

# Hetton Town Council



## Minutes of Management and Policy Committee held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at The Hetton Centre

### **Present**

Councillors R Elvin (Chairman), D Geddis, M Hopper and S Waterston.

### **In attendance**

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC), Cllr K Pearson.

### **1) Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from or on behalf of Cllr J Cunningham (family commitment), Cllr T Dodds (unwell), Cllr J Green (work commitment) and Cllr C Sinnott (unwell). Committee resolved to approve the apologies received.

### **2) Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3) Public participation**

There were no issues raised.

### **4) Civic Pride scheme**

A wide ranging discussion took place. This included suggestions around recognition for individual contributions to environmental enhancements, community involvement and youth achievements. Consideration was also given to arranging suitable events to present awards.

Committee resolved that TC undertake research to glean details of award schemes operated by other local councils to help inform the Town Council's approach.

### **5) Green space improvements**

TC referred Members to the previously circulated Wear Catchment Partnership proposal and advised this was for information and interest.

TC drew Members attention to the Green Space interactive map which he had sourced and circulated. TC recommended that this be utilised by Members when identifying areas for environmental enhancement and the planting of wild flowers. TC advised that he had seen press coverage which referred to SCC success in obtaining funding from the Government's Urban Tree Challenge Fund for tree planting in the city.

Cllr R Elvin expressed disappointment that the editorial item listed a range of SCC partner organisations, but HTC did not form part of these.

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### **5) Green space improvements cont ...**

Committee resolved that TC seek more information to establish how Hetton and district may be able to benefit from the Urban Tree Challenge Fund monies awarded to SCC and further explore partnership working opportunities.

### **6) Community priorities**

TC reported that an initial response had been received from SCC re City Plan and that further dialogue was required. He added that a Facebook page for HTC was at an advanced stage but required further research to ensure adequate controls were in place to meet agreed requirements.

TC advised that a site visit to CCTV control room at SCC was scheduled for this month.

TC advised Committee that he had received notification from SCC that no funding was available for the remodelling of the Mini Park.

Committee resolved that TC liaise further with SCC to explore alternative funding options.

### **7) Date and time of next meeting**

To be notified by TC.

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Signed:

Date: