

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of Events & Special Activities Committee meeting held on 10 October 2019 at the Hetton Centre

NOTE: Town Clerk not present. Minutes prepared by TC based on feedback from Cmtte Chairman and notes provided by Cllr R Coulson.

Present:

Councillors R Coulson, D Geddis (Chairman), S Quigley and S Waterston.

In attendance:

Councillor K Pearson.

Member of the public x 1.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr T Dodds (personal commitment), Cllr M Thornton (Labour Party commitment), Cllr D Turner (meeting at Civic Centre), Cllr C Willis (unwell). Committee resolved to approve the apologies.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public Participation

The Chairman suggested a period of up to 10 minutes be allowed. Committee resolved to approve a period of 10 minutes.

There were no items raised.

4) Remembrance Commemoration

In advance of the meeting, TC had circulated a report documenting progress with actions agreed at 30 September meeting.

Committee resolved to note progress and those issues requiring further consideration.

Committee further resolved:

To note that following discussions between and Ian Meldrum, (Apostolic Church) it had become clear that the Easington Lane event was not a "mirror" of the Hetton event as had previously been indicated.

To make a donation of £50.00 to Friends of Herrington Country Park for the loan of their PA system.

Signed:

Date:

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5) Christmas celebration

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Committee resolved to note progress and those issues requiring further consideration.

Due to lack of availability at The Hetton Centre, Committee resolved to recommend seeking an alternative venue with a preferred date of 29 November.

The report of TC produced for circulation at the meeting highlighted the 100% increase in the cost of Christmas trees recently notified by SCC and the deadline of Friday 11 October for an order to be placed. The report was clear that the allocated and agreed budget for 19/20 was insufficient to meet the cost increase.

Chairman reported that in advance of the meeting, TC had outlined the position to all Members by email and canvassed their opinion on how proceed, in the context of the deadline preceding the next meeting of Full Council at which this matter would normally have been considered. TC had reported to him that feedback received was supportive of proceeding with the requirement for Christmas trees, albeit at increased cost.

Committee resolved to recommend the purchase of trees at the increased cost having also taken into account the views articulated by other Members to TC.

Committee further resolved to recommend that the intended application to SCC Community Chest for funding be increased to the maximum amount, and that any end shortfall be met from Town Council reserves.