



CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chilton Town Council
held at Huton House Chilton, County Durham, on
Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 6.00pm

Chairman: *Councillor E.Bruce (Mayor)*

Present: *S.Sutherland, V.Collinson, P.Davies, P.Malpas, L.Rundl, J.Cairns, K.Hornsby, J.Houlihan.*

In attendance: Mr. J.Robinson Acting Town Clerk

Members of the public: no members of the public present

OM133.0/21. APOLOGIES

Cllr. M.Young, A.Bruce

OM134.0/21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

OM135.0/21. MEMBER DISPENSATION

None.

OM136.0/21 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

OM137.0/21 REPORT FROM MAYOR

The Mayor reported on the following:

- a. Working on several projects with the school
- b. She welcomed Cllr. J.Houlihan to his first meeting since his election to the Council.
- c. She along with Cllrs. S.Sutherland, P.Malpass and Clerk had attended the Scout AGM

OM138.0/21 MINUTES OF CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. S.Sutherland, seconded by Cllr. P.Davies and agreed to endorse both the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on 14th September 2021.

OM139.0/21 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. S.Sutherland, seconded by Cllr. V.Collinson, and agreed, to endorse both minutes and recommendations therein.

OM140.0/21 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. P.Malpass, seconded by Cllr. V.Collinson and agreed to endorse both the minutes and recommendations therein of

- a. Community Committee held on 14th September 2021
- b. Allotment Committee held on 28th September 2021
- c. Cemetery Committee held on 28th September 2021
- d. Policy and Resources held on 28th September 2021

OM141.0/21 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR ALLOTMENT

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. S.Sutherland seconded by Cllr. P.Malpass and agreed Cllr. J.Houlihan was elected Vice Chair of Allotment Committee

OM142.0/21 VACANCY COUNCIL

Members were advised of the resignation of Mr. G.Wheadon from the Council and that the Returning Officer has advertised the vacancy as per procedure.

OM143.0/21 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr. J.Cairns reported on the following:

- a. She had attended a PACT meeting on 23rd September 2021
- b. She had attended various meetings at DCC and met with residents and businesses in the ward
- c. Attended the Scout AGM
- d. Organising a multi agency walkabout
- e. Lumiere tickets are now available to purchase
- f. She had given 1 small grant to a local organisation

OM144.0/21 CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

Cllr. S.Sutherland gave an update on the Seminar, it will be held in January 2022. A full report to be presented to the November meeting.

OM145.0/21 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Clls. S.Sutherland and E.Bruce reported on a zoom meeting they had attended along with the Clerk with a company offering to assist the Council in both attracting funding and organisation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Following discussion it was

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. S.Sutherland, seconded by Cllr. V.Collinson and carried to proceed to work with the company and produce a Neighbourhood Plan at no cost to the Council, but via grants as advised by the company.

OM146.0/21 MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION REPORT

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. L.Rundle, seconded by Cllr. S.Sutherland and carried to endorse the monthly report and payment of invoices agreed

OM147.0/21 YOUTH/COMMUNITY/SPORTING HUB

Cllr. S.Sutherland presented an outline project proposal to provide the above centre/hub on the Charlie Wayman field. Members noted this would be the use of Miners Welfare Charity land but to be led by the Town Council and a multi agency group.

Resolved:- on a proposal by Cllr. S.Sutherland and seconded by Cllr. L.Rundle and agreed to establish a multi agency group to take the project forward and undertake a feasibility study. Matter to be raised with Management Committee of the Charity at their next meeting.

Cllr. J.Cairns during the item declared a non-pecuniary interest as she was involved in a smaller group working to provide a similar hub within the village. She did not believe she needed to leave the room and could vote.

OM148.0/21 PLAY AREA TENNYSON ROAD

Cllr. S.Sutherland advised members the Clerk had been in discussions with Dr.Orlandi and the GP practice have agreed to the use of some of their land on a temporary basis for a playground. It was agreed to refer the matter to the relevant sub-committee

OM149.0/21 YOUTH COUNCIL

Cllr. E.Bruce gave an update on the Youth Council, elections to the Council to take place shortly, with a first meeting of the Youth Council planned for December

OM150.0/21 QUEENS PLATINUM CELEBRATION

The Clerk gave a report on the first meeting of the community working group, further meetings to be arranged. It was agreed to take part in the National Beacon event. In regards to beacons it was suggested to approach local companies or the UFC College in Newton Aycliffe to see if they could provide it.

OM151.0/21 COMMUNITY PARK

Cllr. S.Sutherland reported on a proposal to establish a Community Garden attached to the Cemetery extension. Lord Eldon has already expressed an interest and support for the scheme. It was agreed to establish a community group led by the Town Council to take this forward

OM152.0.21 MEETING DATES

Meeting dates for October/November circulated and agreed.

Members agreed in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies Act 1960, to exclude both the press and public from the remainder of the meeting.

OM153.0/21 WCT Allotments

The Clerk reported only 1 tenant has not paid this years fee having advised the Council Officers he cannot afford it. Cllr. E.Bruce proposed he be allowed to pay by installments. Cllr. S.Sutherland proposed, Cllr. J.Cairns seconded that the matter be referred back to the next Allotment Committee to resolve, this second proposal was carried.

OM154.0/21 Final Allotment Inspection

Cllr. S.Sutherland reported on recent inspections to a number of allotments discussed at the previous Council meeting. One has been improved but the remainder remain in a very poor state. It was agreed not to proceed with any further action in respect of the improved allotment.

Resolved: it was proposed Cllr. S.Sutherland, seconded by Cllr. J.Houlihan to move to give a further 28 days notice of eviction. This was carried.

Cllr. J.Cairns left the meeting at this point.

OM155.0/21 ENVIRONMENT CONTRACT

Cllr. S.Sutherland presented the report from the Working Party dealing with revision of the Environment Contract. Members agreed to endorse the Contract and commence the process to Tender for the 2022/25 Contract based upon the documents agreed. This was proposed by Cllr. S..Sutherland and seconded by Cllr. L.Rundle.

OM156.0/21 NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 9th November 2021, Hutton House..

Signed:-

Mayor of Chilton
9th November 2021