

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 11th January, 2010.**

Present **Cllr. S. Sutherland (Chair)**
Cllr. J. Robinson (Vice-Chair) and
Cllrs. A. Blakemore D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan,
T. Jeanes, I. Sutherland, D. Waters, S. Green, P. Bodo

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

The Chairman Cllr. S. Sutherland welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all to stand for one minute's silence in respect of ex Cllr. Maire Garood who died recently.

1. Apologies

Cllr. M. Robinson.

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Cooption of Two new Members: To sign the declaration of office

The Chairman Cllr. S. Sutherland welcomed newly co-opted members Cllrs. S. Green and P. Bodo to the meeting.

Both signed their declaration of office.

4. Police Report

a) Local

Sgt. Brian O'Connor gave the Police report then answered all questions from Members. He was thanked for attending by the Chair and then left the meeting.

5. Minutes and Reports

5.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 14th December 2009

These were confirmed as a correct record. (IS, AB)

5.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 14th December 2009

These were confirmed as a correct record. (AB, SH)

5.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held 14th December 2009

These were confirmed as a correct record. (IS, ND)

5.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held 14th December 2009

These were confirmed as a correct record. (SH, TJ)

5.5 Minutes of the Special Meeting held Wednesday 6th January 2010

The Clerk informed Members that due to staff illness – Mrs. Julia Rowsby has broken her wrist – necessitating Mrs. Jane Young taking over some reception duties. As a result these minutes will be included with the February papers.

However the resolutions made at this special meeting were:-

- 1. To co-opt Mr. Peter Bodo and Mrs. Sue Green**
- 2. To increase the precept by 1.5%**

RESOLVED:

To accept all of the minutes as above and recommendations contained therein

6. Matters of Information

6.1 106 Monies

No response has been received from DCC re 106 monies – Cunningham Court

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Other Reports

8.1 Financial Arrangements: Death of a cheque

The Clerk had circulated a report re new financial arrangements which will need to be introduced

RESOLVED

To receive the information and await the new financial arrangements details.

8.2 East Durham Rural Corridor AAP Meeting

The minutes of the recent Board meeting held 18th November had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8.3 NALC Conference: Dec 2009

The Clerk had circulated a comprehensive report on the recent NALC Conference which she attended on behalf of the council in December.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9. Chair's Announcements

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland reported that she had attended the following: -

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| 13 th December | The Mayor and Consort helped distribute mulled wine and mince pies at the Christmas Farmer's Market. The Mayor judged the Harrier's Children's Fancy Dress. |
| 13 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Greater Willington Town Council Civic Service as guests of the Mayor Councillor Graham Sewell. |
| 16 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Seaham Christmas Carol and Civic Service as guests of Mayor Councillor Jennifer Bell and Consort Councillor Eddie Bell. |
| 17 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Chilton Civic Carol Service as guests of Mayor Councillor Len Potts and Consort Councillor Christine Potts. |
| 23 rd December | The Mayor and Consort visited Willowdene where they presented flowers and congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Whitehead on the occasion of their Platinum Wedding Anniversary. |
| 4 th January | The Ferryhill Mayor's Charity Dinner was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. |

10. Correspondence

10.1 8, 9, 10 High Street: DCC

A response has now been received from Mr. Bill Katakay (DCC Planning) confirming that alterations to the buildings have now begun.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

10.2 Durham Association News

The newsletter had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

10.3 Durham Association re Charter

An invitation to send a representative to the launch of the Charter between the Unitary Authority and the local councils has been received.

RESOLVED

The Mayor, Cllr Sheila Sutherland to attend on behalf of the Council.

11. To set the Precept 2010 / 2011

This had been agreed in principle at the Special meeting on Wednesday 6th January 2010.

RESOLVED

- 1. To increase the precept by 1.5% to £232,435**
- 2. To use the £8,500 received as the double taxation grant to off set the final payment for the refurbishment works at Ceddesfeld Hall.**

12. Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

13. Current Planning Applications

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

RESOLVED

The comments are as attached and are to be forwarded to DCC.

14. Residents' Forum – Request for Information

The Clerk circulated the infn sheet and proposed response

RESOLVED

To forward the response to the Residents' Forum

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.