

## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6:30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors J. Gale (chairman), T. Batson, A. Blacker, A. Green, C. Hayton, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird, L Rowland and C. Umpelby

**Also Present:** PC M. Rutherford, PCSO S. Liddle (Durham Police), Dorothy Winter, Ian Hirst and Eddie Murphy (Crook Community Partnership), John Hart and G. F. Smith (Town Clerk).

**Apologies:** Councillors L. Brown and P. Graham

- 023/13 Declaration of interest**  
Councillor Gale declared an Interest in Agenda item 17b – Clerk’s Report Tow Law Community Association.
- 024/13 Police Report**  
PC Rutherford presented the reported incidents for the month of January followed by a question and answer session.
- 025/13 Presentation by Crook Community Partnership – Funding Application from “It up to 2 U £500k (AAP)**  
Mrs Winter presented the proposal from Crook Community Partnership and Spectrum Leisure to bring Indoor Leisure and other indoor activities back to Crook. The project will develop an eco-friendly building to provide fitness activities for adults and children, a youth specific fitness area, dance studio and multi-purpose-use rooms. The project will generate 10 new jobs as well as numerous training opportunities especially in the Leisure sector.  
Voting to take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February between 10.30 am and 2.30pm at Crook Primary School.  
There are a total of 12 projects applying for the £500,000 fund.  
Followed by a question and answer session.  
Members of the Partnership left the meeting.
- 026/13 Minutes** of the ordinary meeting held on **15<sup>th</sup> January 2013** agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 027/13 Matters arising**  
None
- 028/13 County Councillors Report**  
No Reports

- 029/13 Representation by residents**  
John Hart had been in contact with the owner of the building site (McInerney Homes) regarding the state of the security fencing and some repair work was scheduled to be carried out very shortly (contact details to be handed to the Clerk).
- 030/13 Planning matters**  
A) Planning Applications - None  
B) Neighbourhood Planning – Awaiting registration form from DCC
- 031/13 Accounts for payment**  
That approval is given for the payment of vouchers 92 to 98 on the sum of £2382.09. Copy of report attached to these minutes.
- 032/13 Tow Law Town Plan**  
No further update
- 033/13 Trex Gymnasium**  
No further update
- 034/13 Area Action Partnership**  
The next AAP Board Meeting will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the Civic Centre, Crook, commencing at 6.00pm.  
The Chairman encouraged Councillors to try and attend this meeting.
- 035/13 Millennium Green Trust**  
The Clerk reported that the Bank balance was £143.87. Councillor Rowland reported that the volunteer group had recently met and would be presenting a more comprehensive report to the next Town Council meeting.
- 036/13 N-Power Community Fund**  
The Clerk reported that the balance in the fund was £1065.20 and a number of applications were outstanding. Clerk to discuss with the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee to arrange a meeting to discuss these applications before the next Town Council meeting.
- 037/13 Chairman's report**  
Councillor Gale updated the meeting on the following:-  
a) E-mail correspondence with Gordon Elliot regarding the exclusion of Tow law from applying for funding from the Up 2 U bidding (£500k)  
b) missing wooden posts on ex-play area rear of High Street (DCC responsibility)  
c) Vehicle driving on Millennium Green from High Street area.  
Members agreed for a steel pole and two boulders to be placed around the path area to help stop any further vehicles gaining entry onto the Green.

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**Clerk's Report**

**N-Power Community Fund**

- a) The Clerk reported that the Partnership bank balance was £587.36; Members agreed that this account could be used by the Millennium Green Volunteer group to assist with obtaining further funding/expenses.
- b) Letter from Tow Law Community Association proposing to increase the office rent from £875 to £900 per quarter from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. Members agreed to accept the increase but also to continue to look at other available properties (best value).
- c) Application for funding from the residents of Baring Court to fund a day out and/or provide entertainment in the scheme for the residents.  
– deferred to Finance and General Purposes Committee

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**Members Reports**

- a) Lack of responses from County Council officers (Councillor Batson) – Members agreed for the Clerk to write to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Lorraine O'Donnell) regarding a number of outstanding requests to County Officers.
- b) IT/Job Hub (Councillor Rowland)  
Councillor Rowland informed the meeting of a scheme that was being run at Langley Park in conjunction with the Job Centre to provide IT skills and preparation of CVs for Job applications. Members agreed to invite Chris Thompson and David Rider to explain the scheme at the next Town Council meeting.
- c) Council Elections in May (Councillor Hayton)  
Clerk reported that he would be attending a training/information session at County Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> February and would be reporting details (i.e. nomination papers and timetable) to the next Town Council meeting.

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**Date of next meeting**

The next ordinary meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday **19th March** 2013 commencing at 6:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm