

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 21st April 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors L. Rowland (Chair), A. Blacker, L. Brown, J. Fowler, J. Gale, R. Grogan and M. Hird,

Also Present: County Councillor J. Hart, G F Smith (Clerk) and Mr G. Batson (resident)

051/15 Apologies

Received from the following:-
Councillors A. Green, E. Hindmoor, P. Stokes and C. Umpelby

052/15 Declaration of interest

Councillors Hird – Agenda item 10 (Allotments)

053/15 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 17th March 2015

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

054/15 Matters arising

None

055/15 Police Report

None

056/15 County Councillor Report

County Councillor J. Hart reported on the following:-

- Cattle Mart site - Outline planning permission
- Licensing Application (Minor alterations) to the Co-operative shop, High Street
- AAP funding applications
- Fly tipping around doctors surgery, rear of High Street

057/15 Representation by Residents

None

058/15 Planning matters

A) Planning Application

i) DM/15/00887/FPA and DM/15/00888/FPA by Mr G May for conversion of Auction Mart to residential dwelling with garage at Castle Bank
Decision – No objections

ii) DM/15/00886/OUT by Mr G May for outline planning permission for 6 residential dwellings with all matters reserved except access at Castle Bank
Decision – Members agreed to await detailed application

iii) DM/15/00802/FPA by Mr S. Hall for erection of Porch (demolition of existing) at Barrack Farm, Bridge Street

Decision - Agreed

059/15 Accounts for payment

Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 1 to 5 in the sum of £2316.80. Copy of report attached to these minutes

- 060/15 Allotments**
 Setting up of an Allotment Association – (Clerk to provide details of allotment holders addresses to Councillor Hird) response from present plot holders required.
 Water supply to the site rear of Dan’s Castle – (Clerk to contact Northumbrian Water)
- 061/15 Chair’s report**
- Still awaiting response from Durham Wildlife Trust – continue to chase up
 - Funding application to AAP for Play area and CCTV - ongoing
 - Millennium Green – damage to trees and grass - No further response, continue to chase up
 - Meeting with Bond’s Foundry – awaiting meeting date from John Forsyth – continue to chase up
 - Meeting with AAP staff regarding car park project (subject to above)
- 062/15 Clerk’s Report**
- 1) Audit date for Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 has been agreed with the External Auditor fro 26th June 2015. Therefore approval of the Annual Return to take place at the June Town Council meeting (17th).
 - 2) E-mail/letter dated 13th April 2015 received from Durham County Council regarding the removal of lighting columns at Bridge Street and North Road. Members requested County Councillor Hart to contact the relevant County Councillor Officer (Tony Ward) regarding the decision and requesting a meeting with him as a matter of urgency.
 - 3) Licensing Application – discussed in County Councillor report
 - 4) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk at Inkerman, Tow Law – Agreement to be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Town Council.
- 063/15 Members Reports**
- 1) Councillor Hird reported on the following:-
 “Big Spring Clean” – well supported (31 bags of rubbish), to be held again at the end of the school summer holidays
 Fly tipping rear of High Street – getting worse, reported to DCC, Civic Pride to investigate
 - 2) Councillor Brown reported on possible funding for small groups (contact John Bailey, Community Champion at Tesco, at Tindale Crescent, Bishop Auckland)
 - 3) Councillor Grogan reported on a recent meeting of the North East Combined Authorities. Clerk to contact CDALC to obtain their views on this
- 064/15 Date of next meeting**
 Tuesday 19th May 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm
 (Meeting of Electors followed by the Annual General Meeting followed by the ordinary monthly meeting)

The meeting finished at 7.00pm

Signed by the Chairman.....2