

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT 7.00 p.m. ON
MONDAY 18TH JUNE, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Kathleen. Pearson, Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Costello, Coulson, Defty, Elvin, Geddes, Herron, Holt, Mrs Waterson, Mrs Willis. (9/21 Quorum met).

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Mayor made the following statement:-

'To advise both Members of the Council and members of the public that the Meeting may be recorded by both audio and video and photographs may also be taken. Indeed the Town Council are recording the Meeting, in accordance with their adopted policy. Any objections to this should be stated before the commencement of the Meeting.'

7.00 p.m. Public Participation

The Mayor advised the persons in attendance that a period of 30 minutes was now allowed for them to address the Town Council

Mrs Rowham highlighted once again the ongoing several year issue of All Trac derelict waste disposal site at Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate. She stated that personal research had proved that Sunderland City Council were responsible for a clear and tidy site and then try to get owner or administrators of ownership to pay legal and enforcement costs of clearance. She was concerned that no-one taking responsibility for the issue and stressed HTC should take steps to get all matters sorted.

Mr L Waterfield referred to the previous Public Meeting with Northumbria Police held in May 2018 and he stated he was concerned that no reports had been sent it reply from the Police to questions posed by residents. He said there were few police officers present in the area and that was heard was that funding had been withdrawn.

Cllr Geddes reported that Coalfield Area had seen an increase of officers to the Community Team and Hetton area had 2 new CPSO's just commenced employment.

1. To Receive, Accept and Approve Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Adamson, Blackburn, Alcock, Mrs Heron, Hepple, Cummings, Cunningham, Wallace, Mrs Turner.

In receiving the apologies, the Town Clerk read out and noted written email reasons for Members' absences, such as Civic duties and meetings held on Monday evenings.

2 a. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of last Meeting of the Town Council held Tuesday, 15th May, 2018

The Minutes having been distributed to Members it was moved by Cllr Elvin and seconded by Cllr Geddes that the Minutes be accepted as a true record RESOLVED.

b. The Minutes and attachments of the Annual Meeting held 15th May, 2018 were distributed and noted for information only.

3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Cllr Elvin again stressed his disappointment that I Richardson, Asst Head of Environmental Services, Sunderland Council had not been able to attend in person to meet with Councillors to discuss issues of concern.

Cllr Holt stated he hoped similarly an invitation could be extended to the Chief Executive of Sunderland Council to come and meet Hetton Town Councillors in person.

It was further suggested that the Mayor be asked to send the appropriate invitation letters to both.

4. Declarations of Interest

Non received.

5. Reports from Members – Ward |Matters to be Investigated

Cllr Geddes stated that it has been estimated that it may cost £2.5 million to undertake the work.

Cllr Holt reported that the street column at entrance to Hetton Lyons Ind Est, Colliery Lane had been damaged by a large vehicle and now was at an angle and could be dangerous.

Cllr Coulson reported that the Quarry House Gardens, East Rainton Play area, which is extensively used by residents has been vandalised and in need of refurbishment. He also again referred to the Hazard area footpath where despite many reports and requests for a barrier to be installed, commercial fly tipping was ongoing at an alarming rate. He urged the City Council to take action.

Cllr Elvin reported overgrown trees at Hetton Burn footpath were preventing street lights being effective in this area.

Cllr Pearson again referred to the overgrown trees to the footpaths at Hetton Medical Centre and Hetton Nursery School.

6. Planning Consultation

The Town Clerk had distributed to Members correspondence from Gleeson Homes, following HTC site visit and subsequent comments made with regard to Hetton Downs Development. It was pleasing to note that many comments/concerns made by Members had been addressed and resolved.

7 C.D.A.L.C. – Community Lead Housing Conference 20th June

Members were advised of the Conference details and the availability of free attendance.

8. Report of Hetton Retailers Meetings April and June, 2018

Members had attended and gave a brief report on the progress of the Project.

9. NHS Clinical Commission Group – Public Consultation

Members were advised of the session held in the Hetton Centre and future sessions to be held in August 2018, which will be publicised.

10 a To receive and Accept the Minutes of the Staff Employment and Training Committee held 6th June, 2018

Yes – accept Minutes

b. To receive and discuss the draft details of the Job Description for the post of Town Clerk and to progress issues and associated details.

Yes – Members agree to Job Description

11 To receive and accept the letter dated 8th June, 2018 to acknowledge the Resignation of Mrs. A. Campbell as Council Member for the Hetton-le-Hole Ward and discuss the necessary action to be taken

Cllr Heron suggested in the light of finance circumstances it may be more appropriate is position was left unfilled until the full Council Elections, May 2019.

Cllr Elvin stated the Clerk must take the appropriate action and advise Sunderland City Council Electoral Officer to follow procedure and advertise the vacancy.

Signed
Councillor Pearson
Mayor