

# **SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the proceedings of the **FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING** of the **Council** held at **7 p.m.** in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014.**

**Present**                    **Cllr. Chris Lines (Chairman)**  
**Cllr. Gloria Wills (Vice-Chairman) and**  
Cllrs. Allan Blakemore, David Brown, Mark Cant, Vanessa Carmichael, Mel Carr, Lynne Dentith, Tim Jeanes, John Robinson, Maxine Robinson, Ian Sutherland, Alf Walton, Dudley Waters

**Officer**                    L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Declaration of interest**

Item 11.1 Cllrs. John Robinson and Maxine Robinson re Chairman's medals

Item 14 Cllr. John Robinson re Fire Brigade

**3. STC Minutes / Committee Reports**

**a) Minutes of the Special meeting to discuss the precept 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record. (GW, LD)

**b) Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record. (VC, AB)

**c) Minutes of the P&R committee held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record. (GW, Mel Carr)

**d) Minutes of the Environment committee meeting held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record. (Mel Carr, GW)

**e) Minutes of the Community Development committee meeting held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

These were confirmed as a correct record. (VC, AB)

**RESOLVED: To accept all of the minutes as above and recommendations contained therein.**

**4. Matters of Information**

**4.1 Spring Lane: Mobile Home**

Cllr. Alf Walton said he had contacted the offices at Durham County Council and asked for a progress report on this.

**RESOLVED**

**The Clerk to write again and ask for information on their intended course of action.**

**5. Dates of Meetings**

These had been circulated.

The Clerk pointed out that the April Environment and Community Development and Engagement committee is scheduled for Easter Monday.

**RESOLVED**

**To postpone these meetings to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

**6. Police Report**

PC Keith Todd gave the Police report and answered all questions. He was thanked for attending by the Chairman.

Cllr. David Brown commended the local Police for their dedication and work.

**7. Financial Risk Assessment**

The Financial Risk Assessment and Report had been circulated to all Members and discussed in detail at the P&R committee on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**RESOLVED**

**To formally approve the Financial Risk Assessment for 2013 / 2014.**

**8. Public Participation**

The Chairman closed the meeting whilst the public gave their views and comments.

**8.1 Pizza Castle**

Mr. Howard Smith commented on the storage of oil drums at the above. The Clerk reported that this has been forwarded to Durham County Council.

**9. Internal Reports**

**9.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Cllr. Chris Lines reported there had been 600 responses to the questionnaire re the Sedgefield Plan. In addition he had attended the exhibition at Ceddesfeld Hall re the proposed development on Eden Drive.

In addition he reported that he and the Community Development Officer had given a presentation for funding for the Sedgefield Sprouts and was awaiting the response on this.

**9.2 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor, Cllr. Mel Carr reported that he had attended:

January 21<sup>st</sup>: North East Embroiders Guild, exhibition of "Mining a Golden Seam" at Spennymoor Town Hall of their work before exhibiting at the International show in Paris

January 29<sup>th</sup>: Winterton Cemetery, "Apple Orchard", planting 33 apple trees in conjunction with some of Sedgefield Community College pupils, the Town Council gardeners and Sedgefield in Bloom

February 7<sup>th</sup>: Support the Veterans coffee morning in Parish Hall

### **9.3 Sustainable Communities**

The Clerk had circulated a written report with basic information re the Sustainable Communities Act and possible examples where the Town Council may wish to make representation.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To note the report and to consider as appropriate once the Neighbourhood Plan issues have been identified.**

## **10. External Reports**

None

## **11. Correspondence**

### **11.1 Durham County Council: Chairman's Medal**

Information had been circulated re the above. This invites groups to nominate individuals for the Chairman's Medal through the AAPs.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To nominate the Town Clerk for her length of service with the Town Council.**

## **12. Applications**

### **12.1 Current Applications**

A schedule of the current planning applications had been circulated.

Cllr. Gloria Wills declared an interest re application 7/2014/0002.

#### **RESOLVED**

- i) The comments are as attached and are to be forwarded to DCC.**
- ii) To invite a DCC Planning Officer to come to a meeting to give information on the Town Council's role and criteria when considering applications.**

### **12.2 Correspondence in relation to Planning Applications**

Confirmation that comments re previous applications had been received.

#### **RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

### **13. Current Consultations**

#### **13.1 Durham County Council Customer First Strategy**

Information had been received via email inviting the Town Council to give their views on how DCC should contact them in the future.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

#### **13.2 County Durham & Darlington Fire and Rescue Service**

Cllr. John Robinson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Information had been received re a consultation into the above.

It was pointed out that all Members have the opportunity to respond individually online.

**RESOLVED**

**i) To note the information.**

**ii) Councillors to respond individually online.**

**iii) The Clerk to circulate the information to the Residents' Forum.**

#### **13.3 Notice of Consultation re the Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople Sites**

Information had been received from Stockton on Tees Borough Council re the above.

**RESOLVED**

**To receive the information.**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.06 pm.