

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 21st July 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors L. Rowland (Chair), T. Batson, J. Fowler, J. Gale, R. Grogan, E. Hindmoor and M. Hird,

Also Present: G F Smith (Clerk), Mr N. Deacon and C. Morrow (Resident)

100/15 Apologies

Received from the following:-
Councillor A. Blacker (unwell)
Councillor L. Brown (work)
Councillor A. Green (unwell)
Councillor P. Stokes (unwell)
Councillor C. Umpelby (work)

101/15 Declaration of interest

None received

102/15 Community Fund

1. Presentation of cheques to:-

a) Mr N. Deacon (£250) to Tow Law St. Philips and St. James Parish Church Donation towards flower festival.

b) Mr. C. Morrow (£1000) to Tow Law St. Philips and St. James Parish Church donation towards restoration of Church Organ

2. New Applications

Three applications received towards a joint schools artist led "silk screen banner project" from Blessed John Duckett R C Primary school, Tow Law Millennium Primary school and Tow Law Community Association. Project to commence in September for an exhibition in November 2015.

Members agreed to invite a representative from one of the above groups to the next Town Council meeting to hear more about the project.

103/15 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 16th June 2015

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

104/15 Matters arising

Minute 092/15 Planning Application by the board of Governors, Blessed John Duckett R C Primary School – put on hold due to mining survey required and possible Bat Survey

Minute 097/15 Members reports – grass cutting at the Beehive Coke Ovens site. Members agreed for the contractor to carry out monthly visit to the site at a cost of £100 per cut during the months of April to September.

105/15 Police Report – No Report

106/15 County Councillor Report – No report

107/15 Representation by Residents – Nothing to report

108/15 Town Council Office Accommodation
 The Community Association is awaiting a report from the Valuer on the proposed market value of the vacant Office accommodation before setting the rent (as per Charity Commission Rules and Regulations)

109/15 Planning matters
 1) Planning Application
 i) DM/15/01845/FPA by Mr J. Gray for demolition of rear extension and erection of single storey rear and side extensions at 8 Wear Street, Tow Law
Decision – No Objections
 ii) DM/15/02087/FPA by Mr J Morgan garden room extension at 1 Smith Street, Tow Law
Decision – No Objections
 2) Neighbourhood Planning
 Update report from DCC (Stuart Carter and Michael Lowe). Copy of the report to be circulated to all Councillors

110/15 Accounts for payment
 Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 19 to 36 in the sum of £5771.07. Copy of report attached to these minutes.

111/15 Expenditure report 1st April to 30th June 2015

| Details | £.p |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Staff Costs | 4088.24 |
| Admin Expenses (Broadband) | 30.00 |
| Admin Expenses (Postages) | 22.62 |
| Admin Expenses (Web - Site) | 11.96 |
| Office Rent | 900.00 |
| Allotments (skip) | 175.00 |
| Allotments (water) | 12.70 |
| Miscellaneous (telephone kiosk) | 1.00 |
| Miscellaneous (Quality Council) | 12.50 |
| Miscellaneous (CDALC Subscription) | 269.87 |
| Miscellaneous (Insurance) | 610.87 |
| Sub Total | 6134.76 |
| Vat | 39.90 |
| Total | 6174.66 |

Members noted the report

112/15 Councillor Training
 Councillor Hindmoor and Hird attended a CDALC training session for Councillors on the 10th June 2015, which they found very interesting and informative and encouraged other Councillors to attend any future courses. Members agreed for the Clerk to produce a number of training sessions prior to each Town Council meeting commencing in September (Finance), each session to last for 30 minutes.

- 113/15 Chair's Report**
The Chair reported on the following:-
- Bee Hive Coke Ovens (grasscutting)
 - Request from Caroline Batson to raise money for Christmas fund/lighting etc – This was agreed
 - AAP Board Meeting – cancelled
 - Town Centre flower tubs (6 half barrels) – price required
 - Miners coal Tub for Town Centre

114/15 Clerk's Report
No Report

- 115/15 Members Reports**
1) Councillor Grogan raised the following:-
- Loan from the Public Works Loan Board
 - Three Towns AAP Roadshow

116/15 Date of next meeting
Tuesday 15th September 2015 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm

The meeting finished at 8.10pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3