

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **MAY MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 19th May, 2008.**

Present **Cllr. Tim Jeanes (Chairman)**
 Cllr. Sheila Sutherland (Vice-Chair)
 Cllrs. A. Blakemore, D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, M. Garrod, L. Goddard, M. Robinson, I. Sutherland, R. Taylor, D. Waters

Officer Not present

1. Apologies

Cllrs. S. Hannan, J. Robinson
Mrs. L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr. D. Brown – Planning
Cllr. D. Waters – Correspondence SCA

3. Police Report

No report was given.

PC Keith Todd was complimented on his presence at the Mediaeval Fayre and in particular his participation in being in the “stocks” to raise money for the SCA.

RESOLVED

To write a letter of thanks to PC Todd and also a letter to Inspector Andy Neill

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 14th April 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 14th April 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record.

4.3 Minutes of the Environment meeting held Monday 14th April 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record.

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development meeting held Monday 14th April 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record.

4.5 Minutes of the Special meeting held Monday 21st April 2008

These were confirmed as a correct record.

It was reported that the SBC regalia will come to Sedgefield Town Council at the end of the Borough Council term.

RESOLVED

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

5. Matters of Information

None

6. Dates of Meetings

The dates of the meeting for the following month had been circulated.

Cllr. Maxine Robinson reminded Members that the Environment and Community Development committee meetings begin at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 28th May.

RESOLVED

To receive the dates.

7. Other Reports

7.1 Parish Hall

The Chairman reported that the Hall had opened ready for the election on 1st May. There remains some works to be completed including the Boardroom and stairs etc.

Once these are finished training sessions will be arranged for the regular users.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 Meeting with SCA

A report on the meeting held 21st April had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- i) To confirm support in principle for SCA and their proposals**
- ii) STC to give staff / time resource for the SCA bid**
- iii) To continue to meet together as and when necessary**
- iv) The Clerk to arrange another meeting with SCA to take this forward**

7.3 SLCC Conference

A detailed report from the Town Clerk had been circulated.

RESOLVED

- i) To receive the information**
- ii) The Clerk to look to compile a constitution**
- iii) The Clerk to look to compile a report on corporal manslaughter**

7.4 Holiday Park

The Chairman, Cllr. Tim Jeanes reported on the current situation.

He outlined the Inquiry and the anticipated costs for both Barrister and Planning Consultant.

In addition Cllr. Dudley Waters reported on the recent meeting he attended at SBC with Cllr. Agnes Armstrong, Brian Allen, Cllr. John Robinson and the Clerk.

The Chairman also provided information/advice which the Clerk had received from NALC, Auditors and others. There would appear not to be precedence for this type of situation and in particular if there is a power which allows the Town Council to fund a barrister for this purpose. Cllr. Rita Taylor suggested that the Town Council ask the barrister to prepare the case up to the point of the hearing and an agreed budget of £8,000. Cllr. Maire Garrood proposed that the Town Council do not undertake any further work and leave the Borough Council to fight the case at the Inquiry. Cllr. D. Brown proposed that there be no limit placed on the budget which the Town Council uses to fight the case at the Inquiry.

A request was made for a named vote.

RESOLVED

The Town Council to continue to use the Barrister to prepare the case up to the point of the hearing and up to a financial limit of £8,000. Cllrs. Tim Jeanes, Helen Clifford-Brown, Norman Dunn, May Brown, Rita Taylor, Ian Sutherland, Sheila Sutherland, Lynne Goddard, Allan Blakemore, Dudley Waters and Maxine Robinson voted for the proposal.

Cllrs. David Brown and Maire Garrood voted against.

Members were informed that there is a meeting with the Barrister in Newcastle on 23rd May and again on 29th May which Cllr. Tim Jeanes is attending.

8. Chairman's Announcements

The newly elected Chairman, Councillor Tim Jeanes said that his charities for the year would be Prostate Cancer and local charities.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Cross Party Inquiry into Childhood Leukemia and power lines

Information has been received re the above

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.2 Housing Association SBC

Information has been received from SBC re the above.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.3 CDALC Newsletter

The CDALC Newsletter had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.4 LBV Television Community Event

A request has been received re holding their event on Friday 23rd May.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.5 Disabled Lift

A letter has been received from Mr. Roy Smeeton. The Chair informed Members that the Clerk had subsequently written to Access Lifts who had responded stating that the lift is perfectly OK and meets all regulations. This response has been forwarded to Mr. Smeeton.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.6 Durham Diocese

A reply has been received from the Durham Diocese re the Extension to the Potters Shop.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

10. Public Participation

The Chair, Cllr. Tim Jeanes closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

The meeting was then re-opened.

11. Current Planning Applications

The schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

RESOLVED

The comments as attached have been forwarded to SBC.

The Chairman, Cllr. Tim Jeanes thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.