

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2013 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. D. Turner, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Cummings, Glover, Mrs. Heron, Hepple, Maddison, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Richardson, Robinson, Robson, Mrs. Storey, Todd, Wilkinson. (14).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, J. Blackburn, Heron, Nairns, Steel, Tate. (7)

**2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

The Minutes having been distributed in advance to Members it was MOVED by Councillor Mrs. Adamson and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Richardson and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true and correct record.

**3 Matters Arising from Minutes**

No matters were raised by members.

**4 Declarations of Interest (D.I.P.)**

None recorded.

**5 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation**

Several members of the public were in attendance and time was allocated to speak on matters:

Mr. Robert Scott on behalf of Hetton Greenwatch Group referred to the recent City Council State of the Area Event held at the Bethany Centre, Houghton-le-Spring.

He referred to matters of concern raised concerning Housing Developments in the area and the ongoing environmental and sewerage problems that were evident. He referred to the City Council Strategy Housing Document and had asked the City Councillors for comment, to date no reply had been received. He asked that HTC also pursue these questions of development issues.

Mrs. Kathleen Pearson, referred to the ongoing problems with the All-Trac Waste Disposal operation at Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate and in particular the traffic issues of parking indiscriminately on the pavement and speeding large wagons entering and leaving the estate. She maintained pedestrians were in daily danger which was being ignored by Police and Authorities.

Mrs. Anne Campbell, again expressed concern about the ongoing problem of the footpath at Front Street, shopping area, being blocked by fruit and

vegetable retailers setting out their wares on the path, hence creating a danger to pedestrians.

She stated that as Hetton Town Council had to refer all issues to Sunderland City Council appropriate department for appropriate action, she felt that HTC had no powers to help her and suggested that it be abolished.

Mrs. Kay Rowham again questioned Town Council protocol and procedures, particularly relating to Planning Consultation issues, she asked for clarity in all matters as she couldn't quite understand some of the operation of the Council and why Councillors were not able to engage in dialogue and discussion with the public in some circumstances.

#### **6 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Finance and Resources Sub Committee Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

The Minutes having been distributed to Members, Councillor Glover, Chairman of the Sub Committee gave a verbal report on the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Hepple and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Storey and RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

#### **7 To Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Planning and Development Sub Committee Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**

The Minutes having been distributed to members, Councillor Wilkinson, Chairman of the Sub Committee gave a verbal report on the minutes and associated correspondence relating to the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Hepple and seconded by Councillor Robson and RESOLVED that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

#### **8 Correspondence received for note and acceptance**

- a. Hetton Greenwatch regarding event Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> may, 2013 – the Group thanked HTC for their support, both financially and in support with the Event, which in response Members congratulated all concerned on such a successful, unique event in the Town.
- b. Hetton Greenwatch – Report regarding Sunderland City Council Housing Development Strategy – as previously discussed and noted
- c. East Rainton Neighbourhood Group. Receipt of letter and donation towards Christmas Tree provision in the village in December 2013.

The Town Clerk advised members that after several successful years the group were disbanding and surplus funds provided for the outlined provision.

A letter of acknowledgement gratitude had been sent to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Group

Signed  
Councillor Mrs. D. Turner, Mayor

