

# **SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **APRIL MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

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

**Officer**                    L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs. T. Jeanes, S. Hannan, M. Robinson, R. Taylor, N. Dunn

**2. Declaration of interest**

None

**3. Police Report**

The Chair, Cllr. Allan Blakemore welcomed Sgt. Brian O'Connor who proceeded to give the Police report. In particular Sgt. O'Connor said he had spoken to residents of Burton Mews and the Head Teacher of Sedgefield Primary School, Rectory Row re parking on the pavement and obstructing wheel chairs, buggies etc.

Sgt. O'Connor was thanked for attending by the Chairman and left the meeting.

**4. Minutes and Reports**

**4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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

**4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

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

**4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

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

**4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

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

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

## **5. Matters of Information**

### **5.1 Practice Manager**

The Clerk confirmed that Mrs. Helen Letts, the new Practice Manager, will be attending the meeting in June.

### **5.2 AAP**

The Clerk confirmed that Jane Bellis and Colin Steele have agreed to attend the May Community Development meeting.

## **6. Dates of Meetings**

These had been circulated. In addition the Chairman, Cllr. Allan Blakemore confirmed that the Twinning Coffee morning has been arranged for 10.30 am on 9<sup>th</sup> May at the Dun Cow. In addition the Clerk reminded Members that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall. The Agendas and papers will be made available from the office the prior week.

### **RESOLVED**

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) To serve coffee and biscuits and glass of wine at the Annual meeting**

## **7. Other Reports**

### **7.1 Annual Report**

The Clerk circulated the draft Annual Report which she had prepared. Members were asked to give any alterations / amendments to the Clerk by the end of the week.

### **RESOLVED**

**To receive the annual report**

## **8. Chair's Announcements**

The Chair, Cllr. Allan Blakemore reported that he had attended

- a) Methodist Women's Fellowship Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- b) Twinning Supper Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 County Durham Partnership Newsletter**

Information had been circulated. The Clerk informed Members that DCC had been contacted recently re producing the free website for the Town Council.

### **RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

### **9.2 Sedgefield Charities: STC Nominations**

A letter has been received from the Charities re nominations for the Sedgefield Charities and

the Education Foundation.

**RESOLVED**

- i) **Cllr Allan Blakemore to be nominated for a Trustee for the Sedgefield Charities**
- ii) **Cllrs David Brown and Sue Hannan to be nominated as Trustees for the Education Foundation**

**9.3 Overview & Scrutiny Review of AAPs**

Information had been circulated.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

**9.4 Sedgefield Community Hospital: DCC**

Information has been received from DCC regarding the future of the Community Hospital and confirming the information has been passed to the County Durham and Darlington Trust.

**9.5 Burton Mews Parking: Police**

An email has been received from Sgt. Brian O'Connor confirming that local officers have been made aware of the concerns raised in respect of the parking issues on Burton Mews.

**9.6 East Well Close**

A letter has been received from Mr. David Adcock requesting permission for a right of access over village green to The Barn at East Well Close.

**RESOLVED**

**To agree to this – all legal costs to be paid by Mr. Adcock**

**9.7 Larger Local Councils Forum**

Members were informed that the next meeting of the Larger Local Council Forum is on 13<sup>th</sup> May at Murton. Cllrs. John Robinson, Dudley Waters and the Clerk to attend.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information and ask for Wind Turbines to be placed on the agenda**

**9.8 County Durham Plan**

Information had been received from DCC.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information**

**10. Public Participation**

The Chair, Cllr. Allan Blakemore 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**

The minutes of the Residents' Forum meeting held the previous week had been received together with a copy of the letter to Sedgefield Together.

There was no request for information.

**13. Current Consultation Documents: -**

**a) School Transport**

Information has been received re school transport for faith schools

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information and Members to respond individually if they wish**

**14. Paper for Members**

The Clerk suggested that it may be appropriate for Members to receive a ream of paper each year to enable them to print out the increasing amount of information now being sent by email.

**RESOLVED**

**Members to be entitled to a ream of paper each May if they wish to receive it**

**15. Closure of Coxhoe Leisure Centre**

Information had been received regarding the above.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information and send a letter of support to Coxhoe**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8 pm.