## TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in the Community Centre, Tow Law, commencing at 6.00pm

**Present:** Councillors J. Gale (Chair), C. Batson, T. Batson, J. Fowler, C. Hemingway, F. Nicol, P. Stokes, G. Tyers and H. Wilsher.

Also Present: County Councillor R. Manchester, Carole Dillon and Michael Lowe Spacial Policy Team DCC and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

- 174/17 Apologies: Councillor K. Geraghty-Shewan (work) Councillor R. Grogan (unwell)
- 175/17Presentation on Neighbourhood Planning<br/>The meeting considered and discussed the following:-
  - Why you want a Neighbourhood Plan.
  - Where you currently are.
  - What the plan can cover.
  - How to get started.
  - The plan's focus and content.
  - Topic areas to consider.
  - Transparency.
  - How DCC can assist.
  - Grants available. Members thanked Carole and Michael for their presentation and agreed to the following:-
    - Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Town Council meeting.
    - Discuss a Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council.
    - Completion of a grants claim form (up to £9000) plus technical support packages (up to £6000).
    - Establish a steering group/working group(s).

The meeting finished at 8.00pm