

# Hetton Town Council



## Minutes of meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Monday 15 November 2021

Note: The meeting was not audio or video recorded.

### **Present**

Cllrs R Coulson, J Defty, T Dodds (from Item 5), P Dowell, R Elvin, D Geddis (Town Mayor), L Gibson, P Hall, R Heron, W Little, K Pearson, M Pigdon, S Reilly, K Rowham, I Scott (from Item 5), S Waterston and C Willis.

### **In attendance**

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)  
Member of public (MoP) x 1

### **1) Apologies for absence**

TC reported that an apology for absence had been received from Cllr D Thomas (holiday commitment). Town Council resolved to approve the apology received.

No apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs J Blackburn, J Green or M Thornton. Town Council resolved that their absences be recorded as unapproved.

### **2) Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3) Public participation**

MoP queried when the video recording of Council meetings would resume. TC explained the position.

### **4) Minutes**

a) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of Hetton Town Council held on 18 October 2021.

b) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Meeting of the Events & Special Activities Committee held on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

c) Subject to inclusion of an amendment to read "10 in favour" under Item 4, Town Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Hetton Town Council held on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

d) Town Council resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Meeting of the Management, Policy & Finance Committee held on Thursday 11 November 2021.

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### **5) Reports from Members**

Cllr S Waterston:

Queried the funding arrangements in place for the provision of a Christmas tree at Easington Lane; this in the context of other Christmas trees in Hetton and district having to be funded by the Town Council.

Following discussion, Town Council resolved that TC seek details from Sunderland City Council of current and historic arrangements for the funding of Christmas trees and associated events in Easington Lane.

Cllr R Coulson:

Requested the installation of a war memorial at East Rainton.

Cllr R Elvin:

Raised the need for funding to be sought for the renovation of the War Memorial at Easington Lane including a new clock face and various repairs.

In response to the issues raised by Cllrs Coulson and Elvin, TC undertook to carry out initial research and report to a future meeting of Events & Special Activities Committee.

Cllr K Pearson:

Reported that the commemorative stone located in Edward Street required cleaning.

Cllr L Gibson:

Request installation of speed humps / traffic calming measures in Corrigan Terrace, East Rainton.

Cllr S Waterston:

Expressed concerns about poor physical appearance of The Hetton Centre, and lack of external upkeep of the premises.

Cllr D Geddis:

Reported that play park at Kingfisher Drive, Easington Lane had been completed, but was not yet opened. This was possibly due to a dispute between the developers.

Cllr R Elvin:

Re play park at Kingfisher Drive – requests appropriate officer from SCC attends HTC meeting to advise on position and resolution.

Cllr K Pearson:

Reported missing / damaged gulley covers at Eppleton Row.

### **6) Sunderland City Councillor(s) - Hetton and Copt Hill wards:**

There were no City Councillors present.

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### 7) Town Clerk update

TC advised that 3 x Christmas trees had been installed on 10 November and lights had been added.

TC reported that he had received a positive response from City Councillors K Johnston and C Rowntree for financial support towards the cost of the trees through Community Chest funding.

TC advised that an order had been placed for the lap top computer.

### 8) Financial report

Town Council resolved to approve the financial report and expenditure outlined below.

**Income** Nil

#### Staffing expenditure:

Town Council resolved to approve the financial report and expenditure outlined below.

Town Clerk net salary (includes additional hrs for Oct) £1120.77

HMRC (Combined employer/employee liabilities) £504.42

NEST Pension (Combined employer/employee contributions) DD£73.64

**Sub-total:** £1698.83

#### Town Clerk expenditure:

Royal British Legion (2 x wreaths for Remembrance events) £36.00

Asda (2 x A4 500 paper) £5.00

**Sub-total:** £41.00

#### Other expenditure:

T & A Dixon Accountancy Services (payroll service April-Oct 21) £60.00

Hetton Town Trust (Room hire 20 Sept 21) £70.00

Co Durham Association of Local Councils (1 x councillor training session) £10.00

EE (invoice 4 Nov 21) DD £12.00

Balfour Beatty (new tree lights for Hetton and East Rainton) £3812.16

Balfour Beatty (adjustment to flood light in mini park) £254.42

**Sub-total:** £4218.58

**Total: £5958.41**

Barclays Current account balance @ 10 Nov 21: £93970.23

Anticipated current account balance if all paid: £88011.82

Barclays Reserve account balance @ 10 Nov 21: £28404.09

#### Town Mayor fund:

**Income:** Nil

**Expenditure:** Nil

Co-op Bank balance @ 10 Nov 21: £1750.00

### 9) Insurance renewal

TC introduced the previously circulated report. After consideration, Town Council resolved:

To appoint supplier "C" as insurance provider for 22-23;

and,

That TC seek clarification on certain aspects of the long-term agreement options, and then liaise with Chairman of Management, Policy & Finance Committee to confirm a referred renewal option.

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### **10) Hetton Town Council meeting venue**

Following queries previously raised, TC reported that Hetton Town Trust were liaising with SCC to seek assurance (or otherwise) that the ventilation system within The Hetton Centre met current Government and Health & Safety Executive guidelines relating to Covid -19.

Town Council resolved to note the update.

### **11) Hetton Lyons Boys Club**

TC reported that he had received a response (previously circulated) from SCC in response to a request for clarification.

During subsequent discussion, Town Council regarded the SCC response as insufficient and resolved that TC seek advice from the National Association of Local Councils.

### **12) Planning matters**

Town Council considered the following planning applications and resolved to take action as indicated below:

21/02418/FUL

At 5 Gilesgate Road Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0EZ

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension above existing garage and porch to front.

Applicant: Mrs Jemma Scott

**No comments or objections.**

21/02417/FUL

At Hetton Lyons Park Downs Pit Lane Hetton le Hole, DH5 9NL

Proposal: Installation of Heritage Locomotive artwork manufactured from 5mm Corten weathering steel to commemorate the Bicentennial of Hetton Colliery Railway in 2022.

Applicant: Miss Shirley Carr

**No comments or objections.**

21/02408/FUL

At Land at Logan Street Hetton le Hole

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking and access

Applicant: Mr Hughie Quinn

**No comments or objections.**

21/02543/FUL

1A Moorhouse Gardens Hetton le Hole DH5 0AD

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear and conversion of garage into habitable room.

Applicant: Mrs Helen Warne

**No comments or objections.**

21/02530/LP3

Evolve Business Centre Cygnet Way Rainton Bridge South, DH4 5QY

Proposal: Installation of 2 air source heat pumps to serve the domestic hot water needs of the building.

Applicant: Sunderland City Council

**No comments or objections.**

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### **13) General correspondence**

Town Council resolved to note each of the items of correspondence detailed below and for TC to action as indicated:

National Association of Local Councils:  
Website accessibility (circulated 21 October)

Sunderland City Council:  
SARA report (circulated 21 October)

Hetton Lyons Nursery School:  
Federation decision (circulated 25 October)

Co Durham Association of Local Councils:  
Local Govt structure and elections (circulated 26 October)  
NALC report re Climate change (circulated 4 November)  
Webinar - communicate and engage effectively with communities **(TC to participate)**  
Notification of Larger Councils forum - 18 November **(Cllrs Geddis, Pearson and Waterston to attend)**

The Planning Inspectorate:  
Consultation and notification of Dogger Bank Wind Farms (circulated 11 November)

MoP: Freedom of Information request  
MoP: Re telephone exchange, Easington Lane

### **14) Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 20 December 2021 commencing 19.15 hrs at The Hetton Centre.