

## **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 6 February 2017 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

Councillors:	I Dixon (Town Mayor)	P Hodgson
	H Bettison	G McLean
	D Blackburn	B Parkin
	A Forbes	G Roughead
	A Gibson	C Seymour
	E Goodyer	G Smith
	G Hill	

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr Gareth Davies, Interim Town Clerk

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

Joyce Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace

10 members of the public approximately

#### **OPEN SESSION**

##### **Public Speaking**

During public speaking, two members of the public spoke on the topic of Minute C276/16, and one member of the public raised an issue for Northumberland County Council.

During public speaking on Minute C276/16 Cllr Goodyer declared a personal but non prejudicial interest in the topic because he occasionally works for a supplier of street lighting equipment.

Cllr Blackburn arrived during public speaking but took no part.

The Interim Town Clerk agreed to produce a briefing note for members on when council is consulted on regulatory and planning matters as a result of a matter raised during discussions.

##### **C269/16 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Cllrs T Forrester, K Graham and J Lang.

##### **C270/16 2. MINUTES**

- i. The minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council meeting held on 23

January 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- ii. The minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Extraordinary meeting held on 30 January 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**C271/16**

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr G McLean declared a personal interest in Item 8.

Cllr G Roughead declared a personal interest in Item 9.

**C272/16**

### **4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

**C273/16**

### **5. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The mayor shared details of a visit he had paid to Berwick and District Youth Advisory Group. He also announced that the Town Council office had moved. The mayor also thanked councillors and residents for their generosity in raising £500 for St Oswald's Hospice in memory of the Mayoress.

**C274/16**

### **6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The reports were noted and elected members expressed their gratitude for the reports received. A councillor raised the issue of the history of S.106 payments made in connection with developments in Berwick, and another councillor questioned whether it would be possible to receive a report explaining what had occurred in relation to all S.106 moneys intended for Berwick upon Tweed.

**C275/16**

### **7. QUARTERLY REVIEW AND RESERVES FIGURES**

It was **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cllr Goodyer, seconded by Cllr Bettison, to note the report and to record the gratitude of the council to the staff for producing a comprehensive and clear report in a format that suited the council's purposes.

**C276/16**

### **8. HERITAGE LAMP STANDS**

After a number of councillors had spoken it was proposed by Cllr Seymour, and seconded by Cllr Hill, that no further work be undertaken on this matter. After a further debate, it was **RESOLVED**, by seven votes to four, not to adopt the proposals contained in the previous reports. On the topic of Standing Order 7 the Interim Town Clerk confirmed that it would require a special resolution of council for this matter to be re-opened within six months, although the decision as to whether similar schemes might be added to the agenda would be a matter for the Proper Officer.

**C277/16**

### **9. HOPPA BUS SERVICE**

After a number of councillors had spoken on the benefits of the Hoppa Bus Service both for residents and as a tourist facility, and on the possibility of an extension including a park and ride element, it was proposed by Cllr Roughead, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **RESOLVED** unanimously to establish a working group consisting

of Cllrs Smith, Hodgson, Roughead and Goodyer to provide a recommendation back to council on the future Hoppa Bus provision.

**C278/16**      **10. CASTLE VALE PARK**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the update.

**C279/16**      **11. FORWARD PLAN**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the Forward Plan, and to add to it a report on the Castle Vale Sculpture Trail and a report on consultation on the new leisure centre.

**C280/16**      **12. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13 December 2016.

**C281/16**      **13. CALENDAR OF DATES FOR 2016-17**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to note the changes to the calendar of dates for 2016-17.

**C282/16**      **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 27 February 2017 at 6 pm.