



Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Monday 16 December 2024 at The Hetton Centre, Hetton-le-Hole, County Durham, DH5 9NE

Note: The meeting (Items 1-13 only) was audio recorded throughout by a Member.

Present

Cllrs K Angus, J Bonsall, D Brennan, J Defty, P Dowell, D Geddis, L Gibson, P Hall, S Holt, R Meadows, H Morton, K Pearson, M Pigdon, K Rowham, D Thomas, S Waterston (Town Mayor), C Willis and S Woods-Brass.

In attendance

Graeme Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
Members of public (MoP) x 2

1) Apologies for absence

TC reported that an apology for absence had been received from Cllr R Elvin (work commitment).

Town Council **resolved** to approve the apology received.

No apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Green or Cllr W Little.

Town Council **resolved** to record their absences as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Minutes

Town Council **resolved** to approve the draft minutes of the meeting of Hetton Town Council held on 18 November 2024.

4) Public participation

There were no issues raised.

5) Reports from Members

Cllr C Willis: reported missing metal railings from walkway between Byers Square to Hall Lane.

Cllr L Gibson: reported that Christmas tree lights at Moorsley site had been partially blown off.

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

There were no City Councillors in attendance.

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7) Financial report

Town Council **resolved** to approve:

The financial report and expenditure outlined below;
and,

The establishment of a Direct Debit for the payment of future invoices received from Konica Minolta.

Income:

Eppleton Quarry products (Grant award 2024 - 2025)	£5000.00
Barclays (Business Premium Account interest)	£108.55

Staffing expenditure:

Town Clerk net salary (includes add. hrs for Nov and pay award arrears)	£2217.45
HMRC (Combined employer/employee liabilities)	£871.18
NEST Pension (Combined employer/employee contributions)	DD £165.67

Sub-total: £3254.30

Other expenditure:

Fellowship of Churches (reimbursement for refreshments - Remembrance Day @ EL)	Cash £17.67
Post Office Ltd, Hetton (40 x 2 nd class stamps @ 0.85p each)	DC £34.00
Konica Minolta Ltd (print and copy costs 10 Aug 24 - 09 Nov 24)	£44.93
Adobe Ireland (monthly charge for Adobe Pro)	DC £19.97
AF Entertainments (Entertainer – Children's Xmas Party - 15 Dec 24)	£180.00
Zurich Municipal (Insurance renewal 25-26)	£653.51
Clarks Shoe Repairs, HLS (key cut for Xmas Fair 29 Nov)	Cash £4.00
BT (monthly broadband charge)	DD £41.98
Pricewise Bargains, Hetton (Xmas decorations for 29 Nov event)	DC £27.94
Tesco, South Shields (Foolscap Box file)	DC £4.20
Centre Spot Café (Catering for Armistice Day event - 11 Nov 24)	£258.00
Pricewise Bargains, Hetton (misc. craft items for 29 Nov event)	DC £30.24
Hetton Town Trust (venue hire for 11, 18 and 28 Nov and 15 Dec)	£362.50
Sunderland City Council (static guarding for 29 Nov event at THC)	£118.73
EE (mobile phone - 4 Dec 24)	DD £11.32
Amazon UK (various suppliers - misc. stationery incl. 5 x 500 A4 paper)	DC £47.74
North East Mobility Warehouse Ltd (supply of "Puffing Billy" for 29 Nov Xmas event)	£360.00
Pricewise Bargains, Hetton (cable ties for Xmas banner)	DC £3.98
Fantabulous Faces (face painter for 15 Dec event)	Cash £180.00
Miconex Ltd (Sunderland Gift Cards x 2 - prizes for Community Champions)	DC £153.50
T Davison (fee for Santa for 15 Dec 24 event)	£100.00

Sub-total: £2654.21

Community Grant Award (subject to decision at Item 8):

Hetton Amateur Swimming Club	£750.00
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Sub-total: £750.00

Total: £6658.51

Barclays Current account balance @ 12 Dec 24:	£116,440.35
Anticipated current account balance if all paid:	£109,781.84
Barclays Premium account:	
Balance @ 12 Dec 24:	£29,134.71

Town Mayor Fund

Income:	Nil
Expenditure:	Nil
Co-op Account balance @ 12 Dec 24	£1775.00

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Signed:

Date:

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8) Community Grant Award

Town Council **resolved** to approve the application received from Hetton Amateur Swimming Club for £750.00.

9) Town Clerk update

TC provided the following information:

Children's Xmas Party had gone ahead on 15 December.

SCC Community Chest application for Christmas tree funding was deemed ineligible by SCC due to disparity in timescales.

Hetton Town Trust had advised that they were unable to fulfil the Town Council's request for the provision of a Warm Space facility at The Hetton Centre.

A breach of copyright fee reported at November 24 meeting was found to be bona fide and payment had been made.

Funding to the value of £3000.00 had been secured from Big Local towards Christmas tree and illuminations at Moorsley.

Member photographs published on the Town Council website would be used for ID cards.

SCC had advised that consideration was being given to the installation of bend warning signs at Downs Lane/Regent Street.

Storm damage to the Christmas trees at East Rainton and Hetton Downs had been reported and attended to.

B Phillipson MP had responded to the Town Council's letter re former Hetton Nursery School and this had been circulated on 5 December 24.

Members were further reminded of the requirement to complete and submit an updated Register of Interests form if any circumstances had changed.

Town Council **resolved**:

To note the update received from the Town Clerk;

That TC write to Hetton Town Trust to express disappointment at their decision re Warm Space;

and,

That TC write to Sunderland City Council to request a meeting to discuss options for the provision of a Warm Space facility at The Hetton Centre.

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10) VCS Network - 3 Dec 24

Cllr K Angus provided a verbal update and advised that the meeting on 3 December had focussed on food banks and the priority need for donations of personal hygiene products.

Town Council **resolved** to note the report received from Cllr Angus.

11) Planning matter

Town Council considered the application below received from SCC.

24/02476/FUL

Hetton Lyons Cricket Club, Lilywhite Terrace Easington Lane, DH5 0HF

Proposal: Proposed additional two storey extension to the existing cricket clubhouse and changing room building to provide additional changing facilities and first floor link with first floor balcony.

Applicant: Mr Trevor Walker

Town Council **resolved** no comments or objections.

12) General correspondence

Town Council **resolved** to take action as indicated below:

Co. Durham Association of Local Councils:

Updates - 21 and 27 November; 5 and 13 December 24 **Noted**

S Almeida, Newcastle University Student:

Digital Divide survey for PhD **Refer to TfC**

13) Date and time of next meeting

Monday 20 January 2025 commencing 18.00 hrs.

Confidential Business:

Town Council **resolved** that Members of the public and press be excluded (Exclusion under the Admissions to Public Meetings Act 1960).

14) Staff resource

Town Council **resolved** that full delegation for this matter be given to the Staff, Employment & Training Committee in conjunction with Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor.

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