

# Hetton Town Council



## Minutes of Management and Policy Committee held on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at The Hetton Centre

### **Present:**

Cllrs T Dodds, R Elvin (Chairman), D Geddis, C Sinnott and S Waterston.

### **In attendance:**

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC).  
Councillors R Heron and K Pearson.

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

Apologies for absence had been received from or on behalf of Cllr J Cunningham (work commitment), Cllr J Green (work commitment) and Cllr M Hopper (work commitment). Committee resolved to approve the apologies received.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3) Public participation**

Cllr R Heron raised a concern relating to the outline proposals for Hetton Mini Park. This referred to the removal of planted areas which may lead to unauthorised use of the Park for football or other games. Cllr R Elvin (Chairman) thanked Cllr Heron for his comments.

### **4) Sunderland City Plan (SCP)**

TC reported that he and the Chairman had met with Associate Lead for Organisational Strategy, SCC on 7 January to discuss the potential for HTC involvement in SCP to help identify and deliver community priorities. The meeting had been very constructive and the officer had indicated a willingness to work in partnership with the Town Council.

Committee resolved that TC work within the SCP framework to document an initial position statement for tabling at a future meeting of the Committee.

### **5) Community Priorities**

TC reported that Facebook training was scheduled for 22 January. Cllr T Dodds commented on Facebook user demographics and the limited use of the channel among young people. This generated a wider discussion on the need to engage young people with Hetton Town Council and provide education about the role of local government. TC undertook to follow up a previous query made to Hetton Comprehensive School relating to the existence of a School Council.

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### **5) Community Priorities cont ...**

Cllr R Elvin (Chairman) thanked members for their contributions. Committee resolved to note the aspirations for a multi channel approach to communications in the longer term.

Cllr R Elvin reported that the meeting with SCC officer had also touched upon Town Council's views on CCTV. The officer suggested that a site visit to the CCTV Control Room may be beneficial.

Committee resolved that TC and Cllr M Hopper follow up the offer of a site visit for fact finding purposes.

TC reported that he had received a response from Principal Landscape Architect, SCC following his request for initial feedback to the suggestions made for remodelling of the Mini Park following the site visit in December.

There was support for improvements but funding was unavailable. The officer had undertaken to liaise with Area Community Officer re the feasibility of establishing a project. A further update would be provided in due course.

Cllr R Elvin (Chairman) requested Members of the Committee give further consideration to sites for tree planting.

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

Committee resolved that the next meeting be held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 at 17.45 at The Hetton Centre.

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