

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016** at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Brownson (Mayor), and Councillors Anderson, Golightly and Lethbridge

**Also Present:** Sheila Horner (Assistant Town Clerk)

**Public in Attendance:** C. Auld

**TC.171/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Blackburn, Fleming, Race, Wilson, S Zair, L Zair and A Zair

**TC.172/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised under this item.

**TC.173/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted

**TC.174/15 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 AND 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**TC.175/15 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

- a. Planning Committee, 8<sup>TH</sup> March 2016
- b. Finance Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes be approved and recommendations contained therein be adopted

**TC.176/15 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising

**TC.177/15 REPORT OF TOWN MAYOR**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a number of events since the last Council meeting including.

15 March 2016	Attended launch evening at Toronto Lodge
18 March 2016	Attended Mayor's Annual Civic Ball at Chilton Town Council
19 March 2016	Attended Heritage Hunter's Second Olden Day Fun Day with Investing in Children
22 March 2016	Officiated at opening of Pavilion Cafe, the Pavilion Cricket Club
02 April 2016	Attended Spennymoor Town Council's Face the Music dance event
06 April 2016	Attended Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club's official opening of renovated Centre
09 April 2016	Hosted Mayor's Civic Charity Ball at Auckland Castle.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**Signed:** .....  
**Town Mayor**

## **REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND TRAINING EVENTS**

### **TC.178/15 TOWN TEAM**

Clive Auld updated Members on recent activities of the Town Team.

Members noted that the mascot, Bishop Boar, was now in demand and new volunteers were being sought to enable appearances.

Thirty three banners were now installed in Newgate Street.

Durham Youth Orchestra had been approached to play in the Market Place on the opening evening of Kynren. A fee of £500 had been agreed and the Town Team would like to seek financial assistance from the Council to fund this. It was suggested that the Town Team complete and submit a Community Fund Application Form.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

### **TC.179/15 THE BIG LOCAL – GAUNLESS GATEWAY**

It was noted that the project bid had been assessed by a representative of the Big Local and had received positive feedback. A formal decision is expected 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

**RESOLVED:** That the Asset Register be agreed.

## **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK**

### **TC.180/15 ASSET REGISTER**

Consideration was given to the annual Asset Register as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

### **TC.181/15 TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

The following would be invited to attend an appropriately timed meeting to update the Town Council on their activities:

- John Wiseman, Woodhouse Church

### **TC.182/15 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

## **REPORT OF TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

### **TC.183/15 LIGHTFOOT CENTRE**

Members considered provisional draught plans submitted by Planarch Design and a report of updates with regards to proposed alterations and improvements (for copy see file of Minutes)

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted and actions approved.

Signed: .....  
Town Mayor