

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Monday 18 October at The Hetton Centre, Hetton le Hole

Note: The meeting was not audio or video recorded by The Town Council.

Present

Councillors R Coulson, J Defty, T Dodds, P Dowell, D Geddis (Town Mayor) , L Gibson, R Heron, K Pearson, S Reilly, K Rowham, I Scott, S Waterston and C Willis.

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)

Members of the Public (MoP) x

Supt Sarah Pitt and Chief Inspector Dave Pickett (Northumbria Police); Louise Butler and Michelle Coates (SCC) - Item 3.

1) Apologies for absence

TC advised that apologies for absence had been received from Cllr R Coulson (away) Cllr P Hall (unwell), Cllr R Elvin (business commitment) and Cllr M Thornton (attending SCC event). Town Council resolved to approve the apologies received.

No apology for absence had been received from Cllr J Blackburn. Town Council resolved to record his absence as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Hetton Multi Agency Partnership working

SCC officers Michelle Coates, Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager and Louise Butler, Partnership Project Lead together with Supt Sarah Pitt and Chief Inspector Dave Pickett (Northumbria Police) spoke in-depth about a forthcoming community led project to tackle ASB/crime and other issues such as housing and mental health, through a multi agency approach.

The initiative would follow the success of a similar project in Southwick, but would be bespoke for Hetton.

A Strategic Board would be established to drive the project and a community engagement worker (based at The Hetton Centre) would be employed by SCC to help deliver the project. The Town Council was regarded as a key partner and its' support was sought. A commitment was made to provide regular updates to Town Council.

After a series of questions to the Police and SCC from Members and the public, Town Council resolved to welcome and support the initiative.

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4) Public participation

There were no questions raised in addition to those flagged at Item 3.

5) Minutes

- a) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Hetton Town Council held on 20 September 2021.
- b) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Meeting of the Events & Special Activities Committee held on 4 October 2021.

6) Reports from Members

Collectively, Members raised request for speed humps at the following locations: Pemberton Bank to Four Lane Ends; Houghton Road; Moorsley; Old Durham Road, East Rainton and Kingfisher Drive, Easington Lane.

7) Sunderland City Councillor(s) - Hetton and Copt Hill wards

There were no City Councillors present.

8) Town Clerk update

TC reported that an update on issues raised at September meeting had been received from SCC and circulated to Members on 14 October.

TC informed Council that he had been advised that The Hetton Centre would re-open to the public on 1 November.

Cost details for Christmas trees had now been received from SCC, however these were each £850.00 more expensive than 2020. TC would seek an explanation from SCC.

Town Council resolved to note the update provided by the Town Clerk.

9) Financial report

Town Council resolved to approve the financial report and expenditure outlined below.

Income:

Sunderland City Council:	
Precept 21-22 (2nd instalment)	£27495.50
Local Council Tax Support Grant 21-22 (2nd instalment)	£5922.50
Barclay's Business Premium Account interest	£0.71

Staffing expenditure:

Town Clerk net salary (includes agreed additional hrs for Sept)	£1235.06
HMRC (Combined employer/employee liabilities)	£583.18
NEST Pension (Combined employer/employee contributions)	DD £85.94

Sub-total: £1904.18

Town Clerk expenditure:

Tesco Extra (2 x 50 DL envelopes, 2 x 500 packs A4 paper)	£8.00
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Sub-total: £8.00

Other expenditure:

Mazars LLP (fee for Limited Assurance Review 20-21)	£408.00
EE (Invoice 4 October 21)	DD £12.00

Sub-total: £420.00

Total: £2332.18

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Barclays Current account balance @ 14 Oct 21:	£96550.26
Anticipated current account balance if all paid:	£94218.08
Barclays Reserve account balance @ 14 Oct 21:	£28404.09
Town Mayor fund:	
Income:	Nil
Expenditure:	Nil
Co-op Bank balance @ 14 Oct 21:	£1750.00

10) Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2020-2021

TC referred to the previously circulated completion letter received from Mazars and explained the background to the minor recommendation. Town Council resolved to note the contents of the letter.

11) Hetton Town Council meeting venue

TC advised that Hetton Town Trust (HTT) had confirmed that Room 1 was available for Town Council meetings, but he sought the views of Council in reverting to the use of this established venue.

A Member expressed concerns about inadequate air change rates in the context of Health & Safety Executive and Government guidelines relating to ventilation and Covid-19 safety.

Town Council resolved that TC investigate further and liaise with HTT to establish the position .

12) Hetton Lyons Boys Club

TC referred to the previously circulated letter received from SCC in response to the Town Council's request for the site to be nominated as an asset of community value. Town Council resolved to note the response and requested that TC seek clarity from SCC re the terminology used.

13) Co. Durham Association of Local Councils AGM

Town Council resolved to note the verbal report provided by Cllr D Geddis.

14) Showmen's Guild Annual Luncheon - 10 November 21

Town Council resolved that Cllrs D Geddis (Town Mayor) and R Elvin (Deputy Town Mayor) be nominated to attend.

15) Planning matters:

Town Council considered the following planning application and resolved to take action as indicated below:

21/02336/FUL

Reserve Forces And Cadet Association Hetton Resource Centre

Office Place Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9JL

Proposal: Installation of replacement windows and roof lights.

Applicant: Mr Paul Fullard - North Of England R.F.C.A

No comments or objections.

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16) Government Welcome Back Fund

TC introduced the previously circulated report.
After discussion, Town Council resolved to note the report and seek funding for a contribution towards Christmas trees.

17) General correspondence

Town Council resolved to take action as detailed below:

Co. Durham Association of Local Councils:

Safer public spaces - managing outdoor settings **Circulate**

Training course availability **Circulate**

DCC Waste /Minerals consultation **Circulate**

Queens Platinum Jubilee update **Circulate**

Planning for the Future White Paper (circulated 12 10 21) **Noted**

Larger Councils Forum 18 November **Circulate**

Local Council Award Scheme applications **Circulate**

Sunderland City Council:

40 mph and other restrictions TRO (circulated 27 09 21) **Noted**

Opening of Fire Station venue (circulated 27 09 21) **Noted**

18) Date and time of next meeting

19.15 hrs on Monday 15 November 2021 at The Hetton Centre.