

NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday 20th
February 2019 at 7.00pm at the St. Bartholomew's Church Centre

PRESENT: Councillors: M Peden (Chairman)

M Boon L Burns M Cholerton
S Harrison E Hartley A Thompson

Officers: D Earl – Town Clerk
E Brown – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 31 members of the public

OPEN SESSION:

A member of the public referred to the September 2018 and November 2018 meetings of the Town Council where a written report from Newbiggin Development Trust had been requested, asking had the Town Council received the report yet. The Town Clerk confirm that the Town Council had not yet received the report.

A Member of the public queried the community engagement strategy and why the Town Council did not allow comments on their social media page. The Deputy Town Clerk informed that it was the policy decision of the council that as social media can be accessed 24/7 comments were not permitted as the Town Council did not have the resources to monitor content 24/7.

A Member of the public informed that a copy of the minutes for the publicly convened Parish Meeting had been emailed to all Councillor inboxes that afternoon.

C091/18: APOLOGIES OFR ABSENCE– Councillor A Bromwich-Alexandra

C092/18. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 14 February 2019.

RESOLVED that: the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

C093/18. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Councillors Harrison and Hartley both declared a personal interest as volunteers for the Newbiggin Heritage Partnership.

C094/18. RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO FINANCE

A Member requested the motion relating to the Finance Committee be brought forward for consideration ahead of this agenda item. This request was denied.

The Town Clerk informed of the two resignations from the Finance Committee. The Chair invited Members to take up the vacant positions on the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED that: Cllrs M Boon and M Cholerton be appointed to the Finance Committee.

C095/18. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Councillor Hartley moved:

This Council resolves to note the outcomes of the Parish meeting held on 18th February and agree a timely and appropriate response.

This was seconded.

The proposer moved an addendum to the original motion to include the following wording:

(i) *That we implement the excellent play park strategy put forward by our Deputy Clerk some months ago and earmark the current financial years S106 money for that purpose.*

and

(ii) *That we use the Annual Assembly/Meeting of the Parish to work through the other concerns of our residents with them and timetable in possible appropriate actions to future Town Council Agendas.*

The addendum to the motion was seconded.

As per Standing Orders a named vote was requested on with motion with the amendment

Against

M Boon
M Cholerton

For

L Burns
E Hartley
S Harrison
M Peden
A Thompson

The motion with additional wording was accepted.

2. Councillor Hartley moved:

In the light of the recent resignations from the finance committee the Town Council resolves to dissolve the finance committee and bring all future financial reporting to the full council for consideration.

The motion was seconded. As per Standing Orders a named vote was requested.

Against

M Boon
M Cholerton
M Peden
A Thompson

For

L Burns
E Hartley
S Harrison

The motion was defeated.

C096/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act relating to financial information.

C097/18. GRANT APPLICATION – NEWBIGGIN HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP

The application which was previously deferred by Council subject to the receipt of further information was returned to the meeting for consideration. Additional information had been provided.

It was proposed and seconded to support the application with a grant of £3,500. This was agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £3,500 be paid to Newbiggin Heritage Partnership.