

Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting

6th February 2023

APPROVED MINUTES

Int ere sts	Present 18.30	Cllr A Sharp Cllr M Ridley Cllr J Clark	Cllr M Hodgson Cllr J Elliott	Clerk – Susan Saunders
	19/23	<p>Apologies for absence, Cllr G Ridley, Cllr T Christie, Cllr I Stott, Cllr M Forrest, Cllr C Moore, Cllr J Hunter, Cllr C Banks, Cllr I Hutchinson. Cllr Sharp commented on the disappointing attendance of members and, it was agreed to put attendance details on the website in line with many other councils. PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED</p>		
	20/23	<p>Public Questions – there were no questions.</p>		
	21/23	<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.</p>		
	22/23	<p>Minutes of the meeting for approval held on: Monday 9th January 2023 - The minutes were approved. PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED</p>		
	23/23	<p>Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current agenda The clerk was asked to contact Northumberland County Council about an office on the library as no response had been received.</p>		
	24/23	<p>Grounds Meeting 24/23.01 Report and proposals from meeting on 30th January 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Orchard Gardens Planning for the removal of 3 trees has been submitted. The Acer saplings in there may be saved, once the work begins, and re-located. A quote for the removal of the eucalyptus tree sited outside the fence has been received at a price of £475. <i>Proposal: To accept the quote of £475 for the removal of the eucalyptus tree.</i> PROPOSED Cllr A Sharp SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED Haltwhistle in Bloom <i>Proposal: To invite interested gardeners along to a meeting with council members and formulate a plan for the competition.</i> It was agreed that Cllr Elliott will contact interested gardeners to arrange a date. PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED Litter picking days Some days will be organised in March. The clerk will find out what is left in the litter picking grant held by The Partnership for Derek's refreshments. The Council would like to thank Derek for all his volunteering over the years and hope that he recovers soon. The date of Sunday 19th February was agreed with posters and a Face Book post to go up. <i>Proposal: To request the Partnership return the remaining funds for refreshments for volunteers on the litter picking days.</i> PROPOSED Cllr J Elliott SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED Community Service They will be due to begin in the next couple of weeks. The work agreed for them is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting of swings and entrance gates at Comb Hill. • Edging of paths and general tidy in Comb Hill • Edging and tidying of paths in the allotments 		

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35/23	Reports on Financial Matters			
	Financial Matters:			
			£	
35/23.01	Bank and cash balances as at 30th January 2023			
	Current Account		42,129.73	
	TOTAL		42,129.73	
35/23.02	Receipts Since last Meeting			
35/23.03	Accounts for payment 9th January 2023	Pay \method	Incl VAT	
	ICD		£	Included in Balance Above
			35.00	Data subscription
	Total		35.00	
				Not Included Above
	SLCC		366.00	Training for clerk with £84 to be reimbursed by JBC
	Methodist Chapel		250.00	Warm Hub Donation agreed in January
	Monthly Amounts	Direct	3,195.80	
	HDJBC		150.00	Estimate for Jan inspections
	Total		3,961.80	
	TOTAL		3,996.80	
	The payments of £3996.80 were approved.			
	PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley		SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson	
			AGREED	
	14/23.04 Bank Reconciliation/Income & Expenditure as at 30 th January 2023– noted.			
36/23	Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee			
	A brief discussion was undertaken. The next meeting is 22 nd February 2023			
37/23	Haltwhistle Partnership – the report has not been received as yet.			
38/23	Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre			
	The report was noted and, the clerk asked to write back and thank them and reiterate the support from the Council for the playzone scheme.			
39/23	Correspondence received since last Council Meeting			
	The correspondence was noted.			
40/23	Smith Haltwhistle & District Charitable Trust –			
	The re-appointment of Cllr J Clark was approved.			
	PROPOSED Cllr J Elliott		SECONDED Cllr M Ridley	
			AGREED	
41/23	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.			
	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."			
	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 Hodgson		SECONDED Cllr J Elliott	
			AGREED	
	41/23.01 Request from Partnership – a confidential discussion took place.			
	41/23.02 HTC Staffing– It was reported that The Burial Committee agree that The			

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	<p>Haltwhistle clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer, would act in a supervisory role with the burial clerk as deputy clerk. It is believed this work will be covered in the current hours but, if extra hours are required, the Burial Committee will recompense the Town Council.</p>
	<p>Dates and times of next meetings Town Council Meeting Monday 6th March 2023, 6.30pm in the library, first floor. Grounds Meeting – Monday 27th February 2023 10.00am in the office. The meeting closed at 20.45.</p>