

## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.52pm.**

**Present:** Councillors L. Rowland (Chair), T. Batson, A. Blacker, L. Brown, J. Fowler, J. Gale, A. Green, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird, P. Stokes and C. Umpelby

**Also Present:** G F Smith (Clerk) and Mr G. Batson and N. Deacon (Residents)

**065/15 Apologies**

Received from the following:-

Councillor R. Grogan and County Councillor J. Hart

**066/15 Declaration of interest**

Councillor T. Batson – Agenda item 10a Planning Application

**067/15 Community Fund – Applications**

A) Mr N. Deacon presented his application for a contribution towards the cost of flowers for a flower festival at St Philip and St James Parish Church to raise money for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Members agreed to donate £250.00 for this project which will be held in September

B) Mr Deacon, Churchwarden of St Philip and St James Parish Church Presented an application for a contribution towards the cost of the Organ Restoration Fund.

Members agreed the following:-

Donate £1000 towards the cost of the project from the Town Council's reserves. Also donate £250 from the N Power Community Fund and match this with £250 from the Town Council's reserves for the years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

C) Applications by St Josephs RC Church (Mrs A Taylor – applicant) for a contribution to repair and maintenance of the Church.

Members agreed to defer this application to the next meeting.

D) Application by Jenny Mountain/Christine Emerson for a contribution towards the cost of a coach for a family trip to wet n wild/ Royal Quays on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Members agreed to donate £250 towards this project.

**068/15 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

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

**069/15 Matters arising**

None

**070/15 Police Report – No Report**

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to the Chief Constable thanking PCSO Emma Donnelly for the work she had carried out in the Tow Law area.

Next PACT Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (Pact Priority speeding A68)

**071/15 County Councillor Report**  
 County Councillor J. Hart was not at the meeting but had asked (via email) if the Town Councillors could consider the extension of the existing “No waiting” restrictions around the corner from Dan’s Castle to the entrance of the car park for the Community Centre on Ironworks Road.  
 Members had concerns, Clerk to contact Councillor Hart.

**072/15 Representation by Residents**  
 Mr Batson outlined his proposals for three developments, one was not in the Council’s Boundaries, although it was very close (Wolsingham Parish Council area) Members agreed to await formal Planning Applications and the comments of the neighbouring Parish Council before making a decision.

**073/15 Town Council Office Accommodation**  
 Following the District Nurses moving out of the Community Centre there was some ground floor accommodation had become available which may suit the needs of the Town Council (i.e. Council Chambers, Staff Office space and small meeting room).  
 Members agreed for the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk to meet with the representative of the Community Association and to report back to the next appropriate Town Council Meeting.

**074/15 Planning matters**  
 1) Planning Application  
 i) DM/15/01166/FPA by Mr R. Browne for a two storey rear extension at 7 Harrison Street  
**Decision** – No objections  
 2) DM/15/01310/FPA by Mr M. Batson for sighting of temporary Portacabin to provide office premises for electrical contract Business (8 months)  
 Decision – Although Members did not oppose this application they wished to query the reason for the 8 months period.  
 3) Neighbourhood Planning – No further progress

**075/15 Accounts for payment**  
 Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 6 to 12 in the sum of £1673.07. Copy of report attached to these minutes.

**076/15 Unaudited Income/Expenditure for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**

**INCOME**

<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>£.P</b>
PRECEPT	34429.27
N-POWER COMMUNITY FUND	3381.79
TLCA CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS CLOCK REPAIR	353.00
ALLOTMENTS	491.62
HMRC - VAT	415.37
CHRISTMAS TREES - RESIDENTS	520.00
REFUND SALE OF LAND	440.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>40031.21</u></b>

## EXPENDITURE

Details	£.p
Staff Costs	15902.78
Admin Expenses	293.41
Office Rent	3600.00
Councillor/Staff Training	299.00
Allotments	46.02
Miscellaneous	4114.35
Community Fund	3535.00
Audit Fees	260.00
Donations	1519.25
Christmas Activities	1918.31
Vat	251.19
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>31739.31</u></b>

### 077/15 Chair's report

The Chair reported on a quotation received to fill the two tubs (at the entrance of the Town) with flowers. The total cost was £70 to £80. Members agreed for the Chair to contact Mr Gary Hillary and for him to carryout the work to the two tubs.

### 078/15 Clerk's Report

No Report

### 079/15 Members Reports

#### 1) Councillor Batson reported on the following:-

- Improving working relationships between County Council and Parish/Town Councils

#### 2) Councillor Hird reported on the following:-

- Pilot scheme by DCC Clean and Green Services
- Millennium Green – planting of wild flowers, quotations required for cleaning ditches on the site

#### 3) Councillor Hindmoor reported on the following:-

- Street lighting (DCC responsibility)

#### 4) Councillor Blacker reported on the following:-

- Repairs to Bus Shelter opposite the Co-op (one end broken) – reported to Councillor Hart but still has not been repaired.

### 080/15 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3