

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **MARCH MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 8th March, 2010**

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

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. R. Taylor, S. Green, T. Jeanes, S. Hannan

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Police Reports

a) Local

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland welcomed Sgt. Brian O'Connor who proceeded to give the Police report. Sgt. O'Connor then answered all questions from Members.

b) Northern Area Report

The report from the Northern area had been circulated

RESOLVED

To receive the reports

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 8th February 2010

These were confirmed as a correct record. (MB, PB)

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 8th February 2010

These were confirmed as a correct record. (MB, PB)

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 15th February 2010

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

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 15th February 2010

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

4.5 Minutes of the Special P&R Committee Meeting held Monday 1st March 2010

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

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

5. Matters of Information

5.1 106 Monies

The Clerk reported that she has now received a form from another Clerk from the old Easington District Area which is being used to claim for 106 grants in that area.

DCC Cllr. John Robinson reported that a meeting is to be set up at DCC with the cabinet member to discuss the issues around the seemingly lost 106 monies for Sedgefield.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

6. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

In addition the Clerk confirmed that the Annual Town meeting would be held on Tuesday 4th May in the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7. Other Reports

7.1 Standing orders

The Clerk informed Members that new standing orders have now been received from NALC. Initially it was suggested that Councillors John Robinson and Dudley Waters (Chair and Vice-Chair of P&R) would meet with the Clerk to bring forward suggestions for ratification by full council.

RESOLVED

i) To receive the information

ii) To arrange a date for this meeting as soon as possible

7.2 Local Council Clerks Meeting

The Clerk had circulated a report.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.3 Report from Cllrs Robinson to Sedgefield Residents' Forum

This had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Chair's Announcements

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

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| 12 th February | The Mayor and Consort attended a Valentine Charity Event as guests of Councillor Gareth Howe, Mayor of Shildon. |
| 13 th February | The Mayor and Consort attended the AGM of the Sedgefield Twinning at Ceddesfeld Hall. |
| 19 th February | The Mayor and Consort attended the Great Aycliffe Town Council Charity Civic Ball as the guests of the Mayor Councillor Mary Dalton. |
| 22 nd February | The Mayor and Consort attended the Pig Racing Charity Event at Crook as the guests of Councillor Brian Myers, Chairman of Durham County Council. |
| 25 th February | The Mayor and Consort attended a Mayor's Charity Night at the Peterlee Catholic Club as the guests of Councillor Chris Metcalf Mayor of Peterlee. |
| 26 th February | The Mayor and Consort attended a Charity Evening at the Chilton Workingmen's Club as guests of Councillor Len Potts Mayor of Chilton. |
| 5 th March. | Sedgefield Mayor's Civic Ball at the Hardwick Hotel, which was a great success. Special thanks to the Hardwick Hall staff as we received many compliments about the meal. |

9. Correspondence

9.1 Parish and Town Council Reps: Standards Board

Information had been received from the Standards Board re Parish and Town Council representatives.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.2 Complaints about Members: Standards Board

Information had been received from the Standards Board regarding complaints about Members.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.3 Thank you: AJ Academy of Performing Arts

A letter of thanks has been received from the above.

RESOLVED

To suggest they also contact Sedgefield News

9.4 Parish & Town Councils Conference – 19th July - DCC

Information had been received regarding the Standards Conference which will be held at County Hall on Monday 19th July.

RESOLVED

All interested in attending to contact the Clerk

9.5 WCL Construction: Council Offices

A preliminary price has been received from Wright Construction re works to the Council Offices.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to arrange a date for the sub-committee to meet to discuss before bringing back recommendations to full Council

9.6 Boundary Committee

Information has now been received from the Boundary Committee together with the recommendations for the area. In particular it would appear that there have been recommendations in regard of a single member for Bishop Middleham and Cornforth division with Sedgefield joining with Fishburn.

RESOLVED

To discuss this in detail at the Community Development committee the following week

9.7 Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document

Information on the above has been received from DCC. Details are on the website and responses should be received by DCC by 1st April.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

10. Public Participation

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

The meeting was then re-opened.

11. 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.

12. Residents' Forum – Request for Information

The Clerk informed Members that Mrs. Julia Bowles, Chairman of the Residents' Forum had confirmed that there were no issues for the Town Council.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50 pm.