

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm.

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

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

- 196/19 Apologies**
Councillor K. Geraghty-Shewan
- 197/19 Declaration of Interests**
Councillors Nicol and Stokes declared an interest in agenda Item 8 – Tow Law Community Association.
- 198/19 Community Fund**
The Clerk read out the following applications:-
- A) Tow Law Playgroup – Christmas party with visit from Santa and a small gift. Members agreed to donate £250 towards the above event, from the N-Power Community Fund
 - B) Tow Law Lunch Club – Christmas meal with entertainment for over 60s. Members agreed to donate £250 towards the above event, from the N-Power Community Fund
 - C) The Clerk read out a letter from NEPACS, who support positive futures for all those affected by imprisonment and stigma of imprisonment on their lives and contribute to the positive rehabilitation of offenders. Members agreed to donate £50 towards the running costs of the organisation, funds from Council reserves.
- 199/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15th October 2019**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 200/19 Matters Arising - None**
- 201/19 Councillor Vacancy**
Jane Heron, 19 Deerness Heights, Stanley Crook, Co. Durham, DL15 9TJ, signed the declaration of acceptance of office of Councillor of Tow Law Town Council. The Chairman welcomed Jane to the Council and she took her place in the Council Chamber. The form was countersigned by the Clerk and Proper Officer of the Council.

- 202/19 Allotments**
The Clerk updated the meeting.
- 203/19 Tow Law Community Association – No further updates**
- 204/19 Police/Pact/Speedwatch Reports**
Councillor Wilsher reported on the following Speedwatch sessions:-
- 75 vehicles, 2 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Bridge Street)
 - 115 vehicles, 2 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Dan’s Castle)
 - 105 vehicles, 10 vehicles exceeded speed limit Matrix (Dan’s Castle)
 - 50 vehicles, 2 vehicle exceeded speed limit (Smith Street)
 - 47 vehicles, 15 vehicles exceeded speed limit Matrix (Smith Street).
- 205/19 County Councillor Report**
No updates. Question regarding “Cattle Mart site”.
- 206/19 Representation by Residents - None**
- 207/19 Chairman’s Report - None**
- 208/19 Planning Matters**
A) Planning Applications - None received.
B) Neighbourhood Planning – Meeting to be arranged.
- 209/19 Accounts for Payments**
Vouchers 57 to 68 in the sum of £3629.64 be approved for payment.
- 210/19 VE Day 75 Commemorations – 8th May 2020**
No update.
- 211/19 Climate Action Group**
Councillor Stokes produced a poster for display on the Council’s notice boards, first meeting 23rd November at 3 pm in the Community Centre. Suggested tree planting week.
- 212/19 Clerk’s Report**
- Thank you letter from Paula Henderson regarding the updates at Tow Law Gym
 - The Clerk had received a quotation for the disposal costs of £250 and labour £400 to get rid of the gorse plant to ground level. Members agreed to accept the quotation.
- 213/19 Members Reports - None**

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 in the Community Centre at 6.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 7.25 pm.