Haltwhistle Town Council Meeting 7th August 2023 APPROVED MINUTES

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Inte rest	Present	Cllr A Sharp Cllr J Hunter Clerk – Susan Saunders				
S	18.00	Cllr M Ridley Cllr M Hodgson Cllr T Christie Cllr D Rogan-Mackie				
	142/23	Apologies for absence, Cllr G Ridley, Cllr M Forrest, Cllr J Elliott, Cllr J Clark, Cllr C Banks,				
	,	Cllr I Hutchinson.				
	143/23	Guests				
	•	Locality Coordinator – Delia Faran could not make it and will attend the September meeting.				
		Escape Charity – Janet Murphy is the CEO and gave a talk about the founding of the charity				
		and their role. The charity is based in Ashington/Blyth but they reach out to anyone in				
		Northumberland. They offer help and advice to family members who are supporting				
		someone with an addiction along with training sessions for parents, grandparents and				
		children.				
		Members were moved by the speech and agreed that there could be residents who would				
		benefit from the support the charity gives.				
	444400	Members offered to spread the word in the town with leaflets, posters and on Facebook.				
	144/23	Public Questions – No questions				
	145/23	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.				
	146/22					
	146/23	Minutes of the meeting for approval held on 3 rd July 2023				
		The minutes were approved. PROPOSED CIIr A Sharp SECONDED CIIr M Hodgson AGREED				
	147/23	Matters arising from previous Minutes not dealt with elsewhere in the current				
	_ 12 / _0	agenda –				
		The drainage at Aesica Road and the main street has been attended to and appears to be				
		working. Councillors attended training organised by this council and with representation				
		from some other local councils. It was agreed that it was an informative and useful session.				
	148/23	Grounds				
		148/23.01 Grounds report 31 st July 2023				
		1. The two seats at the top of Comb Hill were in need of weeding. Davind Benson has				
		weeded one and the clerk will ask him to weed the other.				
		2. The bins outside the hospital will need replacing. The clerk will obtain some prices for consideration with the inclusion of the Town Council name on them.				
		148/23.02 Local Transport Plan Priorities				
		1. Park Road Junction – to have a permanent fix for the drainage issues at this corner.				
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		2. The Eden's Lawn Footpath number 518/025 repair to the path due to subsidence.				
		3. A 20mph zone in all areas of the town currently in the 30mph zone.				
		The above priorities were approved.				
		PROPOSED CIIr M Ridley SECONDED CIIr T Christie AGREED				
		148/23.03 Orchard Gardens				
		Members visited the site and looked at a draft specification which includes a concrete path				
		with 2 seats and vertical sleepers to hold back the sloping north side. The specification was				
		discussed with costings to be sought. Members propose that other path and bank options				
		should be priced and considered and brought back to the meeting in September.				
		148/23.04 Public Seating and Bus Shelters – Quotes have been asked for repair and repaint				
		of the wooden seats.				
		148/23.05 Public Footpaths, Lighting and Amenities – the clerk will contact NCC about				
		lighting in the Memorial Garden. Cllr Hutchinson has been asked too.				
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	An issue was brought to the council's attention that some trees have been removed and chopped down in Coronation Park. Members instructed the clerk write to the person who allegedly carried out the work and ask for them to be re-instated and to remind said person that the land belongs to the council. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Hodgson AGREED
149/23	Northumberland County Council (NCC) Cllr Hodgson reported that a roll of foil and burnt foil was found in the toilets on Saturday and by Monday it had not been removed. The clerk was asked to contact David Hunt too inform him and point out that their cleaner was not cleaning them very efficiently.
150/23	Police in Haltwhistle A report has been received from April 2023. Members felt that some crimes were not on the list and asked the clerk to check why. It was agreed to arrange a meeting in September during the day when Inspector Benson would be able to attend.
151/23	Appointments to Other Bodies Haltwhistle Parentship and The Staffing Committee were deferred. Cllr J Elliott has stood down from the Joint Burial Committee and Cllr D Rogan-Mackie was nominated to replace him, and accepted. PROPOSED Cllr M Ridley SECONDED Cllr M Hodgson AGREED
152/23	Neighbourhood Plan A meeting is to take place and the clerk will begin the process of grant application. PROPOSED Cllr T Christie SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED
153/23	Planning Applications. 23/02606 13 Fairholme – Retention of raised decking – No objection was agreed. PROPOSED Cllr D Rogan-Mackie SECONDED Cllr J Hunter AGREED Other Planning Matters Forestry at Wydon Farm – it was agreed that there was no objection as long as the trees are native and sustainable. PROPOSED Cllr T Christie SECONDED Cllr M Ridley AGREED
154/23	23/01622 – Replace lean to building – Gilside, Shield Hill- GRANTED Granting of Honorary Freedom of the Town There were not enough members to pass this so it will be deferred to the next meeting.
155/23	Grant Requests Sport Tynedale – it was agreed to donate £250. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir T Christie AGREED Age UK Northumberland – application not received so deferred until the next meeting. 136/23.04 Escape Family Support - it was agreed to donate £500. PROPOSED Clir A Sharp SECONDED Clir M Hodgson AGREED
138/23	Reports on Financial Matters

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	156/23.01	Bank and cash balances as at 1st August 2023 Current Account		41,578.25	
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	156/23.02	Plusnet			Refund on phone cancellation
		JBC		378.00	Clerk's Wages June & July
					Not Induded Above
		JBC		568.10	July Pension & PAYE
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	156/23.03	Accounts for payment 7th August 2023	Pay \method	Incl VAT	Induded in Balance Above
	150/23.03	Top Signs		_	Comb Hill STOP sign
		Jethros			Volunteer Refreshments
		Council HR Support		365.00	Training
		Mrs S M Saunders			Extra hours for JBC - July
		David Benson			Grass cutting at O Gardens
		Total		768.41	
		HDJBC		100.00	Not Induded Above Grass Collection for Apr-May
		HDJBC			June Dog Bags
		LIBURG	1		long Block on action
		HDJBC G Reichart			June Play Inspections Wapping Garden Cherry Tree Reduction
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		T Howard		400.00	Estimated awaiting invoice - strimming up the Burn footpath and repair to fence work at car aprk.
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		Mrs Susan Saunders - Exp			Home allowance, Mileage, brushes, clips & key cut
		Sport Tynedale Escape Family Support			Donation Donation
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