

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting
1st August 2022
APPROVED MINUTES

		report it.
160/22	Northumberland County Council (NCC) 160/22.01 The Chief Executive has left with a pay off of £209k. 160/22.02 Local Transport Plan The following priorities were approved. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The zebra crossing at the Co-op to be changed to a pedestrian crossing.2. The zebra crossing at the far east of the town to be moved further to the west and sited past The Centre of Britain but before the market place.3. A 20mph limit on all areas of the town that are currently 30mph, most importantly on Comb Hill. PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED	
161/22	Police in Haltwhistle Cllr Sharp read out the police report. Cllr Elliott reported that younger teenagers were causing problems along Tyne View Road in the late evening/early morning. They are running along the walls and setting off car alarms. He suggested, as part of the media communications group, drawing up a statement aimed at parents about the issue. A meeting of the group will be arranged. Guy Opperman's team will write to the Chief Constable and ask if he will attend a meeting in Haltwhistle. The bin at Comb Hill has been burnt and this has been reported to the police.	
162/22	Land by The Tyne A meeting was held with Iain Hedley from NCC and members of the town council on the land by the Tyne. Iain explained that an application had to be filled in for an asset transfer to be considered. It is proposed that the council pursue the asset transfer by completing and submitting the application. PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED	
163/22	Neighbourhood Plan – It was agreed to invite other groups in the town to a meeting and assess if there is an appetite to progress this. The clerk will contact other groups and a date will be agreed by members at the September meeting.	
164/22	Report of Housing Meeting – noted. <i>8.00pm Cllr J Clark left the meeting</i>	
165/22	Planning Applications. 22/02253 Conversion of garage to holiday let; flat roof to pitch, internal alterations, new windows and doors. The Mount, Comb Hill. No Objection was agreed. PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr I Stott AGREED	
	Other Planning Matters 22/01786 – Replace existing extension flat roof with pitched – Beech Holme Park Road – GRANTED 22/0175 – Ashcroft Cottage -withdrawn.	

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Reports on Financial Matters

Financial Matters:			£	
166/22.01	Bank and cash balances as at 26th July 2022			
	Current Account		51,405.06	
	TOTAL		51,405.06	
				Include d above
166/22.02	HMRCVAT		7619.81	
	Jubilee Mugs sale		113.00	
	NCC - Toilet reimbursement		1074.71	£653.30 to JBC
	JBC Insurance recharge		1,196.48	Not Included Above
		Pay \method	Incl VAT	
166/22.03	Accounts for payment 1st August 2022		£	Included in Balance Above
	JBC	Direct	243.40	May Maintenance
	Rospa Inspection	Direct	340.20	
	Zurich Insurance	Direct	476.18	Extra Assets
	JBC	Direct	653.30	Toilet Cleaning Feb-June
	Total		1,713.08	
				Not Included Above
	PPH	Direct	7.50	Postcrete
	S Ferguson	Direct		Invoice to be received
				Dog bags, Seat repaint, fix signs, spray weeds at P
	JBC	Direct	399.00	Market & BMX Track
	JBC	Direct	309.60	June Play Inspections
	Age Uk Northumberland	Direct	200.00	Grant
	SMS Expenses	Direct	87.32	Drum unit, ink, paper and paper refund
	HS&LC	Direct	300.00	Share of Jubilee balance
	Y&S	direct	204.96	Share of Jubilee balance, HP to pay £95.04
	Carnival Committee	Direct	300.00	Share of Jubilee balance
	Monthly Amounts	direct/DDR	3,313.14	
	Total		5,121.52	
	TOTAL FOR APPROVAL		6,834.60	

The payments of £6834.60, plus the amount for S Ferguson when the invoice is received, were approved.

PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley

SECONDED Cllr I Stott

AGREED

166/22.04 Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure as at 31st May 2022. - Noted

Other Financial Matters

166/22.05 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Accounts - the accounts were approved and there was a balance of £1200. It was agreed that the balance remaining should be shared equally with the four charities involved in the organisation of the events. The Carnival Committee, Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre, Haltwhistle Partnership and Young & Sweet. Each will receive £300.

PROPOSED Cllr I Stott

SECONDED Cllr A Sharp

AGREED

166/22.06 Grant Request - Hannah Lucy Dance - £500.

The application was discussed and, members asked if Ms Finnigan could be invited to the October meeting to give a report on the dance school.

A proposal of £300 granted now and £200 after the meeting was put forward by Cllr Elliott and seconded by Cllr A Sharp.

Another proposal was put forward that the £500 requested was granted now. Proposed by Cllr M Ridley and seconded by Cllr M Forrest.

The second proposal was put to a vote and agreed at 4 votes to 2. Therefore, the second proposal was accepted and the grant of £500 awarded.

PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley

SECONDED Cllr M Forrest

AGREED

166/22.07 Haltwhistle Hospital 100 year Celebration

The celebration is to take place on Friday 26th August. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the hospital and ask if the required any funding for the celebrations. If they do, the clerk will report back and, members can agree an amount for the clerk to pay.

PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp

SECONDED Cllr M Ridley

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167/22	<p>Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee The next meeting is 7th September. Cllr Elliott reported an issue with an old hut on one of the allotments as it has been suggested it may contain asbestos. The clerk will look into the legalities if it should. The clerk reported that the land at Haltwhistle Cemetery and Greenhead Cemetery is currently in the names of A Sharp, Mrs K Little and M Glenwright as recorded on the Land Register. As Haltwhistle is now the host council, this land should be re-registered under the Town Council. One of the Greenhead Council members, who is a conveyancing solicitor, has offered to help complete the appropriate forms to send to the Land Registry. The current people will have to sign a release form. Members agreed for the clerk to seek her help and advice. PROPOSED Cllr J Elliott SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p>
168/22	<p>Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre The AGM is on 8th September 2022.</p>
169/22	<p>Haltwhistle Partnership The AGM is 7th September. Ellen Walton is retiring from the Partnership at the end of August but will still be involved in the Older People services.</p>
170/22	<p>Correspondence received since last Council meeting The correspondence was noted and the following discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Rickitt is retiring from NALC and members asked that the clerk should send a letter of thanks for all the help, advice and training he has given over his years as the NALC officer. • The Active Tynedale group meeting dates offered are 8th and 29th September. Cllr J Elliott, M Hodgson and A Sharp had initially expressed an interest in attending and suggested 29th as their preferred date. • Information has been received about the AD122 bus to say it is no longer coming down Shield Hill but, will drive along the Military and only come into Haltwhistle along the A69. Members are concerned there has not been a proper consultation and asked the clerk to email this response back.
152/22	<p>Resolution to Exclude Press and Public To consider a resolution to exclude the public and accredited representatives of newspapers from the following item relevant to a subject which affects the Council's area.</p> <p>Resolution "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw."</p> <p>This resolution is moved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item. PROPOSED Cllr M Forrest SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED</p> <p>171/22.01 Burn Field Village Green – <i>to formally approve appendix 2 to the terms of reference of the mediation agreement as agreed by the Village Green Working Group, Footballers and Leisure Centre</i> The above was approved. PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p> <p>171/22.02 Employments Issues – <i>updates and resolutions arising</i> 171/22.03 Anti-Social Issues in Haltwhistle - <i>report and resolutions arising</i> The recording device was switched off and a confidential minute was taken.</p>
153/22	<p>Dates and times of next meetings Town Council Meeting – Monday 5th September 6.00pm, the library. Saturday Surgery – 3rd September 10-12, HTC office. – As the meeting ran over the booked time of 9pm in the library, it was agreed to adjourn and re-convene at the earliest opportunity.</p>