

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 16 January 2018 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), C. Batson, T. Batson, J Fowler, C. Hemingway, E. Mather, F. Nicol, P. Stokes, G. Tyers and H. Wilsher.

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

001/18 Apologies

K. Geraghty-Shewan (Work)
R. Grogan (Unwell)

002/18 Declaration of interest

Councillors Gale, Nicol and Stokes declared and interest in agenda item No. 7 – Setting the Precept 2018/2019 (Community Association).

003/18 Community Fund

No new applications.

004/18 Minutes of the special meeting held on 21st November 2017

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

005/18 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 21st November 2017

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

006/18 Matters Arising

- Christmas activities – report to the next Town Council meeting.

007/18 Setting the Precept for 2018/2019

Members agreed to the following:-

- Request a precept for 2018/19 of £33,688.80 (Equates to Band D charge of £72.00 presently £71.56)
- Contribute £3,000 towards the running costs of the Community Centre from this year's reserves (2017/18)
- Contribute £6,000 towards the running costs of the Community Centre from next year's funds (2018/19)
- Include the Community Association – updates on the agenda for each Town Council meeting
- Contribute £2,000 towards the costs of providing 5 Christmas Motifs and Commando Units by Friends of Tow Law from next year's funds (2018/19)
- Clerk to provide expenditure updates as soon as possible
- Precept for 2018/2019 will be £33,688.80 plus LCTRS Grant from DCC of £4262.00 = Total Payment £37,950.80.

- 008/18 Police/Pact/Speedwatch Reports**
- Councillor Stokes provided a print out from the Police website (www.police.uk) for November 2016 and November 2017. Members agreed that more detail was required, no further action
 - Councillor Mather reported on the following Speedwatch sessions:-
 - 1) 14th December at Dan's Castle (1.45 pm to 2.45 pm) 107 vehicles; 12 vehicles exceeding the speed limit
 - 2) 15th January at Dan's Castle (10.15 am to 11.15 am) 92 vehicles; 17 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.
- 009/18 County Councillor Report**
County Councillor Manchester reported on the following: -
- Clinical Commissioning Group - consultation
 - Land for car park - valuation required
 - County Durham Local Plan - consultation period
 - 106 monies
 - Meeting with Carl Marshall on "Regeneration of Town Centres"
 - Brownies/Girl Guide funding application progressing
- 010/18 Representation by Residents - None**
- 011/18 Chairman's Report**
- Removal of street lights (DCC) – objections
 - DCC plan for County Hall site - traffic issues?
- 012/18 Planning Matters**
- A) Planning Applications
- 1) DM/17/03773/FPA by Mr and Mrs A. Bradley for construction of industrial building at land at the south of Unit 1, Inkerman Road, Tow Law
Decision – no objection
- B) Neighbourhood Planning
Councillor Stokes circulated a consultation paper for use at local Surgery sessions (Supermarket, Community Centre, and Masonic Hall). To be further discussed at the next Town Council meeting.
- 013/18 Accounts for payments**
Vouchers 76 to 85 in the sum of £39,231.76 approved for payment.
- 014/18 County Durham Skill Mill**
Add the following scheme (Councillor Stokes)
- Millennium Green – Clearing Ditches
- Clerk to arrange a meeting with the scheme co-ordinator and invite appropriate Councillors

- 015/18 Tow Law Millennium Green**
Fencing still outstanding, due to be installed in early January (weather permitting).
- 016/18 Bee Hive Coke Ovens**
Clerk to chase up response from Historic England.
- 017/18 Clerk's Report**
- Email from CDALC regarding a commemorative event for the end of World War 1 on 11th November 2018 "Battle's Over a Nation's Tribute". Clerk to obtain further details and report to an appropriate Town Council meeting.
- 018/18 Members Report**
None.
- 019/18 Date of next meeting**
The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th February 2018 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm