

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2016** at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Golightly (Mayor), and Councillors Anderson, Race, A. Zair, L. Zair and S. Zair.

Also Present: Clive Auld (Bishop Auckland Town Team), David Anderson (Town Clerk) and Sheila Horner (Assistant Town Clerk)

Public in Attendance: None

TC.77/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blackburn, Brownson, Fleming, Lethbridge and Wilson

TC.78/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public in attendance.

TC.79/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Golightly declared an 'other registerable interest' in respect of Item No 4d, 'Minutes, Finance Committee, 6th September 2016' Minute No FIN.20/16 and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Golightly vacated the Chair for the duration of this item.

N.B. Councillor Race left the meeting at the conclusion of this item.

TC.80/16 MINUTES

Allotments & Environment Committee	27 th April 2016
Town Council	26 th July 2016
Planning Committee	26 th July 2016

Councillor Golightly vacated the Chair for the duration of the following item. In the absence of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Anderson took the Chair.

Finance Committee	6 th September 2016
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RESOLVED: That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and recommendations contained therein be adopted.

TC.81/16 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

TC.82/16 REPORT OF THE MAYOR

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

28 th July 2016	Attended Prince Bishops Community Bank open day to raise awareness of the pitfalls for using loan sharks.
6 th August 2016	Attended Hartlepool Borough Council Ceremonial Mayor's Charity Garden Party.
10 th August 2016	Interview with ITV Tyne Tees news re effect of Kynren
13 th August 2016	Attended Railway Heritage Book Launch

Signed:
Town Mayor

13 th August 2016	The Deputy Mayor had attended the Mayor of Brandon & Byshttles Parish Council Afternoon Tea
18 th August 2016	Officiated at Velo29 Town Centre Bike Race.
20 th August 2016	Attended Mayor of Chilton Town Council's Charity Coffee Morning
23 rd -August 2016	Interview with ITV Tyne Tees News – re Amy Tinkler's Olympic Bronze Medal
24 th August 2016	Attended a careers event hosted by the National Careers Service
24 th August 2016	The Deputy Mayor had attended a homecoming event for Amy Tinkler
26 th August 2016	Attended Bishop Auckland New Car Show
2 nd September 2016	Interview with ITV Tyne Tees News re open top bus parade for Amy Tinkler
3 rd September 2016	Awarded Amy Tinkler the Mayors Medal at the Town Hall as part of the bus parade. Also attended celebration event at Spennymoor Leisure Centre
7 th September 2016	Attended Methodist church service re Dementia Friendly Church Project
7 th September 2016	The Deputy Mayor had attended Seaham's Mayor 'At Home'
12 th September 2016	Attended Chairman of Durham County Council's Charity Afternoon Tea at Durham Castle.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND TRAINING EVENTS

TC.83/16 TOWN (CORE) TEAM

Councillor Anderson, Chair of the Core Team, updated members with regard to the meeting of the Core Team held on 10th August 2016.

A general update had been given at the meeting with regard to Kynren, which indicated that the show continued to be very well received. A query had been raised with regard to the shuttle bus. Clarification was sought as to who could use the bus, anyone with a Kynren ticket, or just those with parking vouchers.

It was understood that no events would be held during the closed season. Sound and lighting equipment would be dismantled and securely stored until next season.

It was commented that there was not enough for visitors to do in the town prior to the show. It was explained that street food and entertainment was planned for show days, however plans had been shelved at the request of Eleven Arches due to concerns over increased congestion delaying people getting to the site.

The first year had been a huge learning curve for everyone involved. Discussions would be held after the conclusion of the first season to review how things worked with a view to make improvements and build on success. It was important that the town made the most of the opportunities and benefitted from the increase in visitor numbers.

The Enterprise Agency had planned to host a specialist market with street food and entertainment, however it had been cancelled.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

Signed:
Town Mayor

TC.84/16 TOWN (EVENTS) TEAM

Clive Auld updated Members with regard to the activities of the Events Team.

Busking Day was held on Saturday 6th August 2016. The event was being organised in conjunction with Bishop FM who would be broadcasting from the Market Place on the day.

The New Car Show had taken place on Friday 26th August 2016 in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Six dealerships had attended. The Rolls Royce used at Kynren had also been on show. The event had been very successful.

Monster Saturday was to be held on 29th October. Arrangements were being made for entertainment.

The Events Team were meeting at the Park Head. Numbers of attendees had increased.

A donation of £500 had been received to be used for the purchase of Bishop Auckland related items to raise the profile of the town and raise funds to support additional events.

Councillor S. Zair enquired why buskers had not been at Fore Bondgate. Mr Auld replied that there was a busker at the entrance to Fore Bondgate for the duration of the event.

It was confirmed that the Town Team had not paid the buskers.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

TC.85/16 TOWN TEAM WEBSITE / FACEBOOK

Councillor S. Zair raised concerns about a news story published on the Town Team website and Facebook regarding the relocation of a piano belonging to Bishop Auckland Music Society to St Andrew's Church to allow them to secure a future for their concert series. It appeared that Councillor Zair had been cropped out of the photo and his quote contained in a press release had not been included in the news story.

The Mayor indicated that Town Team operated independently of the Town Council and suggested that the matter be taken up with the Chairman of the Town Team.

TC.86/16 THE BIG LOCAL – GAUNLESS GATEWAY

Clive Auld updated Members on the Gaunless Gateway project. It was noted that South Durham Enterprise Agency had been appointed to deliver the project. Discussions were to be held with Auckland Castle to pilot the apprentice scheme.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TC.87/16 AMENDMENTS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Consideration was given to a report proposing amendments to the following regulations:-

Regulation No 4, Budgetary Control and Authority to Spend
Regulation 11, Contracts

Signed:
Town Mayor

(For copy see file of Minutes)

RESOLVED: That the proposed amendments to Financial Regulation be agreed.

TC.88/16 TRAINING

Consideration was given to attendance at the following training sessions:-

- Purdah: Everything you need to know—dispelling the myths of Purdah, 16 February 2017.
- Clerks: getting ready for elections in May 2017, March 1st 2017

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk attend both training sessions.

TC.89/16 TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

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

- Liz Fisher, deputy director communities, Auckland Castle Trust
- Inspector Warren Edwards, Neighbourhood Policing
- Chris Myers, Regeneration Projects Manager, Durham County Council

TC.90/16 DELEGATED DECISIONS

A record of decisions made under delegated authority since the last meeting was submitted for information.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

TC.91/16 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.

TC.92/16 DETERMINATION OF TENANCY

Consideration was given to a report in relation to a determination of a tenancy at Mill Race Allotments. (For copy see File of Minutes).

RESOLVED: That Solicitors acting on behalf of the Council be requested to issue a Notice to Quit.

Signed:
Town Mayor