

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 in the Community Centre, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chair), T. Batson, A. Blacker, J. Fowler, R. Grogan, M. Hird, A. Lamb, F. Nicol, P. Stokes and C. A. Wilson

Also Present: Sandy Denny (Three Towns AAP Co-ordinator), Lizzie Anderson (Northern Echo G F Smith (Clerk) and J. Hart (County Councillor).

131/16 Apologies
Councillor T. McFaddon

132/16 Declaration of interest
Councillor **Stokes** declared an interest in agenda item 17 – telephone kiosk, Inkerman Road, Tow Law and agenda item no 15 – Post Office, Tow Law.
Councillor **Fowler** declared an interest in agenda item 16 – Trex Gymnasium
Councillor **Hird** declared an interest in item 18 – Millennium Green
Councillor **Batson** declared an interest in agenda item 3 – Minutes of a Special meeting dated 21st June 2016.

133/16 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 21st June 2016
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

134/16 Minutes of a the Ordinary meeting held on 21st June 2016
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

135/16 Matters Arising – None

136/16 Co-option of Councillors
The following Councillors were co-opted onto the Town Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor, countersigned by the Clerk and witnessed by all Members present at the meeting:-

- Miss Fiona Nicol, 5 Elm Terraces, Tow Law
- Ms Ashleigh Lamb, 47 Highfields, Tow Law

The Clerk handed each Councillor a copy of the form “Notification by members of a local Authority of Pecuniary and other Interests” for them to completed and return to the Clerk as soon as possible.

137/16 Three Towns Area Action Partnership (update)
Sandy Denny updated Members on the work being carried out by the AAP and invited Councillors to attend the Board Meetings as well as the task groups.

- The priorities for this year are:-
- Children and Young people
- Health and Wellbeing
- Regeneration and safety of Towns and Villages

Future Board meetings: -

- 8th September 2016
- 10th November 2016
- 19th January 2017
- 9th March 2017

- 138/16 N- Power Community Fund**
Balance as at 18th July 2016 £3186.73
Applications: -
1. The Clerk read out an application from the **John Parkin Memorial Fund** for a contribution towards providing the Tow Law Community with a Public Access Defibrillator.
- Members agreed to donate £250 from the N- Power Community Fund.**
2. The Clerk readout an application from **The Friends of Tow Law** for a donation towards the cost of Fireworks display on Friday 4th November 2016.
- Members agreed to donate £250 from the N- Power Community Fund towards the display but not to donate funds for advertising costs.**
- 139/16 Police /Pact Report**
The Clerk reported on the following: -
- Witness statement regarding damage to seat at the Millennium Green Councillor Batson – message to Chief Constable regarding “Police presence in Tow Law”.
- Councillor Stokes – awaiting response from the Chief Constable regarding PACT Meetings.
- 140/16 Representation by Residents - None**
- 141/16 County Councillor Report**
County Councillor Hart reported on the following: -
- CCTV
 - Community Speed Watch
 - Play Areas in Tow Law
 - Millennium Green
- 142/16 Chairman’s Report - None**
- 143/16 Planning matters**
- 1) Planning Applications – None
 - 1a) 81 High Street – Councillor Stokes reported on the ongoing discussion with County Planning Officers
 - 2) Neighbourhood Planning
Meeting arranged for Thursday 29th July 2016
- 144/16 Accounts for payment**
- A) Members gave approval for the payment of vouchers 27 to 33 in the sum of £1526.01. Copy of report attached to these minutes.
 - B) Expenditure Report – 1st April 2016 to 30th June 2016
Details as below:-

Details	£.p
Staff Costs	4023.86
Admin Expenses	41.56
Office Rent	900.00
Environment	316.56
Allotments	10.44
Miscellaneous	2692.71
Community Fund	2350.00
Donations	CAB 250.00
Christmas Activities	
Vat	378.11
Total	<u>10963.24</u>

- 145/16 Post Office, Tow Law**
Business due to close 10th August 2016. No further information received from the Post Office. Members were most concerned with this situation.
- 146/16 Tow Law Trex Gymnasium**
Councillor Fowler/Clerk no further update
- 147/16 Telephone Kiosk, Inkerman Road**
GPS position obtained by Councillor Hird, Clerk to contact DCC Officers regarding the next step (planning consent and land ownership)
- 148/16 Tow Law Millennium Green**
Councillor Hird reported:-
Litter pick to be held on 24th August at 4.30pm
Planting fruit bushes/trees and cleaning pond to be carried out during school holiday period.
- 149/16 Proposed car park area in Tow Law**
Awaiting response from DCC Officers regarding land ownership and the cost of purchasing this area.
- 150/16 Council Notice Boards**
Awaiting deliver dates (Councillor Fowler)
- 151/16 Clerk's Report**
- Play area on the Millennium Green
Details of the proposed play area on the Millennium Green were circulated at the meeting. Councillor Lamb took the file to obtain residents views on the alternatives and report to the Chairman/Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk had to write to Natural England to obtain permission for the play area to be installed on Millennium Green.
 - The Clerk report receipt of funds from the 3 Towns area budget for £7167.00 and £4273.00 (Neighbourhood Budget of Councillor J. Hart).
 - Letter from (CAB) thanking the Town Council for their donation.
 - Legal Surgery – “know the rules surrounding social media article from NALC circulated at the meeting.

152/16 **Members Reports - None**

153/16 **Date of next meeting**

The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th September 2016 commencing at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Tow Law.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4