

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of the **DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 14th December, 2009.**

Present **Cllr. Sheila Sutherland (Chair) and**
Cllrs. A. Blakemore, M. Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan, T. Jeanes, I. Sutherland, D. Waters

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. J. Robinson, M. Robinson, H. Clifford-Brown

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Police Report

No report was given.

4. Minutes and Reports

4.1 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 9th November 2009

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

4.2 Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 9th November 2009

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

4.3 Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 16th November 2009

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

4.4 Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 16th November 2009

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

Minutes of the Special Meeting with Fire Officer held Monday 16th November 2009

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

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

5. Matters of Information

5.1 New Lap Top

The Clerk reported she had purchased a new lap top (on offer) this week from Tesco.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

5.2 106 Monies – Cunningham Court

The Clerk informed Members that no response has yet been received from Mr. Stuart Timmiss, DCC re 106 monies for Cunningham Court.

6. Dates of Meetings

These had been circulated.

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland stressed that Members should attend the meeting on Wednesday 6th January when the cooption of two members will take place and also the precept will be set.

7. Other Reports

7.1 CDALC AGM

Cllr. Ian Sutherland gave the report on the recent AGM which he and the Town Clerk attended on behalf of the Town Council.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.2 AAP Board

Cllr. Sue Hannan reported on the recent board meetings and gave a progress report on the funding applications by the scouts, squash club and town council for a youth shelter.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

7.3 EDRC Local Committee

The minutes of the meeting held 17th November had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To accept the report

7.4 CDALC Nov Minutes

Minutes of the CDALC meeting held 11th November 2009 had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Chair's Announcements

The Chair, Cllr. Sheila Sutherland reported that she had attended the following on behalf of the Town Council: -

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| 17 th October | The Mayor and Consort attended the official open day of Ceddesfeld Hall after the extensive refurbishment. |
| 19 th October | The Mayor and Consort attended the Ceddesfeld Pre School Group to present one of the Sunflower Winners with their certificate and prize. |
| 20 th October | The Mayor and her Consort attended Hardwick School to present the Sunflower Winners with their certificates and prizes and the cup. |
| 22 nd October | The Mayor and Consort (Councillor May Brown) attended the Hawaiian Alcohol Free Cocktail Party at Sedgefield College where we helped to dispense alcohol free drinks and advise about alcohol and drugs. |
| 30 th October | The Mayor and Consort hosted the Mayor's Charity Quiz at Ceddesfeld Hall.
The Mayor and Consort then went on holiday. |
| 26 th November | The Mayor and Consort attended the switching on of the Seaham Christmas lights and a reception at the Civic Offices. |
| 27 th November | The Mayor and Consort hosted the Mayor's Charity Music Night at Ceddesfeld Hall. |
| 28 th November | The Mayor and Consort attended the Snowman Parade and the switching on of the Christmas Lights on the village green. |
| 4 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Civic Dinner in Spennymoor Town Hall as guests of the Mayor Councillor Sarah Armstrong. |
| 10 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Sedgefield Town Council Carol Service and then hosted the Cheese and Wine at which the Citizen of the Year Award was announced. |
| 13 th December | The Mayor and Consort attended the Greater Willington Town Council Civic Service as guests of the Mayor Councillor Graham Sewell. |

In addition the Mayor said she would be attending a Platinum Anniversary to present a bouquet the following week to Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Standards for England – Occasional Advice

Information has been received from the Standards Board.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.2 E-Bulletin: 20 November

The E-Bulletin had been received from CDALC.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.3 Wind Farm Applications: P Wilson MP

A response has been received from Phil Wilson MP confirming his concern re the proliferation of wind farm applications in the area and supporting the Town Council's request to DCC for an overall strategy for the area.

9.4 Arriva Area Bus Update

Arriva bus information had been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.5 Electoral Review County Durham

Information has been received re the boundary committee now expect to publish their final recommendations at the beginning of December. On publication of this report the town council will be sent a copy of the executive summary detailing the recommendations.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.6 Remembrance Service: Mr. R Smith

A letter had been received from Mr. Smith who was the buglar at the Remembrance Service and thanking the Town Council for their best wishes.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

9.7 NALC/SLCC Networking Lunches 2010

Information about NALC/SLCC Networking Lunches for 2010 had been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and to remind members that the networking lunch will be held 10th September 2010 in Durham

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 SBC.

12. Residents' Forum – Request for Information

No request had been received.

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