

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm.

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

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

- 149/19 Apologies**
Councillor J Fowler (Holiday)
- 150/19 Declaration of Interests**
Councillors Nicol and Stokes declared an interest in agenda Item 9 – Tow Law Community Association.
- 151/19 Community Fund**
The Clerk reported:-
- No new applications have been received
 - Ventient Energy transferred £3820.13 into the Council's bank account on 29th July 2019.
- 152/19 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th July 2019**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 153/19 Matters Arising - None**
- 154/19 Allotments**
- Application form and cheque sent to Northumbrian Water
 - Allotment Sub-committee to meet on Tuesday 8th October 2019, to meet at the Community Centre at 1.30 pm.
- 155/19 Land Rear of High Street, Tow Law**
Lease contracts have been signed, cheque paid to Council's solicitor £9179.43, contracts exchanged. Councillor T. Batson suggested a working party be set-up for the development of the site.
- 156/19 Councillor Vacancy**
The two applicants to be invited for interviews prior to the next Town Council meeting (15th October 2019).
- 157/19 Tow Law Community Centre**
Centre will be closed (for floor cleaning) for one week from 23rd September. AGM to take place on 19th September 2019.

- 158/19 Police/Pact/Speedwatch Reports**
Councillor Wilsher reported on the following Speedwatch sessions:-
- 04/08 - 102 vehicles, 12 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Dans Castle 01.00 – 02.00 pm)
 - 05/08 - 56 vehicles, 11 vehicles exceeded speed limit (Smith Street 02.30 – 03.30 pm)
 - 04/09 – 56 vehicles, 1 vehicle exceeded speed limit (Smith Street - with Van).
- 159/19 County Councillor Report**
County Councillor Manchester reported on the following:-
- Play area rear of Community Centre (completed)
 - Energy Project – funding form completed (feasibility study)
 - Three Towns partnership
 - Parking enforcement at the Co-Op in Tow Law
 - World Clean-up day.
- 160/19 Representation by Residents - None**
- 161/19 Chairman’s Report – None**
- 162/19 School Crossing Patrol, Tow Law**
Vacancy to be re-advertised (County Councillor Manchester).
- 163/19 Tow Law BMX Track**
Awaiting details from residents (County Councillor Manchester).
- 164/19 CCTV Cameras in Tow Law**
Clerk to send all Councillors an update report.
- 165/19 Planning Matters**
A) Planning Applications - None received.
B) Neighbourhood Planning - No update.
- 166/19 Accounts for Payments**
Vouchers 34 to 51 in the sum of £13697.65 be approved for payment.
- 167/19 Tow Law Millennium Green**
106 payment (£11,999.00) received into the Council’s bank account on 1st August 2019. Letter to be sent to Stephen Reed DCC thanking him on his efficient service with this project.
- 168/19 Bee Hive Coke Ovens**
No further update.

- 169/19** **VE Day 75 Commemorations**
Councillor Stokes has arranged for a piper (£40) to play on the day.

- 170/19** **Clerk's Report**
Letter of thank you for the Council's donation towards the Flower Festival from Norman Deacon, Church Warden, St. Philip and St. James Church.

- 171/19** **Members Reports**
Councillor Stokes:-
 - Climate change, set-up Climate Action Group (Councillor Stokes to progress)
 Councillor Nicol:-
 - School Uniform at Wolsingham School – letter to be sent to the Head Teacher
 Councillor Geraghty-Shewan:-
 - Tow Law Fell path – overgrown.

- 172/19** **Date of next meeting**
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2019 in the Community Centre at 6.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 7.40 pm.