

## NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 09 November 2016 at 7.00 pm at the Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre.**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: M Peden (Chairman)  
M Boon L Burns M Cholerton  
R Dixon W Rogers A Thompson

Officer: D Earl – Town Clerk

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 7 members of the public and 2 Northumbria Police Officers

### **OPEN SESSION**

- At the Chairman's invitation the Police representatives referred to the increase in anti-social behaviour involving a group of youths which they believe were now identified. Issues around the sea front; promenade; sea view; shops; Church Centre and the rear of the Sports Centre had raised concerns of intimidation and abuse of adults. Dispersal Orders had been granted and notices prepared and through working with partner agencies particularly tenancy enforcement they were being pro-active in a bid to nip this behaviour in the bud. They stressed the need to call-in all instances straight away for response and urged reporting to strengthen the case for concerted action.
- In connection with the County Council's Petitions Committee a local resident asked about the Council's representations regarding the former library site.  
  
The Town Clerk advised that as the Committee had met ahead of the Town Council meeting the views of all individual Councillors had been canvassed and the balance of views conveyed to the County Council. There was no need for a further decision.
- A local resident referred to proposals about inter-generational services involving school visits and identification of projects for funding from the Branson and Business Trusts. She indicated that the matter could be left for a future meeting to see how things had moved on.

#### **C050/16 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Todd

#### **C051/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

#### **C052/16 MINUTES OF THE GRANT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the Grant Committee held on 19 October 2016 were received.

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### **C053/16 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 02 November 2016 were received.

### **C054/16 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that:** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 07 November 2016 be received and adopted.

### **C055/16 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

The Chairman reminded Members of the need to declare any new interests in relation to business to be considered at the meeting.

### **C056/16 CONSULTATION – PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

This matter had been deferred from the previous meeting for Members to consider any implications of the proposal to create a new Parliamentary Constituency including the town with boundaries from the river Wansbeck up to Berwick and the Borders. The review being undertaken by the Boundary Commission throughout the country had to reduce the number of Members of Parliament overall and create constituencies with broadly similar electorates.

It was noted that the review had to accord with County Ward boundaries while reducing the number of MP's in the county. While some Members had concerns regarding the size of the constituency with the large rural expanse of the county acknowledged there were improved means of communication but limited for many elderly it was agreed not to make any comment.

**RESOLVED that: the consultation proposals are noted.**

### **C057/16 TOWN PLAN**

The report of the Town Clerk outlined the previous decisions taking account of public consultation. The additional comments from 38 respondents had been informally examined and discussed and it was clear that a range of County Council highways and infrastructure matters were supported and easily included in the plan as they were subject to ongoing discussions with the statutory authority.

While not directly deliverable by the Town Council all matters contained in the report could be included as aspirations within the 10 year period of the plan allowing them to be progressed in tandem with major projects to be delivered either by partnerships, other agencies and private developers and owners.

**RESOLVED that:**

- i) all of the schemes referred to in the report be included in the Town Plan 2016-2026; and**
- ii) delegated powers are given to the Chairman and Town Clerk to publish the plan.**

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**C058/16 USE OF COUNCIL OFFICES**

A request had been received for a local organization to use the Town Council offices for its monthly meetings and Members were invited to consider community organization use.

Mixtures of views were expressed and a number of practical issues would need to be addressed.

**RESOLVED that the request be deferred to look into the implications.**

**C059/16 LIBRARY PROVISION**

A Member provided information regarding the size of the intended new library facility within the Sports and Community Centre which was considered to be very small although it was recognised that this was part of a national trend moving to electronic supply and computer access.

Concerns were expressed regarding changes to previous proposals which had not yet been discussed with the Chairman and of the future needs of local children in particular.

Signed by the Chairman: .....

Date: .....