

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

Present: Councillors P. Stokes (Chair), M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood, J. Fowler  
and F. Nicol.

Also Present: County Councillor R. Manchester D Willock (Resident) and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

027/22 Apologies

Councillors: T. Ball, C. Batson T. Batson, K. Geraghty-Shewan and E. Mather.

028/22 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in Agenda item No. 9 Tow Law Community Association.

Councillors Craggs and Nicol declared an interest in agenda item 9 – Tow Law Community Association and item 10 – Tow Law Food Bank.

029/22 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

030/22 Action List

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Members agreed to update the list.

031/22 Community Fund – No applications received.

032/22 Joint Report by the Chairman and Vice Chair

- AAP Board Meeting
- Shop premises in High Street
- Electricity Cuts – Clerk to write to Northern Powergrid
- Funding Food Bank Set-up committee

033 /22 Allotments

The Clerk chasing up a response from Northumbrian Water

034/22 Land rear of High Street, Tow Law

The Chair reported on the following:-

- List of Ecology Firms received from DCC  
Signed.....Chairman

035/22 Tow Law Community Association

The Chair reported on the following:-

- Hire of room for Apprenticeship Schemes
- The Community Centre is being used as a “hub” during an emergency such as power outage.

036/22 Tow Law Food Bank

Councillor Nicol reported on the following:-

- The numbers visiting the food bank continues to be very busy

037/22 Police/Pact/Speed Watch Reports – No reports

038/22 County Councillors Report

County Councillor Richard Manchester reported on the following:-

- Master Plan
- School Crossing Patrol – need for a replacement
- Boundary Review
- Councillor Dyer raised the following:-
  - Increased lighting around BMX track
  - Damage to wall at Alpine Way
  - Wolsingham Road – speeding
- Councillor Stokes raised the following:-
  - Further rubbish bins required
  - Dog bins not being emptied
  - Cemetery Road – bin/dog bin required
- The Chemist shop on High Street collection of rubbish?

039/22 Representation by Residents None

040/22 Bank Account (online banking) – No further update

041/22 Planning Application

DH/21/04279/VOC by Mr C. Kenny for variation of condition 2 and condition 5 at 12 Meadow Court, Tow Law

DECISION No objections

Signed.....Chairman

042/22 Accounts for Payment

Vouchers 71 and 72 amounting to £1765.39; to be paid.

Voucher 84 and 85 amounting to £22.03; to be paid.

Vouchers 86 to 89 amounting to £1594.45; to be paid.

043/22 Training requirements

To invite Mr Steve Ragg, CDALC to a Town Council meeting.

044/22 CCTV in Tow Law – Contract to be discussed at the next Town Council meeting.

045/22 Tow Law Millennium Green

Councillor Stokes reported on the following:-

- Quotations for cleaning the ditches required.
- Repairs to decking

Councillor Nicol reported on the following:-

- Repairs to gates at the play area (County Councillor Manchester to chase up).

046/22 Beehive Coke Ovens

Councillor Stokes reported on the following:-

- Roots from Gorse (outstanding).
- Information board to be repaired (County Councillor Manchester to contact DCC Printing Section)

047/22 Play Areas in Tow Law – County Councillor Manchester to provide an update at the next Town Council meeting.

048/22 Platinum Jubilee Event

Councillor Stokes reported on the following:-

- Need for volunteers – possible picnic?

Signed.....Chairman

049/22 Clerks Report

- Council's Web Site – The Clerk reported that the updates had recently been completed.
- Gov.uk Domain change – Clerk to update at the next Town Council meeting.
- Report circulated prior to the meeting; Report one Expenditure Report 1/4/2021 to 28/2/2022, Total £46920.57. Report two detailed expenditure 1/4/2021 to 28/2/2022. Both reports noted.

050/22 Members Reports

Councillor Craggs – Members agreed to meet to discuss the use of social media (sub-committee).

051/22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm.

Signed.....Chairman