

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 18th October 2016 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), M. Hird, A. Lamb, T. McFadden, F. Nicol, P. Stokes and C. A. Wilson

Also Present: G F Smith (Clerk)

- 175/16 Apologies**
Councillor A. Blacker (Family Bereavement)
Councillor R. Grogan (unwell)
County Councillor J. Hart (unwell)
- 176/16 Declaration of interest**
Councillor **Stokes** declared an interest in agenda item 14 – telephone kiosk
Councillor **Hird** declared an interest in item 15 – Millennium Green
- 177/16 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 20th September 2016**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman
- 178/16 Matters Arising**
Neighbourhood Planning – Officer not available for the October meeting.
Re-schedule for November (bring to the attention of County Councillor Hart)
- 179/16 N- Power Community Fund**
No new applications
- 180/16 Police /Pact Report – Councillor Hird reported on the following:-**
- Groups of youths (over 18) meeting on Millennium Green
 - More Police presence in the Town
 - Need to progress new CCTV system for the Town
- 181/16 County Councillor Report**
Report to be circulated after the meeting.
- 182/16 Representation by Residents - None**
- 183/16 Chairman's Report - None**
- 184/16 Planning matters**
- 1) Planning Applications – None
 - 1a) 81 High Street – Councillor Stokes awaiting responses from DCC/Owners
 - 2) Neighbourhood Planning Hoping for a DCC Officer to attend the next Town Council meeting
- 185/16 Accounts for payment**
Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 47 to 52 in the sum of £2377.10

186/16 Expenditure costs for 1st April 2016 to 30th September 2016
 Members agreed to the following expenditure costs: -

Details	£. p
Staff Costs	8133.75
Admin Expenses	106.34
Office Rent	1800.00
Environment	785.46
Allotments	22.12
Miscellaneous	2717.70
Community Fund	3100.00
Audit Fees	65.00
Donations	250.00
Web Site fees	9.98
Vat	397.89
Total	<u>17388.24</u>

187/16 Tow Law Trex Gymnasium

No further updates

188/16 Telephone Kiosk, Inkerman Road

Awaiting response from DCC, refer to County Councillor Hart.

189/16 Tow Law Millennium Green

Councillor Hird reported on the following:-

- Litter pick
- Two new dog bins installed
- Pond – No further update

190/16 Proposed car park area in Tow Law

No response from DCC, Refer to County Councillor Hart

191/16 Council Notice Boards – No update

192/16 Councillor Vacancy – No further Progress

193/16 Clerk's Report

The Clerk read out a letter dated 12th October from the Coal Authority regarding an investigation of a water filled depression within the footpath on Millennium Green reported on 9th December 2015.

“The soft ground is considered to have resulted from ponding of the water in the area resulting in softening of the clay fill and has not occurred because of the loss of support due to historical coal mining. I regret that we cannot be of assistance on this particular case”. M. J. Johnson, Regional Project Manager (North)

194/16 Members Reports

Councillor Stokes: -

- Drop Kerb Ironworks Road/Dan's Castle – Funding may be available

Councillor Herd: -

- Opening of the new entrance to Tow Law Fell

COUNCILLOR McFADDON ENTERED THE MEETING ROOM

195/16 Christmas Activities 2016

Members agreed to provide the Civic tree (same size as last year)

Members agreed to the following: -

- Provide the Civic Tree (same size as last year)
- Provide new solar/battery lights for the Civic tree
- Provide 60 four foot trees for residents homes, trees to be installed by a local contractor
- Residents to pay a £10 donation towards the costs of supplying and installing the mini – trees
- Councillor McFadden to provide further details at the next Town Council meeting.

196/16 Date of next meeting

The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

The meeting finished at 7.15pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3