

## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6:30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors J. Gale (chairman), A. Blacker, C. Hayton, M. Hird, L Rowland and L. Taylor

**Also Present:** J. Hart (Stanley Crook), PC Rutherford and PCSO Blackett, (Durham Police), County Councillor J. Bailey and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

**Apologies:** Councillors L. Brown, P. Graham, A. Green and County Councillor Jopling.

- 159/12 Declaration of interest**  
None Received
- 160/12 Minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on **18<sup>th</sup> September** 2012 agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 161/12 Matters arising**  
None
- 162/12 Minutes** of a Special Meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> September** 2012 agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman
- 163/12 Matters Arising**  
None
- 164/12 Police Report**  
Incidents and Crime figures for the month of September were circulated at the meeting, followed by a question and answer session. PCSO Blackett was introduced to the Council members.
- 165/12 County Councillors Report**  
County Councillor **Bailey** reported on:-  
i) Baroness Newlove – Alcohol funding and training sessions, £90,000 for two years.  
ii) County Plan  
iii) Representation to County Council Officers (lack of response to the Town Council).  
**Councillor Hayton left the meeting**
- 166/12 Representation by residents**  
None
- 167/12 Planning matters**  
A) Planning Application – None  
B) Durham County Plan – Members were concerned that Tow Law was not represented fairly on the Location maps, details to be made to the County Planning Officer  
C) Neighbourhood Planning – Members agreed for the Clerk to contact DCC to register Interest in applying for any funding available to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Tow law.
- 168/12 Accounts for payment**  
That approval is given for the payment of vouchers 52 to 61 on the sum of £4070.61, copy of report attached to these minutes.
- 169/12 Councillor Vacancy**  
Members noted that “The notice of vacancy in the office of Councillor” had been placed on the Council’s Notice Board on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Closing date for requests for an election is 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

- 170/12 Tow Law Town Plan**  
Meeting to discuss position of Notice Board is arranged for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 2.00pm
- 171/12 Trex Gymnasium**  
Meeting with Nigel Dodd's (DCC) on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, further discussion to take place on Revenue costs. Possible three year phased take over programme.
- 172/12 Area Action Partnership**  
Councillor Green and the Clerk had met with AAP Co-ordinator regarding funding issues for Tow Law, nothing further to report. Next AAP Forum Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at St Catherine's Community Centre, Crook, commencing at 6.00pm
- 173/12 Millennium Green Trust**  
Clerk to arrange a meeting of the Trustees as soon as possible. Bank balance £152.47 (as at 21/9/12).
- 174/12 Chairman's Report**  
Resignation of Councillor Grogan  
A) The Chair read out a letter received from Councillor Grogan resigning from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Members agreed to accept the resignation and for the Clerk to write to Councillor Grogan thanking him for his service as a Councillor to Tow Law Community. Clerk to also write to the County Council's Returning Officer informing her of the resulting vacancy and arrange for the necessary notice to be placed on the Council's Notice board.  
B) Provision of Christmas Trees  
Members agreed not to provide the Christmas Trees for this year.  
C) Christmas Competition  
Members agreed to hold this event in December and supply four prizes for best Christmas decorations (£100, £75, £50 and £25) in Tow Law.  
D) Remembrance Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> November)  
Members agreed for Councillor Rowland to lay the wreath at the War memorial on behalf of "Tow Law Town Council and all Members of the Community".
- 175/12 Clerk's Report**  
**Items for discussion**  
A) Application for funding – Brad Hopps  
Members agreed:-  
i) To donate £125 from the N-Power Community Fund following his presentation (with his mother) to the Chairman, Councillor Rowland and the Clerk prior to the meeting.  
ii) For Brad and his mother to obtain prizes etc for the Town Council to consider sponsorship in the financial year 2013/14.  
B) Application for funding – Nell and Sadie Morris  
Members agreed to donate £125 towards the costs of the dancing and costumes subject to Nell and Sadie presenting their portfolios to the Chair, Vice Chair, Councillor Rowland and the Clerk. (N-Power Community Fund)  
C) Application for funding – Tow Law Community Association (Christine Emmerson) – Christmas Trip to Leeds on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2012.  
Members agreed to donate £250.00 (N-Power Community Fund)  
D) Community Partnership – Bank Balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> September £587.29  
E) Town/Parish Councils event at Bowburn on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (10.30 to 2.30pm)  
Members agreed for the Chairman and Clerk to attend.  
Items for information:-  
f) Letter of thanks (Funding) from Stanley Crook Primary School  
g) Letter of thanks (funding) from Peases West Primary School  
h) Letter of thanks (donation) from Great North Air Ambulance  
i) DCC – Poster and leaflets "keep warm and safe energy"

- j)The Tower Mint Coronation medals for Schools and Councils
- k)Campaign to Protect Rural England newsletter; Autumn 2012
- l)Link County Durham Newsletter; September 2012
- m)CDALC – Annual General Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2012 at County Hall, Durham, commencing at 10.30am
- n)DCC – Children’s Network Newsletter; October 2012

**176/12**            **Members Reports**  
None

**177/12**            **Date of next meeting**  
The next ordinary meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 6:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3