

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 15th July 2014 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors L. Rowland (Chair), J. Fowler, J. Gale, A. Green, R. Grogan, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird and C. Umpelby.

Also Present: Tommy Hindmoor (resident), Janet Hildreth and David Golightly (Tow Law Organ Restoration Committee), Janine Ann Ross-Blakey and Philip Blakey (Banner for Tow Law) County Councillor J. Hart and G. F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor A. Blacker and P. Stokes

106/14 Declaration of interest

Councillor Hindmoor – agenda item 3 interview applicants for Community Fund

Councillor Hird - agenda item 3 interview applicants for Community Fund

107/14 Interview Applicants for Community Fund

A) Tommy Hindmoor

(Councillor Hindmoor did not leave the meeting)

Tommy Hindmoor presented his application for funding from the N-Power Community Fund to help him progress fishing with Bishop Auckland and District Angling Club.

Members agreed to donate £125 from the Community Fund to help fund the purchase of a new fishing rod.

The Chair presented him with a cheque.

B) St Joseph's Tow Law Organ Restoration Committee

The Committee Members presented the funding/social events that the committee have arranged (14th June – Lunch time concert). Other community and educational events are planned. The estimate to overhaul and restore the organ would cost around £40,000 (to date £1300 has been raised).

Janet Hildreth and David Golightly left the meeting while Members discussed possible funding.

Members agreed to the following:-

£1000 donation from general funds

Year 2015/16 £250 from general funds and £250 from Community Fund

Year 2016/17 £250 from general funds and £250 from Community Fund

Janet Hildreth and David Golightly returned to the meeting room.

The Chair informed them of the Council's decision and presented them with a cheque for £1000 towards the restoration fund.

Janet Hildreth and David Golightly left the meeting.

C) Tow Law Millennium Primary School Fundraising Committee- Climbing structure.

Councillor Hird informed the meeting that this application has been withdrawn (funding has been raised).

108/14 Tow Law Banner

Janine Ann Ross- Blakey and Philip Blakey joined the meeting and presented the restored banner which had been presented at Durham Miners Gala on Saturday 12th July. The Chair presented them with a cheque for £100 (£50 from Town Council and £50 from County Councillor J. Hart)

109/14 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 17th June 2014
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

110/14 Matters arising
None

111/14 Police Report
No report received.

112/14 County Councillor Report
County Councillor J. Hart reported on the following:-

- Review of Polling Stations
- Children's Centres
- Council Tax Relief
- Tow Law War Memorial
- NISA – No progress
- Application for 106 funding
- Meeting with Town Council/Officers of DCC (re arrange for August)

113/14 Representation by Residents - None

114/14 Planning matters
A) Planning Application - None
B) Neighbourhood Plan – No further update

115/14 Accounts for payment
Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 22 to 28 in the sum of £2700.49. Copy of report attached to these minutes
Members agreed for PHG Maintenance to carry out further strimming in first week of August (Clerk to arrange) at the Bee Hive Coke Ovens

116/14 Expenditure report 1st April to 30th June 2014
Members agreed to accept the following report:-

Details	£.p
Staff Costs	3936.39
Admin Expenses	52.21
Office Rent	1800.00
Councillor/Staff Training	27.00
Allotments	10.07
Miscellaneous	993.32
Vat	75.82
Total	6894.81

117/14 Commemorating Centenary of 1st World War
Members agreed to donate £250 (from the N-Power Community Fund) to the Tow Law History Society towards the costs of the event in the Community Centre on 2nd/3rd August 2014. The Chair presented the cheque to Councillor Grogan who would hand it to the Society's Secretary/Treasurer.

118/14 Tow Law War Memorial
Councillor J. Hart reported that the County Council has arranged for a specialist contractor to visit the site and prepare a report on required repairs etc.

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Chair's report

- The Chair reported that she had agreed for PHG Maintenance to carry out strimming and mowing of overgrown footpath from Tow Law Gym to Baring Court (cost of £80) remove overhanging branches and nettles from Millennium Green Entrance (cost of £40) and disposal off waste (£25).
Members agreed to approve the Chair's action.
- Web Site (now urgent) to promote Play areas etc, Councillor Gale to discuss with Jason Miller on his return from holiday. It is hoped that this work can commence/finish during August, ready for launch in September.
- Chair will be working with the Clerk on reviewing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, funding application forms for the proposed play areas and updating the Council's Web Site, all during the month of August.

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Clerk's Report

The Clerk read out applications for N-Power Community Funding from the following Organisations:-

A) Weardale Holiday Activity Planning Group

Funding towards two day trips

Members agreed to donate £250 to this project

B) Tow Law Millennium School (Flis Chesters)

Funding towards family activities during the school holiday period.

Members agreed to donate £250 to this project.

C) Tow Law Community Association

Transport Costs to Burnhill Nature Project

Members agreed to donate £250 to this project.

D) Archery Club at Tow Law Community Association

Members agreed to invite Members of the Club Committee to the next Town Council meeting (16th September), to further discuss the proposal.

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Members Reports

A) Millennium Green (Councillor Hird)

- Strimming Course 21st July
- Volunteer Day 25th July
- Moth Night 24th September (5 to 7pm)
- Dog Park – more information required (Chair to investigate)
- Concerns regarding noise from proposed play area disturbing the pigeon crees?
- Fencing around pond – completed
- Wood for seating/ decking of platform – ordered

B)Poverty Report (Councillor Grogan)

Clerk awaiting response from DCC. Members agreed for this matter to be referred to County Durham Association of Local Councils (Councillor Batson/Steve Ragg).

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Date of next meeting

Date of the next ordinary meeting will be Tuesday 16th September 2014 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm