

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 19th JANUARY, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. J. Heron, Mayor, in the Chair

Present: Councillors: Mrs. A. Adamson, Mrs F. Anderson, J. Blackburn, R. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, C. Nairns, Mrs. A. Rankin, Mrs. E. Richardson, W. Robinson, A. Robson, J. Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, R. D. Tate, A. Wilkinson. (18).

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Mayor on behalf of all colleagues presented Councillor J. Steel with a gift and best wishes on the occasion of his 80th Birthday

Members received a Presentation from Darren Cummings from E-On Energy giving an update on the Eppleton Wind Farm Energy Project in relation to the construction of 4 new windmills and how best E-On can make financial contribution to the Hetton Community via their Financial Support Scheme.

1. To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, J.W. Glover. (3).

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Council Meeting held on 19th January, 2009 and to formally confirm cancellation of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2009

The Minutes having been circulated to Members it was moved by Coun Wilkinson and seconded by Coun Hepple and RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record and signed accordingly.

3 To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes

None raised

4 To record Declarations of Interest from Members

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors J. Blackburn, R. Heron and R. D. Tate in respect of Item 17 Planning Consultations, as members of the Sunderland City Council Planning Committee.

5 The Mayor adjourned the Meeting to allow time for public participation

6 Ward Matters; Report of Councillors

- a. Councillor Rankin reported potholes and poor road surface at B1284 rear Rainton Bridge/Crudas House.
- b. Councillor Adamson reported similar problems at Queen Elizabeth Drive, Easington Lane.
- c. Councillor Mrs. J. Heron, asked the Clerk to write to the Director of Children's Services, Sunderland City Council, concerning the ongoing public consultation regarding the schools admission placement policy and perhaps the impending effect this would have on Eppleton Primary, Hetton Primary and Hetton Nursery School

7 Buckingham Palace Garden party

The Town Clerk gave a Report from C.D.A.L.C. outlining nomination requirements. Nominations to be submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs. Rankin and Councillor Mrs. Richardson.

8 Proposed Puffin Pedestrian Crossing, B1284 – Memo proposals from City Director of Regeneration Services

Members considered the proposals and location plan and expressed concerns at location and operation. Councillor Hepple asked that a site meeting be arranged with the appropriate City Council Officer.

9 Information from C.D.A.L.C. re Section 137 expenditure

Information was received and noted.

10. Sunderland Strategy Vision – Report of Consultation Day, 27th January, 2009

The Town Clerk gave a verbal Report on the Consultation Day and the proposals to restructure and re-define the operation of the City's Coalfield Area Committee.

11. Living Street Project

Members received the information and were advised that Mr. P. Riddell of the Living Street Project would make a Presentation to members at the Meeting in April, 2009.

12. Applications for Financial Grant Aid Assistance

The three applications were examined and it was agreed that the next meeting of the Council Finance Committee should consider the applications and make recommendations to Full Council Meeting.

13. Correspondence from City Solicitor

Members were issued with copies of memos/letters issued in regard to the Hetton Park/Louvain Terrace matter.

14 Sunderland N.H.S. T.P.C.T. Engagement Board – Consultation Day, Thursday, 19th February, 2009

Members were advised of details and the need for representation, Councillor Steel agreed to attend the event.

15 Proposed Vodaphone Base Station, Moorsley Road, Hetton-le-Hole

A letter from Harlequin Ltd. Was issued to members outlining the proposal.

Members were quite concerned at the proposal on the grounds that it was felt that both suggested locations were in a nearby location to both Hetton Secondary School and Hetton Primary School.

16 Charter Agreement with City of Sunderland

Members advised and issued with the notes of a special meeting of Councillors to discuss and examine the Charter.

Members generally greatly welcomed this progress and were delighted with the initiative. The Town Clerk was asked to check with C.D.A.L.C. that issues were correct before replying to the City Council.

17 Planning Consultation

A Application No. 09/00173/FUL
7 Summerson Street, Hetton-le-Hole
Single storey extension to rear of property

B Application No. 09/00349/FUL
Land W. E. Jones premises, Claude Street
Erection of garage block and storage container

C Application No. 08/04021/FUL
Land at Church Road, Hetton Downs
Erection of 10 bed residential home

No objections were made to the applications, however, comment was made in respect of 17C, where extra traffic access onto Church Road may cause safety problems.

18 Information to Members:-

The Town Clerk gave the following details where Councillor representation is required.

- Coalfield Forum Meeting, Wednesday, 18th February, 12.30 p.m. at Herrington Burn Y.M.C.A. – Councillor Steel to attend
- Woodland Trust – Tree Planting, Sunday, 8th March, 10.00 a.m. at Whitehill Woods, Easington Lane – the Mayor to attend
- Northumbria in Bloom Inaugural Meeting, Monday, 9th march, 9.30 a.m. at Gala Theatre, Durham City – Councillors Mrs. Heron, Mrs. Rankin and Wilkinson to attend

Signed
COUNCILLOR Mrs. J. HERON
Mayor