

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2022, in the Community Centre, Tow Law, commencing at 7.25pm.

PRESENT Councillors F. Nicol (Chair), T. Ball, T. Batson, M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood, J. Fowler, E. Mather and P. Stokes.

ALSO PRESENT Andrea Patterson, ASB Victims Champion, PCC Office, County Councillor R. Manchester and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

112/22 APOLOGIES

Councillors C. Batson, K. Geraghty-Shewan and D. Willock.

113/22 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 No. 10 Tow Law Food Bank.

114/22 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD On 19th APRIL 2022

The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

115/22 PRESENTATION BY ANDREA PATTERSON, ASB VICTIM CHAMPION, PCC OFFICE

Andrea presented each Councillor with a copy of the End of Year Report May to December 2021 by Joy Allen, Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, which included a new Police and Crime Plan which sets out the Policing and Crime priorities for the next 3 years and focuses on six priority areas:-

- Safer Communities
- Safer On-line
- Safer Roads
- Safer Countryside
- Safer People
- Safer Business

Also presented each Councillor with the Durham Police and Crime Plan 2021/2024. Looking forward to working with everyone the coming years to deliver Safer, Stronger and More Resilient Towns, villages and City. To work closely with Tow Law Town Council.

Signed.....Chairman

Communities to provide better intelligence to help them to prevent crime, protect individuals, deter offending and reoffending and pursue offenders. Making communities feel safe and have confidence in working together. Four key Actions:-

- Prevent
- Protect Deter
- Pursue

The Chair and Members thanked Andrea for attending the meeting and providing very useful information.

116/22 COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk read out the funding applications:-

- A) 1st Tow Law Beavers and Cubs
Application to make bunting to decorate the Town for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, for £250.00 towards the costs of this project. Members agreed to donate £250.00 from the Community Fund towards the costs of this project.
- B) Friends of High Stoop Woods
Clearance of the immediate vicinity around the cabin to make sure its safe in redyness for the project start, removal of unsafe tree. The cabin has been gifted by the owner of High Stoop Woods to Hilltops for the project for future use of the “community”.
Members agreed no further action.
- C) Tow Law Glass Group
See Minute 087/22 dated 19th April 2022.

117/22 ACTION LIST – No report

118/22 JOINT REPORT BY CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIR – No report.

119/22 ALLOTMENTS

Clerk to make progress on this project, to involve Members of the Allotment Committee to get involved.

120/22 Land rear of High Street, Tow Law

Councillor Stokes reported that the next stage was to complete the Planning Application and drawings.

Signed.....Chairman

121/22 Tow Law Community Association

Councillor Stokes updated the meeting on ongoing works. The Clerk had received an e-mail from the Secretary of the Community Association requesting the Council to continue with the yearly grant of £6000.00. Members agreed to review the Precept/Expenditure figures for this financial year at the next Town Council meeting.

122/22 TOW LAW FOOD BANK

The Chair updated the meeting on the increasing numbers of people attending the Food Bank.

123/22 POLICE/PACT/ SPEED WATCH REPORTS

Speed watch report provided by Councillor Mather.

Tuesday 3rd May 2022-06-19 Smith Street 15 vehicles; 1 speeding

Dan's Castle (Van) 67 vehicles; 1 speeding (Wolsingham to Tow Law)

62 vehicles; 7 speeding (Darlington to Tow Law)

Bridge Street 67 vehicles; 2 speeding Wolsingham Road 37 vehicles; 3 speeding

124/22 SECTION 106 ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

Councillor Stokes to obtain quotations for County Councillor Manchester to complete the application form.

125/22 FACE BOOK No progress on this item.

126/22 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – No further updates.

Concerns were raised on the provision of Bus Services to/from Tow Law.

127/22 REPRESENTATION OF RESIDENTS – None.

128/22 BANK ACCOUNT (ON-LINE) BANKING – No further update

129/22 PLANNING MATTERS

A)Planning Applications

DM/22/01051/FPA application by Mr J. Dhillion for proposed front see through shutters at flat, 62 High Street, Tow Law .

Members agreed to raise no objections to this application.

Signed.....Chairman

B)Neighbourhood Planning – No further update

130/22 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Details to be e-mailed to all Councillors.

131/22 CCTV in Tow Law

Details/update to be discussed at the next Tow Council meeting.

132/22 TOW LAW MILLENNIUM GREEN

Outstanding:-

- Cleaning ditches and repairs to the decking
- Repairs to gates at the Play Area
- Site checks by DCC to be discussed at the next Tow Council Meeting.

133/22 BEEHIVE COKE OVENS

Outstanding:-

- Gorse to be sprayed again
- Information Board

134/22 PLAY AREAS IN TOW LAW

Outstanding:-

- Update from County Councillor Manchester

135/22 PLATINIUM JUBILEE EVENT

The Clerk read out a letter received from Tow Law Millennium Primary School regarding supply of 125 Jubilee Coins and payment by the Town Council. Members agreed for the Clerk to write to the school explaining the Council's position.

136/22 CLERK'S REPORT – No report.

137/22 MEMBERS REPORTS – No reports.

138 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st June 2022 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed.....Chairman

