

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 16th June 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors L. Rowland (Chair), A. Blacker, J. Gale, A. Green, R. Grogan, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird, P. Stokes and C. Umpelby

Also Present: County Councillor J. Hart, G F Smith (Clerk) and Mr B. Batson (Resident)

081/15 Apologies

Received from the following:-
Councillor L. Brown (work)
Councillor J. Fowler (work)

082/15 Declaration of interest

Councillor J. Gale – Agenda item 12a (1) Planning Application
Councillor P. Stokes – Agenda item 11 – Town Council Office Accommodation
Councillor E. Hindmoor Agenda item 3 (e) N Power Community Fund

083/15 Community Fund – Applications

- A) Application by Tow Law Art Group
Decision - more information required
- B) St Josephs RC Church – Repair to stained glass window
Decision – Members agreed to donate £50.00 towards this project
- C) Tow Law Community Association – Family Trip to South Shields 17th August 2015 (cost of hiring buses).
Decision – Members agreed to donate £250 towards this trip
- D) Tow Law Community Association – Family Trip to Scarborough 26th July 2015 (cost of hiring buses).
Decision – Members agreed to donate £250 towards this trip
- E) Tommy Hindmoor – Fishing equipment
Decision – To invite him to the next Town Council meeting

084/15 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 19th May 2015

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

085/15 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 19th May 2015

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
Copies of the reviewed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were passed to all Councillors present at the meeting.

086/15 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 19th May 2015

Amendment to minute 079/15 (2)

Remove line "Pilot Scheme by DCC Clean and Green Services"

Subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

- 087/15 Matters arising**
- Repairs to bus shelter (CC J. Hart requested further information)
 - Response from CDALC (Clerk to contact Councillor R. Grogan)
 - No waiting restrictions (Details to CC J. Hart)
- 088/15 Police Report – No Report**
Councillor P. Stokes attended and reported on the recent PACT meeting
- 089/15 County Councillor Report**
County Councillor J. Hart reported on the following:-
106 application (play areas)
Civic Pride Event
Parking Restrictions
North East Combined Authorities
- 090/15 Representation by Residents**
Mr Batson informed the meeting that a Planning Application to develop at Wall End had been sent to DCC (Wolsingham Parish Council). Members agreed to await response by the Parish Council before making any comments on the application.
- 091/15 Town Council Office Accommodation**
Awaiting the return (from holiday) of the Secretary of the Community Association (Mrs Jenny Flynn), so that a joint meeting can be arranged.
- 092/15 Planning matters**
- 1) Planning Application
 - i) DM/15/01591/FPA by The Board of Governors for a single storey extension to west elevation of Blessed John Duckett RC Primary School, Smith Street, Tow Law.
Decision – Although Members did not object to the application the possible loss of parking spaces was raised. Clerk to check this matter with the Planning Officer.
 - 2) Neighbourhood Planning – Awaiting Funding Application response.
- 093/15 Accounts for payment**
Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 13 to 18 in the sum of £2184.79. Copy of report attached to these minutes.
- 094/15 Annual Return for Year ended 31st March 2015**
Members agreed the following:-
Section 1 – Accounting Statements
Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement
Answering Yes to Questions 1 to 9
Section 4 – Annual Internal Audit Report
The Internal Auditor had agreed that all significant aspects and objectives were being achieved, answering Yes to questions A to K.
He had no matters to bring to the Council's attention.

095/15 Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the following:-

- AAP Board Meeting (Board Member for this year).
- Three Towns AAP Annual Report (Draft)
- Flower Tubs have been filled
- Meeting took place with DCC Officers regarding grass flower beds/ stone flower beds in High Street
- 6 new litter bins for Tow Law (DCC)
- Gateway Project for Tow Law
- Miner Tubs/street furniture

096/15 Clerk's Report

No Report

097/15 Members Reports

1) Councillor Grogan reported on the following:-

- State of grasscutting at the Bee Hive Coke Ovens site. Members agreed for the Chair to contact last year's contractor to arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible. Also to arrange for work to be carried out on an annual basis (i.e. 2 or 3 cuts per year). Report to the next Town Council Meeting.
- Use of football Pitch by a local Youth Team (Clerk had received an e-mail from DCC (Dean Tinkler) and would arrange for the Chair and Vice Chair to meet with him as soon as possible.

2) Councillor Hird reported on the following:-

- Councillor Training held 9th June 2015 (attended by Councillors Hindmoor and herself)
Item to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

098/15 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st July 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

099/15 Consultation on proposed diversion of Public Footpath and unregistered paths, Tow Law

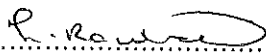
The Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk had met with Mr Nick Hall, Rights of Way Officer at Durham County Council. A number of concerns were still outstanding:-

- Wildlife Survey (Bats, Newts etc)
- Plan details (position of path lines etc)
- Consultation with the Public
- Hedleyhope Fell Nature Reserve – Access

It was agreed for a further meeting to be arranged and details to be sent to all Councillors.

The meeting finished at 7.55pm

Signed by the Chairman.....



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