

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.15 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Mrs. M. Adamson, Mayor, in the Chair

Present: Councillors: Glover, Mrs. Heron, Hepple, Maddison, Mrs. R. Meadows, Mrs. E Metcalfe, Nairns, Robinson, Robson, Steel, Mrs. D. Storey, Wilkinson. (13).

Councillors J. Blackburn and R. Tate arrived mid meeting (2).

Prior to the meeting Liz McEvoy from City Councils N.R.F. Housing Renewal Team met informally with Members to give an update on progress of the Hetton Downs Renewal Scheme and Steve Dodds of NEXUS gave a brief presentation regarding the changes to local bus services.

1. To receive and accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs. F. Anderson, Mrs. J. Blackburn, S. Blackburn, Glover, R. Heron, Mrs. A. Rankin, Mrs. Richardson. (6)

2 To receive and approve the Minutes of the last Council meeting held 21st September, 2009

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was moved by Councillor Steel and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Storey and RESOLVED that they be accepted as a true record.

3 To consider matters arising from the Minutes

No matters were raised.

4 To record Declarations of Interest from Members for any items on the Agenda

Councillor Mrs. Heron recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Item 8, Gentoo Report, as a member of the local Gentoo Board.

Councillor J. Blackburn recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9 as a Governor of Easington Lane Primary School and a personal interest in relation to Hetton School.

Councillors Mrs. Meadows, Glover, Mrs. Storey, Steel and Wilkinson recorded a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 9, as Governors of Hetton School.

5 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation

6 Ward Matters raised by Members

- a. Councillor Robson** reported the poor condition of the highway in Regent Street
- b. Councillor Wilkinson** stated the red tarmac path in front of Hetton Library had been repaired with black tarmac patches.
- c. Councillor Glover** referred to the Front Street Traffic Light Management System, where North Road travelling traffic could not always see signal, which needs a repeat light at the other side of the system.
- d. Councillor Mrs. Meadows** again referred to the poor condition of the footpath and road at Hetton Cemetery.
- e. Councillor Hepple** stated residents had asked that a salt bin be provided at the entrance to St. Cuthbert's Close new housing development in preparation for forthcoming winter.

7. To receive the Report and recommendations of the Town Clerk in respect of Christmas Celebrations 2009

It was agreed to accept the Report i.e.

A Christmas Celebratory Event to be held in the Function Suite, The Hetton Centre on Friday, 27th November, 2009, which will include appropriate festive entertainment and social evening. Civic Guests, Community Leaders and Representatives to be invited to acknowledge community involvement in the district.

8. Gentoo Neighbourhood Action Plans

Issued to Members for information.

9 Applications for Financial Assistance

The following applications having been received and considered it was AGREED that

- a. Hetton Town Health and Boxing Club be awarded £300 Grant, for the purchase of specialist boxing equipment. The Town Council to be provided with the Invoice to pay direct to supplier, not to the Boxing Club.
- b. Hetton School – a cash grant award of £200 be made as a contribution towards the attendance scheme.
- c. Easington Lane Primary School – a cash grant of £300 be made as a contribution towards pupils theatre trip experience

10 City of Sunderland Road Work Report - Received and noted.

11 City of Sunderland Coalfield Local Area Plan and Report of Meeting held Wednesday, 23rd September, 2009 and core strategy information

Councillor Hepple gave a verbal report on the Meeting

12 Planning Consultation

Application No. 09/03558/FUL
23 Lloyd Avenue, East Rainton
Erection of extension to front

Application No. 09/0375/FUL
139 Houghton Road, Hetton-le-Hole
Erection of extension to rear

The above applications were considered when no objections/observations were made

13 Meeting with E-on re Great Eppleton Windfarm

The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a special meeting with the E-on representative.

14 Easington Lane Flatts, Play facility development consultation

The Town Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the appropriate City Council Officer to look at the proposals for new play area.

Signed
COUNCILLOR Mrs. M. A. ADAMSON
Mayor