

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting
3rd October 2022
APPROVED MINUTES

Int ere sts	Present 18.10	Cllr A Sharp Cllr M Ridley Cllr J Clark	Cllr M Hodgson Cllr J Elliott Cllr J Hunter	Clerk – Susan Saunders
	195/22	<p>Apologies for absence, Cllr G Ridley, Cllr T Christie, Cllr C Banks, Cllr I Stott, Cllr M Forrest, Cllr I Hutchinson. Members were reminded that apologies should be given, to the clerk, chair or another member, prior to the meeting for recording.</p>		
	196/22	<p>Guests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young & Sweet. Ayesha gave a report on the previous year and future plans. Over the summer the children have undertaken many activities including stained glass, Pottery, acrylic painting, various day and overnight trips and the swimming pool party. The number of children on the register is very good. Children are taught responsibility and teamwork as part of their time there. Young & sweet have received a few grants over the last couple of years, covid in particular and a rental income that they received for the hire of a room. However, this extra money can no longer be relied upon in the future. 2. Hannah Lucy School of Dance – Hannah gave an enthusiastic talk about the dance school and reported a huge increase in her pupil numbers with over 14 classes a week and 82 pupils. She is very keen to encourage more boys/men and would be happy to do dance class training for local sports clubs. Hannah expressed her thanks for the grant and reported that the money has gone towards costumes which can be used in many shows. There is to be a show soon up at the school. <p><i>6.45 J Elliott arrived</i></p>		
	197/22	<p>Public Questions – there were no questions.</p>		
	198/22	<p>Declarations of Interest The Chair reminded members of the Council of their duty to declare an interest at each agenda item, and he informed everyone that that the initials of Councillors declaring an interest will be listed in a column on the Minutes. <i>Cllr Sharp declared an interest for the Young & Sweet grant discussion.</i></p>		
	199/22	<p>Minutes of the meeting for approval held on: Monday 5th September 2022 - The minutes were approved PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p>		
	200/22	<p>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda The drains at Capel Ave have been cleaned but not the others reported. The clerk was asked to report this and also to mention drains outside the opticians and the one near the pedestrian crossing by the railway which are also overflowing.</p>		
	201/22	<p>Grounds Meeting 201/22.01 Report and Proposals of meeting on 26th September 2022</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Burn Green & Burn Footpath Tom Evans to cut back all hawthorn bushes and mow, he has been busy but will be starting soon. <i>PROPOSAL – to ask Tom Evans to cut hedge at Westlands when he does the burn (twice a year)</i> PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED 2. School plans from NCC – NCC have sent plans for slowing traffic around the school <i>PROPOSAL – to approve the plans.</i> PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED 		

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		<p>3. Bus Shelters to pressure wash</p> <p style="color: blue;"><i>PROPOSAL – Clerk to ask Clearview cleaning if they will wash the bus shelters.</i></p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Hodgson SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p> <p>201/22.02 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities</p> <p>The Eden’s Lawn footpath has an overgrown hedge opposite the place where the path slips to the side. Members asked the clerk to contact NCC to request the hedge to be trimmed. There are one or two other paths overgrown so, members will have a walkaround to assess them and report back to the grounds meeting.</p> <p>201/22.03 Public Seating and Bus Shelters – the seat inventory is being updated with photos of every seat.</p>
	202/22	<p>Northumberland County Council (NCC)</p> <p>Cllr Hutchinson was absent but members asked that the clerk write to him about the following matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LTP – has the 20mph scheme been put on the programme as requested? 2. Toilet repair work – when is this scheduled to begin? 3. The flats opposite the memorial gardens – any updates.
	203/22	<p>Police in Haltwhistle</p> <p>Cllr Sharp read out the report and members were dismayed in the escalation of crimes in the town. The clerk was asked to chase up the proposed meeting.</p>
	204/22	<p>Land by The Tyne</p> <p>The Partnership have agreed to withdraw their previous interest in the land. Iain Hedley, from NCC, is checking on the covenants and restrictions that may be on the land. Members instructed the clerk to ask if the perimeter fence and approaching road would come under the town council’s responsibility upon the transfer.</p>
	205/22	<p>Neighbourhood Plan – All groups that were approached are keen to meet up. A meeting date is to be arranged and, in the meantime, the clerk will send around the Haydon Bridge plans for everyone to look at. Members have already received a copy.</p> <p><i>7.45pm JC left the meeting</i></p>
	206/22	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>21/04595 Brew Bar Listed Building consent for external painting – referred to Local area planning on 11th October as the last meeting was not held.</p> <p>22/03169 2 Mill Lane – single story extension – No objection.</p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED</p> <p>Other Planning Matters</p> <p>22/02253 – Conversion of garage to holiday let – The Mount , Comb Hill -GRANTED</p> <p>21/02623 – Conversion & extension of garage to holiday let – Bridge House -GRANTED</p>
AS	186/22	<p>Grant Requests</p> <p>186/22.01 Young & Sweet – it was agreed to grant £4000. <i>AS declared an interest and took no part in the vote.</i></p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED</p>
AS M H		<p>186/22.01 Haltwhistle Partnership - it was agreed £2000 <i>AS and MH took no part in the vote.</i></p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr J Elliott AGREED</p> <p>Both amounts will be added to the payment list for approval.</p>

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	<p>Reports on Financial Matters</p> <p>The payments of £19736.05 were approved plus Stephen Ferguson's invoice, previously approved, at £8580.</p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Hodgson SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p> <p>208/22.04 Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure as at 29th September 2022. Noted</p> <p>208/22.05 Budget Forecast - Noted. A proper budget meeting will be held in November.</p>																																																																																																																		
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209/22	<p>Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee <i>Report and resolutions arising</i></p> <p>To give delegated powers to the committee to undertake the advertising and interviewing for the position of cemetery keeper.</p> <p>The members agreed. As the employer, members would like to see sight of the proposed contract and will need to approve the appointment.</p> <p>PROPOSED Cllr M Hodgson SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED</p>																																																																																																																		
210/22	<p>Correspondence received since last Council meeting</p> <p>The correspondence was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp attended the Northern Powergrid meeting and suggested that the council consider applying for a grant towards a generator. The clerk will investigate.</p>																																																																																																																		

