

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

PRESENT COUNCILLORS: P. Stokes (Chair), T. Ball, C. Batson, M. Craggs, M. Dyer, P. Eastwood, J. Fowler, K. Geraghty-Shewan, E. Mather and F. Nicol.

ALSO PRESENT: G F Smith (Clerk) and D. Willock (Resident).

001/22 Apologies

Councillor T. Batson and County Councillor R. Manchester.

002/22 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 10 – Tow Law Community Association.

Councillors M. Craggs and F. Nicol declared an interest in Agenda Items No. 10 – Tow Law Community Association and Agenda Item No. 11 – Tow Law Food Bank.

003/22 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16th November 2021

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

004/22 Action List – No report.

005/22 Community Fund – No applications received.

006/22 Setting the Precept for 2022/23

Member discussed the reports circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting:-

- Expenditure Report 1/4/21 to 31/12/2021
- Detailed Expenditure Report 1/4/2021 to 31/12 2021
- Current Tax Base Report
- Suggested Increases Report
- Expenditure 2022/23 Report to consider (to be further discussed at the next Town Council Meeting)
- Bank Balances (previous four years)
- Precept and LCTSS Grants (previous four years)

Signed.....Chairman

Members agreed the following:-

- Increase the Precept from £36260.00 to £40960.48
- LCTTS grant reduced from £3093.00 to £2457.00
- Total payment from DCC £40960.48 plus £2457.00 TOTAL £43417.48
- For the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Official Precept Request 2022/23 and send to Durham County Council.

007/22 Allotments

Clerk to chase up Northumbrian Water.

008/22 Joint Report by the Chair and Vice Chair

The Chairman wished to thank Councillors Craggs and Nicol for opening the Community Centre during recent power cuts and serving refreshments.

009/22 Land rear of High Street, Tow Law

The Chair updated the meeting, meet with owner of Foundry Site and reported that an Ecology Report was required for the site by the County Planners (he was obtaining the necessary quotations).

010/22 Tow Law Community Association

The Chair informed the meeting that the Community Centre was busy

011/22 Tow Law Food Bank

Councillor Nicol informed the meeting that the Food Bank was still very busy

012/22 Police/PACT/ Speed watch

Police – change of PCSO, free security devices event (date to be arranged)

013/22 County Councillors Report – No Report

The following Councillors requested the Clerk to contact County Councillor Manchester on the following matters:-

- Councillor Geraghty-Shewan Bus Shelter repairs and water leaks at Nursing Home (has been repaired)
- Councillor Dyer Speeding vehicles down Wolsingham Road
- Councillor Mather – 106 Allocations
- Councillor Stokes – Play Areas inspections in Tow Law and bollards in High Street

014/22 Representative by Residents – None

Signed.....Chairman

015/22 Bank Account (on-line banking) - awaiting response from Co-op Bank regarding an appointment.

016/22 Planning Applications – None received.

017/22 Account for Payment

Vouchers 73 to 83 amounting to £7998.36; to be paid.

018/22 Training Requirements – No update

019/22 CCTV in Tow Law – No update

020/22 Tow Law Millennium Green

The Chair reported on the following:-

- Costs required for ditching works
- Fencing off woodland area
- Allocation of 106 Funding

021 /22 Beehive Coke Ovens – No update

022/22 Play Areas in Tow Law – awaiting update from County Councillor Manchester

023/22 Platinum Jubilee Event

Discussion on volunteers (next month's meeting)

024/22 Clerk's Report – No report

025/22 Members Reports

Councillor Craggs – On-line Training, Web-site/Facebook, item to be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.

Councillor Mather – Electric Charging Points; Survey

026/22 Date of next meeting Tuesday 15th February 2022 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.25pm

Signed.....Chairman

