

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023, commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

PRESENT: Councillors F. Nicol (Chair), M. Craggs, K. Duffy, P. Eastwood, J. Fowler, E. Mather, P. Stokes and D. Willock.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councilor R. Manchester, G. F. Smith (Clerk).

129/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Councillors M. Dyer and C. Batson.

130/23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Stokes declared an interest in agenda item no. 14 Tow Law Community Association.

Councillors Craggs and Nicol declared an interest in agenda items no.14 Tow Law Community Association and agenda item no. 15 Tow Law Food Bank.

Councillor Craggs also declared an interest in agenda item no.12 Allotments.

Councillor D. Willock declared an interest in agenda item No. 15 Tow Law Food Bank.

131/23 DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Declaration of Office of Chair – signed by Councillor Nicol and counter signed by the Clerk.

Declaration of Office of Councillor – signed by Councillor Duffy and counter signed by the Clerk.

132/23 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

133/23 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

134/23 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair

135/23 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Signed.....Chair

### 136/23 ACTION LIST

The Action List was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Responses received from:-

The Clerk – Corporate Trustees – Arranged meeting for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### 137/23 COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk read out a letter received Michael Parker, Tow Law Scouts requesting funding for a the purchase of a flag for the newly formed group and costs of leader training development

Members agreed to donate £250.00 from the Community Fund to the project.

### 138/23 JOINT REPORT BY THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- Ongoing discussions with Home Group /MP/ Crime Commissioner/MySpace/Local Press.
- High Hill House – Ongoing problems(getting worse).
- Telephone conversation with local M.P. Richard Horden.
- AAP Board meeting
- AAP meeting regarding local bus services

### 139/23 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk had circulated a report from the Allotments Committee reviewing the arrangements for the Allotment sites including rents.

After further discussion it was agreed to finalise discussions at the next Town Council meeting in July 2023.

New rates (if agreed) not to come into effect until January 2024 and allow for changes to be made to the tenancy agreement.

The Clerk reported that damage had been carried out to the water supply pipe fittings after only one day's operation.

### 140/23 LAND REAR OF HIGH STREET, TOW LAW

Councillor Stokes updated the meeting: –

Illegal parking became a problem , some form of restrictions to be introduced.

Signed.....Chair

141/23 TOW LAW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Letter received from Jenny Flynn, Secretary, TLCA asking for the Council to reconsider the donation. The Clerk pointed out that the approved minute also included that the Council would review the funding situation in September 2023. Clerk to confirm details to Mrs Flynn.

142/23 TOW LAW FOOD BANK

Councillor Nicol updated the meeting – still very busy, soup and food sessions, numbers expanding.

143/23 ANNUAL RETURN DOCUMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2023

Item deferred until the special Town Council meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

144/23 POLICE /PACT/SPEEDWATCH REPORTS

Speedwatch report (Councillor Mather) 59 vehicles; 10 speeding

Next Police Pact meeting on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

145/23 FACEBOOK

Councillor Craggs produced a first edition.

146/23 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor R. Manchester reported on the following:-

- Contact details for play equipment inspections (James Young, DCC).
- Boundary Commission (Clerk to respond on behalf of Town Council).
- Funding for the Play Area.
- Rights of Way consultation
- Find & Fix project for Tow Law, Clerk to contact Dean Henry DCC, Members agreed for the plan to commence ASAP.

147/23 REPRESENTATION BY RESIDENTS – None received.

148/23 BANK ACCOUNT (on-line banking) – response from Co-op Bank. Still Awaiting details of confirmation of Authorised signatories and authorisation of on-line banking arrangements.

Signed.....Chair

149/23 PLANNING MATTERS

DM/22/03212/FPA Planning Application for subdivision of site and existing buildings into 5 plots for Industrial and storage units at Bonds Foundry, North Road, Tow Law (part retrospective) by Pinkney Construction.

DECISION – No objections.

150/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Vouchers 19 to 26 amounting to £26121.79; to be paid.

151/23 ROAD SAFETY- COUNCILLORV WILLOCK

No further update.

152/23 CCTV IN TOW LAW – Clerk to further discuss with DCC regarding updating of cameras and number plate recognition system.

153/23 TOW LAW MILLENNIUM GREEN

Clerk read out an e-mail from Hannah Fishburn, Oasis would like to hold some events on Millennium Green on a number of Fridays in July/August/September 2023 (10 am to 12 noon) for up to 15 children and their accompanying adults/carers.. Members agreed to the request.

Quotations received for repairs to the pond fencing, further discussions required.

154/23 BEEHIVE COKE OVENS – No update

155/23 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the Local Councils Award Scheme details to be sent to all Councillors.

The Clerk also read out e-mails from Dean Henry, DCC which was discussed with County Councillor Manchester.

Tow Law Football Club

The Clerk read out an e-mail from Neil Carpenter following discussions at Tow Law Town AFC committee. Use of Council Notice Boards to display posters to assist with ticket sales for events in the clubhouse. Clerk agreed to review the use of notice boards for “Community Use”. Councillors Nicol and Stokes would discuss the notice board outside the Community Centre (presently damaged) with the Community Centre’s committee. This had been agreed.

Signed.....Chair

156/23 MEMBERS REPORTS

Councillor Stokes:-

- Community Ownership Fund Round 3 (Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities), details to all Councillors.
- Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter, details to all Councillors, item to be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.
- 'D' Ay (opening of Fish & Chip shops on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Dog Bins for Millennium Green (DCC)

157/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm.

SIGNED.....Chair