

## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.45pm.**

**Present:** Councillors J. Gale (Chairman), T. Batson, A. Blacker, J. Fowler, R. Grogan, M. Hird, P. Stokes and C. A. Wilson

**Also Present:** G F Smith (Clerk), Mr B. Batson, (Resident) Michael Walker and Joe Hyman (Wear Jammin CIC).

**085/16 Apologies**  
Councillor T. McFadden (Family)  
County Councillor J. Hart

**086/16 Declaration of interest**  
Councillor Stokes declared an interest in agenda item 14 – telephone kiosk, Inkerman Road, Tow Law  
Councillor Fowler declared an interest in agenda item 13 – Trex Gymnasium  
And agenda item 18 – Council notice boards  
Councillor Hird declared an interest in item 15 – Millennium Green  
Councillor Grogan declared an interest in agenda item 3 – Community Fund

**087/16 Community Fund Applications**

- Mr Walker presented the background, financial aspects and future plans for the community interest music company (Wear Jammin) based in Tow Law Community Centre. He explained that a CIC is a not for profit organisation established purely to serve the needs of the local community. The funding would be spent to promote the work of the organisation via an information stand, press advertising and fliers. Followed by a question and answer session.  
Members agreed to donate £250 towards the publicity for this organisation from the N-Power Community Fund.
- Citizens Advice County Durham  
Members agreed to donate £250 towards the running costs of this organisation from the N-Power Community Fund.
- Tow Law Millennium Primary Schools (Flis Chesters) The Clerk read out the application from the above who is arranging support activities in school for children and their relatives. The grant would provide a meal, refreshments and resources for the activities during four weeks of the summer holidays and some half term holidays. Members agreed to donate £500 towards these events (£250 from the N Power Community Fund and £250 from Council balances).
- Tow Law Beavers (Denise Thornton)  
The Clerk read out the application from the above for a contribution towards a mini-bus to Rainton Gate (meeting of County Durham Beavers) and activities for the day.  
Members agreed to donate £250 from the N-Power Community Fund

- Youth Arts Award Trip (Christine Emerson/Jenny Mountain)  
Cultural visit to Leeds by coach and stay in an arts hostel to assist them with their arts award.  
Members agreed to donate £100 from the N-Power Community Fund
- Community Trip to South Shields (Christine Emerson/Jenny Mountain)  
cost of transport for a community trip to South Shields during the summer holidays.  
Members agreed to donate £250 from the N Power Community Fund
- Community Trip to Redcar (Christine Emerson/Jenny Mountain) cost of transport for a community trip to South Shields during the summer holidays.  
Members agreed to donate £250 from the N Power Community Fund

**088/16 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**  
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**089/16 Matters Arising**  
Minute number 078/16 Millennium Green – “Big Spring Clean” day to be held Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**090/16 Police /Pact Report - None**

**091/16 County Councillor Report**  
The Clerk read out an e-mail from County Councillor Hart, which includes the following:-

- Funding application for CCTV cameras linked to County-wide system
- Funding application for Anti-speeding campaign
- Play provision in Tow Law
- Costs for Asset transfer of Trex
- Works to bus stop outside the Newmarket is now complete

**092/16 Representation by Residents**  
Mr Batson raised a number of issues from previous Town Council meetings, including the following:-  
Councillor Vacancies  
Recent Planning application

**093/16 Chairman’s Report - None**

**094/16 Planning matters**  
1) Planning Applications - None  
2) Neighbourhood Planning – No update on funding  
Clerk to arrange a Special Meeting to discuss this matter and plan for how best to spending the funding (time constraint)

**095/16**

**Accounts for payment**

- A) Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 6 to 10 in the sum of £2091.22. Copy of report attached to these minutes.  
B) Income (Unaudited) 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

Details	£.p
Precept	32223.53
LCTRS Grant (DCC)	4699.00
N-Power Community Fund	3465.83
DCC – contribution towards banner	50.00
VAT refund	180.37
Allotment rents	597.03
Christmas Trees	540.00
Total	£ 41755.76

**096/16**

**Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 –**

Section one Annual Governance Statement 2015/16  
Members noted to answer yes to questions 1 to 9

**097/16**

**Tow Law Trex Gymnasium**

Potential costs on a full asset transfer of the building would be :-

- Electric £1000
- Gas £1400
- Water 320
- ND Rates £768

Additional costs if were site transferred:-

- Grass cutting on the pitch £1971
- Grass cutting BMX area £2995
- Machine sweeping the muga £100
- Reinstate goal mouths £500

Members noted the figures supplied by Durham County Council (George Richardson – locality delivery Manager)

**98/16**

**Telephone Kiosk, Inkerman Road**

Councillor Stokes to obtain plan/details and report to the next Town Council meeting

**099/16**

**Tow Law Millennium Green**

- Awaiting report on bio-diversity

**100/16**

**Proposed car park area in Tow Law**

No further update

- 101/16 Councillor Vacancies**  
Awaiting response from Returning Officer (Co-option)  
Application received from Ashleigh Lamb, 47 Highfields, Tow Law  
Clerk to arrange interviews before the next Town Council meeting, if no  
election called.
- 102/16 Council Notice Boards**  
Members agreed to purchase the notice boards at a cost of £2128.80 (inc  
vat). Councillor Fowler to contact the Chairman regarding final design
- 103/16 Clerk's Report – No report**
- 104/16 Members Reports**  
Councillor Stokes – NHS “care in the Community” (update)
- 105/16 Date of next meeting**  
The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 in the  
Community Centre

The meeting finished at 8.40pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4