

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016** at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Brownson (Mayor), and Councillors Anderson, Blackburn, Golightly, Lethbridge, Wilson, S Zair, L Zair and A Zair

**Also Present:** David Anderson (Town Clerk) and Sheila Horner (Assistant Town Clerk)

**Public in Attendance:** None

**TC.184/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Fleming and Race

**TC.185/15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No issues were raised under this item.

**TC.186/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted

**TC.187/15 QUEENS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Members noted that the Events Committee had met immediately prior to the Council meeting to consider applications for funding from local groups to assist celebrations of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The following proposals were made by the Committee:

- a. The Bishop Healthy Heartbeat Support Group be awarded £120
- b. The Wear Valley Christian Centre be awarded £245.40

No award was proposed for the application received from the University of the First Age as the organisation could not supply the required information.

Members noted that a number of groups were developing projects to celebrate the Queen's birthday but had not yet been able to submit an application. The Events Committee had suggested that the deadline be extended to allow these groups to apply.

- RESOLVED:**
- 1. That the proposed grants be agreed
  - 2. That the deadline be extended until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to allow those groups developing projects additional time to apply for funding.
  - 3. That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of Finance, to deal with applications received by 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**TC.188/15 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.

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

**TC.189/15 LIGHTFOOT CENTRE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk with regard to the proposed purchase of the Lightfoot Centre. (For copy see file of Minutes)

Members noted a summary of the action taken to date and gave detailed consideration to:-

1. A structural surveyor's report on the building,
2. A quantity surveyor's report setting out a cost plan for the structural work and renovation.
3. A cost analysis for the purchase of the building
4. A risk assessment relating to the purchase and ownership

**RESOLVED:** That the Town Council withdraw from the purchase of the building.

In accordance with Standing Order 3r Councillor Blackburn request a recorded vote.

**Those voting to purchase the Lightfoot Institute**

Councillors Anderson and Brownson

**Those voting against the purchase of the Lightfoot**

Councillors Blackburn, Lethbridge, Wilson, A. Zair, L. Zair and S. Zair

Signed: .....  
Town Mayor