heron proposed both be deferred to be considered at the next Meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee.

Signed
Councillor D. Wallace
Mayor