

Minutes of the **MEETING** of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 17TH APRIL 2018** at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor A. Zair (Mayor), and Councillors Allen, Blackburn, Brownson, Chappell, Cullen, Tucker, Wilson, L. Zair and S. Zair.

Also Present: J. Wiseman (AYCC), C. Auld and N. Bryson (Bishop Auckland Town Team) and David Anderson (Town Clerk)

Public in Attendance: Alan Anderson

TC.185/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fleming.

TC.186/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item No 5. 'Town Team'

Councillors L. Zair and S. Zair declared a 'disclosable pecuniary interest' in respect of the request for financial support and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillors Blackburn and Brownson declared an 'other registerable interest' in respect of the request for financial support and took no part in the voting thereon.

Councillors A. Zair declared an "other non-registerable personal interest" in respect of the request for financial support, vacated the chair for the duration of the discussion and voting and took no part in the voting thereon.

TC.187/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No queries were raised.

PRESENTATIONS

TC.188/17 AUCKLAND YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

John Wiseman attended the meeting to give a presentation on the activities of the Auckland Youth and Community Centre (AYCC).

Members were reminded that the AYCC had been catering for the needs of young people since the 1960's. Originally known as 'the Boys' Club' it had for many years provided a range of services to meet the needs of young boys and girls and their families.

The mission of AYCC is to support children, young people and their families on the Woodhouse Estate and surrounding area.

Delivering a range of activities, interventions and learning experiences appropriate to age and needs the AYCC provide local children and young people with opportunities to enhance their development and widen their horizons.

Activities included an after schools club, youth club, pick 'n' mix, crèche, out of schools care, detached youth work and big lottery reaching communities funding, Facilities at the Centre included an activity room, sports hall, play rooms, a drop in area and a kitchen.

Signed:
Town Mayor

During 2017 the Centre helped 104 children, 155 young people and 108 adults. Specifically helped 22 adults and young people gain qualifications and 45 people get employability skills and find work.

Although the Centre was thriving and looking to the next 50 years serving the local community it was getting increasingly difficult to obtain funding to support the various projects. The Centre was to continue to their relationships with major funders. It would also welcome the opportunity to work the Town Council.

Members thanked Mr Wiseman for his presentation and congratulated him on the good work undertaken by the Centre to positively enhance the lives of young people and their families.

A meeting was to be arranged with the Town Clerk and Mr Wiseman to explore ways in which the Town Council could support the Centre.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the information be noted
 2. That the Town Clerk meet with Mr Wiseman to explore ways in which the Town Council can support AYCC

Councillor L. Zair and S. Zair left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item.

Councillor Cullen took the Chair for the following item

TC.189/17 TOWN TEAM

Nigel Bryson (Chairman of the Town Team) and Clive Auld (Chairman of the Town (Events) Team) presented the Town Team's Annual Report setting out activities during 2017 and updated members on current activities including projects being undertaken by Town Team partners and events being organised by the Town (Events) Team.

Consideration was given to a request from the Town Team for financial support to hold a 1940's event on Saturday 9th June 2018 and also to hold four events during the Kynren season to attract Kynren visitors to the town centre.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the information be noted.
 2. That a maximum of £4,850 be donated to the Town Team to fund the events detailed in the request.

TC.190/17 MINUTES

Town Council	6 th March 2018
Planning Committee	6 th March 2018
Town Council (Special Meeting)	13 th March 2018
Finance Committee	10 th April 2018

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be approved as a correct record and recommendations contained therein be adopted.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no further matters arising.

Signed:
Town Mayor

TC.191/17 REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Members noted a report of the Mayor detailing the events attended since the last meeting. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

TC.192/17 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND TRAINING COURSES

No reports were given

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TC.193/17 ASSET REGISTER

Consideration was given to the annual Asset Register as at 31st March 2018

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register be agreed.

TC.194/17 PAYMENT OF CONTINUING CONTRACTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Consideration was given to the authorisation of regular payments by the Town Clerk for continuing contracts and obligations (for copy see file of minutes).

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the list of continuing contracts and obligations be approved.
 2. That a dispensation be given to the Mayor and Chairman of the Finance Committee to countersign the payments schedule relating to the electronic payment of Members Allowances.

TC.195/17 TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

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

- Barbara Slasor, Gaunless Gateway Partnership
- Mick Irwin, Drug and Alcohol Reduction Unit
- John Brannan and Paul Watson, Wannasee

TC.196/17 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

TC.197/17 ICT EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT

Consideration was given to a report relating to quotations received for the provision of ICT equipment and support. (For copy see file of Minutes)

RESOLVED: That Durham County Council be requested to supply ICT equipment detailed in the report together with associated support.

Signed:
Town Mayor

TC.198/17 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Consideration was given to a report updating members on current situation regarding the potential purchase of office accommodation. (For copy see file of Minutes)

- RESOLVED:**
1. That further consultation be undertaken on the proposal as described in the report.
 2. That a special meeting of Council be arranged to be held on 1st May 2018 to consider the outcome of consultation.
 3. That, subject to the outcome of consultation, consideration be given to funding options and the appointment of solicitors.

Signed:
Town Mayor