

Minutes of the meeting of **BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Wesley Room at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019** at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Fleming (Mayor), and Councillors Allen, Blackburn, Brownson, Newton Woods, Wilson

Also Present: C.S. Auld and N Bryson (Bishop Auckland Town Team)
David Anderson (Town Clerk)

Public in Attendance: No members of the public were present

TC.158/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Cullen, Chappell, A. Zair, L. Zair and S. Zair.

TC.159/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

PRESENTATIONS

TC.160/18 BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN TEAM

Core Team

Nigel Bryson, Chairman of the Town Team, gave an overview of various regeneration activities within the town centre which were being undertaken by partner organisations, including the following:-

- Kynren - dates for Season 4 had been released. Eleven performances would be given from 29th June to 14th September.
- The Auckland Project - Work was continuing on various projects including renovation of Auckland Caste, reinstatement of the Walled Garden and the creation of a Spanish Art Gallery.
- Bishop Auckland and Coundon in Bloom - Britain in Bloom judges had visited the town earlier that day.
- Regeneration & Local Services, Durham County Council - Signage had been commissioned for the entrance points to Fore Bondgate. DCC were leading the project to install free public wi-fi in the town centre. Both the Town Team and Town Council were helping to fund the project. Durham County Council had arranged business drop-in sessions which were held on Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Events Team

Clive Auld, Chairman of the Events Team, gave an update with regard to recent activity of the Events Team.

It was noted that the Easter Eggstravaganza would be held on 20th April.

The Town Team had obtained two large TV's which were to be located in the Newgate Street and Morrisons to promote the various events taking place in the town. Switch on was also to show the promotional film on one of their display TV's.

Signed:
Town Mayor

A brochure showing events to be held during 2019 had been produced and was being distributed throughout Bishop Auckland.

A Shop Local event had been held during the Food Festival to encourage visitors to use local shops during that weekend.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted

TC.161/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Town Council	25 th March 2019
Planning Committee	25 th March 2019
Events Committee	8 th April 2019
Finance Committee	9 th April 2019

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

There were no matters arising

TC.162/18 REPORT OF 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.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

TC.163/18 ASSET REGISTER

Consideration was given to the asset register as at 31st March 2019.

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register be agreed

TC.164/18 TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

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

- Bishop Auckland Masterplan (special meeting)
- Annalisa Ward, Heritage Action Zone (possibly combined with Masterplan meeting)
- Debbie Connell, Durham County Council, Summertime Activities
- Jill Wood, Bishop Auckland Food Festival
- WiFi Demonstration - informal sessions to be arranged

During discussion of this item it was proposed that the next scheduled meeting of the Council, which was the annual meeting, be held on 7th May 2019. Consultation had previously been undertaken by the Town Clerk, outcome of which was reported to the meeting. It was noted that one member was unable to attend the meeting if it was held on 7th May 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor Blackburn and seconded by Councillor Newton Wood that the next meeting, the annual meeting, be held on 7th May 2019.

RESOLVED: That the annual meeting be held on 7th May 2019

Signed:
Town Mayor

TC.165/18 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.166/18 COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION

Consideration was given to a report relating to the payment of a Community Fund grant to Bishop Auckland Bowling Club. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

TC.167/18 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

Consideration was given to a report relating to proposed terms of lease of office accommodation and also arrangements for reception in the Council's new premises. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED: That the recommendations contained in the report be agreed.

Signed:
Town Mayor