

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), C. Batson, M. Dyer, J Fowler, E. Mather, F. Nicol, P. Stokes and H. Wilsher.

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

056/19 Apologies

Councillor T. Batson
Councillor K. Geraghty-Shewan,
Councillor C. Hemingway,
Councillor G. Tyers.

057/19 Declaration of Interests

Four Councillors (Mather, Nicol, Stokes and Wilsher) declared interests in a number of applications for N-Power Community Funding for Hilltop Community Projects, Wildflower Project and Wear Jammin Community Film and Soundscapes. Members agreed to defer these applications until the next Town Council meeting.

058/19 Community Fund

The Clerk read out two applications for N-Power Community Fund, as follows:-

- a) St. Philip and St. James Parish Church Flower Festival 2nd to 5th August 2019, organised by Mr Norman Deacon. Members agreed to support this application and award £250 towards the project from the N-Power Community Fund
- b) 1st Tow Law Scouts (Beavers) equipping beavers with LEGO stocks to build/challenge LEGO related projects (15 young children). Members agreed to support this application and award £250 towards the project from the N-Power Community Fund.

059/19 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 19th March 2019

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

060/19 Matters Arising - None

061/19 Allotments

Clerk had submitted an application to Northumbria Water, form and detailed plan to be submitted. Site visits to be arranged as soon as possible. Allotment rent letters to be sent out soon and Clerk would ask for allotment holders to come into the office to promote closer working together (partnerships).

- 062/19 Police/Pact/Speedwatch Reports**
Councillor Wilsher reported on the following Speedwatch sessions:-
- 20/3 - 42 vehicles, 13 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Smith Street)
 - 1/4 - 113 vehicles, 16 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Dan's Castle)
 - 8/4 - 92 vehicles, 5 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Bridge Street).
- Councillor Stokes met with Police Community Team in Tow Law.
- 063/19 County Councillor Report**
County Councillor Manchester reported on the following:-
- Items on the agenda.
- 064/19 Representation by Residents - None**
- 065/19 Chairman's Report**
- Spoke to Darren Hunt, DCC Streetscene regarding cleansing gully in front of the Chemist Shop
 - Repairs to swings on Millennium Green (completed by Councillor Gale).
- 066/19 School Crossing Patrol**
No Update (Councillor Manchester)
- 067/19 Outdoor Gym Equipment on Millennium Green**
Equipment should be on site within 6/8 weeks.
- 068/19 Land to the West of High Street, Tow Law**
Awaiting responses from DCC
- 069/19 Planning Matters**
- A) Planning Applications
1. DM/19/00684/FPA Application by Mr. W. Trow for vehicle repair workshop at Tow Law Industrial Estate.
Decision - No objections.
 2. DM/19/00957/AD Application by Mr and Mrs A. Bradley for nameboard at site of former Inkerman Colliery.
Decision - No objections.
 3. DM 19/00962/FPA Application by Mr D. Lyons for replacement single story rear extension and wall at 89 High Street, Tow Law.
Decision - No objections.
- B) Neighbourhood Planning – No Update.
- 070/19 Accounts for Payments**
Vouchers 01 to 08 in the sum of £2922.20 be approved for payment.
- 071/19 Setting the Budget for 2019/2020**
The Clerk had circulated an expenditure report 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 (unaudited). Members agreed to make some recommendations and for the Clerk to circulate another report for discussion at the next meeting.

- 072/19 Clerk's Report**
Responses from Three Towns AAP RE: funding for the proposed car park.
- 073/19 Members Reports**
Councillor Stokes:-
- Documents (trees) on Millennium Green Trust – files to check
 - Litter pick required on Millennium Green (May 2019; details on Facebook).
- Councillor Nicol/County Councillor Manchester:-
- Home Group Residents Group (4 houses to be invested in); £7000 on open spaces etc.; further meeting with residents; walkabout.
- 074/19 Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 21st May 2019 in the Community Centre, Meeting of Electors, commencing at 6.30 pm, followed by the Annual General Meeting followed by the Ordinary Meeting.
- 075/19 Confidential Item**

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm.