

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

Present Councillor P. Stokes (Chair), J. Fowler, E. Mather and F. Nicol.

Also present County Councillor R. Manchester, G. F. Smith (Clerk) and J. Sands(resident).

186/21 Apologies

Councillors T. Ball, C. Batson, T Batson, M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood and K. Geraughty-Shewan.

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF APOLOGIES THE FOUR COUNCILLORS AGREED TO HAVE A MEETING BUT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY MAJOR/FINANCIAL DECISIONS.

THE CHAIRMAN AGREED TO COMPLETE THE AGENDA AND TO ARRANGE TO DEMONSTRATE THE NEW SYSTEM OF COMPUTERISED AGENDA, MINUTES, REPORTS ETC.

THERE WERE SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO RESOLVE.

187/21 Declaration Of Interests

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in agenda item No. 9 – Tow Law Community Centre.

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in agenda item 9 Tow Law Community Centre and agenda item No. 10 Tow Law Food Bank.

188/21 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

189/21 Action List

Members agreed to update the list.

190/21 Community Fund

No applications received.

191/21 Joint report by the Chairman and Vice Chair – No report.

192/21 Allotments

Clerk to report to the next meeting.

Signed.....Chairman

193/21 Land Rear of High Street, Tow Law

Planning Application Form completed for DCC Planners

Ecology Report required by DCC (Chair to obtain quotations).

194/21 Tow Law Community Association

Problems with central heating system.

195/21 Tow Law Food Bank

Report circulated prior to the meeting by Councillor Nicol.

196/21 Police/PACT/Speed watch Reports – No reports

197/21 County Councillors report

County Councillor Manchester reported on the School Crossing Patrol costs (to be discussed at the January's Town Council meeting).

198/21 Representation by Residents

Mrs J. Sands informed the Members of her concerns regarding a number of issues (she agreed to meet with Councillor Nicol after the meeting).

199/21 Bank Account (on-line banking) – No update.

200/21 Planning Matters – No applications received.

201/21 Accounts for Payment

Vouchers 58 to 70 amounting to £2701.94; to be paid.

202/21 Training requirements – To discuss at January's Town Council meeting.

203/21 CCTV in Tow Law – No update.

204/21 Tow Law Millennium Green

Thanks recorded to those who planted bulbs in the Green.

205/21 Beehive Coke Ovens – No update.

206/21 Play Areas in Tow Law – No update.

Signed.....Chairman

207/21 Platinum Jubilee Event – No update.

208/21 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:-

- Climate Change – To be reviewed.
- Meeting with Joy Allen the PCC on 30<sup>th</sup> November at Spennymoor.  
Councillors Fowler and Nicol to attend.
- Unpresented cheques 2020/21  
Members agreed to write-off and return to accounts the following cheques:-  
£125.00 PHG Maintenance; £19.25 Royal British Legion and £114.90 Northumbrian Water.

209/21 Members Reports

Councillor Mather reported that a Christmas Lunch at Sunnyside Community Centre would be served on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

210/21 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in the Community Centre , Tow Law, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 7.20pm

Signed.....Chairman

