

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 15th OCTOBER, 2007 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor A. R. Wilkinson in the Chair

Present: Councillors: Mrs. M. Adamson, Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, W. Glover, Mrs. J. Heron, G.W.K. Hepple, A. Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E. Metcalfe, C. R. Nairns, Mrs. E. Richardson, W. Robinson, J. Steel. (15).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Blackburn, R. Heron, R. D. Tate (who all arrived later in the meeting), Mrs. E. A. Rankin, Mrs. D. Storey, Mrs. Summerill (6).

7.00 p.m. – Time was allowed for Public participation

7.15 p.m. – E. Howell from Gentoo Housing Group gave a Presentation to Members relating to new development at S. Cuthberts Close and future proposals and timescale for Broomhill area.

2 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st October, 2007

The Minutes were distributed to Members and were moved by Councillor Robinson and seconded by Councillor Glover and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true and correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steel declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10B as a member of Hetton Methodist Church.

Councillor Mrs. Richardson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Items 10B and 10E as a member of both applicants.

Councillors Hepple, Steel and Nairns declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10D as members of the Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park Committee.

4 Ward Matters

Councillor Glover referred to Town Centre problems with evening youth disorder and asked that the Police Community Team be invited to meet with Members. The Town Clerk advised Members that Inspector P. Dent was due to attend the Council Meeting on Monday, 19th November, 2007

Councillor Glover expressed concern that no response had been received from the City Council regarding ongoing traffic issues on B1284, North Road.

Councillor Wilkinson (Mayor) stated he had attended a concert by Hetton Prize Band on Saturday, 13th October, 2007 which had been superb, the band are a credit to the Town.

5 Champions of the Community Awards

The following nominations for consideration were received:

R. Browell – nominated by Councillor Maddison
Mrs. S. Browell – nominated by Councillor S. Blackburn
Mr. K. Blankley – nominated by Councillor Mrs. J. Blackburn
Mrs. G. Smith – nominated by Councillor Mrs. E. Richardson
Mr. D. C. R. Fletcher – nominated by Councillor Mrs. F. Anderson

6 CCTV Project

Councillor Hepple advised Members of a site meeting to be held on Thursday, 18th October with Con Scott, Coalfield Area Committee Chairman, City Council Security Officer and City Regeneration Officer to examine appropriate locations for camera positions.

7 Financial Payments Approval

To receive and approve Financial Payments Schedule number '3H', it was moved by Councillor Mrs. Richardson, seconded by Councillor Glover:-
RESOLVED and ACCEPTED.

8 Community Committee Meeting

Members were reminded of the Inaugural Meeting of the Community Committee would take place at **6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 30th October, 2007** at The Hetton Centre.

9. Applications for Financial Assistance

The following applications were considered as being received or re-submitted in an appropriate manner by official application and financial information provided.

a. Houghton-le-Spring & District Round Table

Support for November 5th Public Organised Firework Display at Hetton Lyons Cricket Club.

Moved by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Glover that £300 grant be awarded.

b. Hetton Methodist Church

Support for Anniversary Flower Festival.

Moved by Councillor Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Councillor Nairns that £300 grant be awarded

c. Friends of Moorhouse

Support for Annual Christmas Party for residents.

Moved by Councillor Mrs. Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Anderson that £300 grant be awarded

d. Friends of Hetton Lyons Country Park

Support for setting up and room hire costs.

Moved by Councillor Mrs. Meadows, seconded by Councillor Robinson that a grant of £300 be awarded.

f. Fellowship of Churches

Support for the purchase of hymn books for The Laurels Services.

Moved by Councillor Mrs. Heron, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Anderson that a grant of £180 be awarded.

10 Public Seating Project

Members received a report on costings for seat styles.

It was moved by Councillor Hepple and it was agreed to defer decision on this expenditure until later in Civic Year.

11 Hetton 25metre Pool Project

Members received briefing report No. 000 from the Director of Community and Cultural Services and noted further delays were being reported in the project. Members hoped a Presentation on the project could be given at the earliest opportunity.

12 Planning Consultations

The following were considered

A - Application 07/04090/Sub

Land off Colliery Lane, 16 Lyons Avenue, Easington Lane
Demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of one dwelling

Members requested a site meeting prior to making comment

B - Application 07/04051/Adv

Hetton Branch Library (Boxing Club)
Erection of non-illuminated sign on roller shutter door

C - Application 07/04216/Ful

36 The Avenue, Hetton-le-Hole
Erection of extension to front and rear of property

**D - Application 07/044031/
68 Lambton Drive, Hetton-le-Hole
Extension to property**

No objections/observations were made in respect of the above

13 Annual Audit

Annual Audit Year End 31st March, 2007, Report and completion by BDO
Stoy Hayward, Report of the Town Clerk.

Members received and noted the contents of the Audit of the Annual
Return.

Moved by Councillor Hepple, seconded by Councillor Glover and
RESOLVED that the Report be accepted.

Signed Councillor A. R. Wilkinson
Mayor