

Tow Law Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on **Tuesday 19th June 2012** in the Community Centre commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors J. Gale (Chairman), T. Batson, A. Blacker, A. Green, C. Hayton. M. Hird, W. Railton (part of the meeting) and L. Rowland

Also Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor L. Brown, P. Graham, R. Grogan, L. Taylor and County Councillors J. Bailey, P. Jopling.

- 093/12 Declaration of Interest**
Councillor **Railton** declared an interest in Members reports item A – “Tillyfest”
- 094/12 Police Report**
No report
- 095/12 Minutes of the AGM held on 15th May 2012**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 096/12 Matters Arising**
Committee membership (AGM 06/12)
The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Hayton had been appointed to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, records to be amended.
- 097/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th May 2012**
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Members Report (035/11)
- Allotment Committee – Clerk had spoken to Councillor Blacker meeting to be arranged as a matter of urgency (before the next Town Council meeting)
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- Park Wall Opencast site – Funding Issues
Members were informed that UK Coal had allocated £41,000 to local groups (Wolsingham Youth Club, Sunnyside Community Association, Hartside Primary School at Crook, Wolsingham Primary School, Weardale Gymnastic Club and Billy Row Community Association) according to an article in a recent edition of the Northern Echo. It was understood that Tow Law Community Association had completed a number of applications but had been unsuccessful. Members agreed for the Clerk to write to UK Coal and the Chair of the funding committee expressing disappointment that Tow Law had not received any funds which is to compensate for any disruption during the workings of the site. Representatives from UK Coal had previously attended a Town Council meeting to discuss the operations of the site and pledged to set up a fund to help Community Groups.

- Finance & General Purposes Committee – Clerk had spoken to Councillor Rowland, meeting to be arranged as a matter of urgency (before the next Town Council meeting).

- 099/12 County Councillors Report**
County Councillor Jopling – No Report
County Councillor Bailey – The Clerk reported that the dog bin scheduled for Ironworks Road had unfortunately been located at Howden le Wear, Councillor Bailey had spoken to the officer at DCC and the bin had been placed on the priority list.
- 100/12 Representation by Residents**
None present
- 101/12 Planning Matters**
Outstanding:-
A) **CMA/3/38** erection of a 50 metre meteorological Mast at High West Moor Farm, Tow Law had been approved by the Strategic Planning Team and Planning Committee.
B) **CMA/3/39** erection of a 50 metre meteorological Mast at High Stoop, Tow Law, had been **withdrawn**
New Items:-
C) **3/2012/0194** by Mrs D Bryce for the erection of conservatory to the front of 2 Fellside Close, Tow Law
Decision – No Objections
D) **CMA/3/41** by Empirica Investments Ltd for temporary siting of a 50 mtr meteorological mast (revised and resubmitted) at (approx) 450 mtrs West of former Armond Car Works, Inkerman Road, Tow law. The Clerk reported that he had difficulty in down loading the details from the County Council’s web site.
Decision – Initial objection, Clerk to contact the planning officer to obtain details of the application and Members would consider this at the Special Town Council meeting on 26th June 2012
E) **CMA/3/43** by Empirica Investments Ltd for the erection of a 67 mtr High single wind turbine and related sub station at (approx) 450 mtrs West of former Armond Car Works, Inkerman Road, Tow Law. The Clerk reported that he had difficulty in down loading the details from the County Council’s web site.
Decision – Initial objection, Clerk to contact the planning officer to obtain details of the application and Members would consider this at the Special Town Council meeting on 26th June 2012
F) **CMA/3/44** by Mr J. Stubbs for the erection of 1no.endurance E-3120/24 mtr (34.2mtr to blade from tip) wind turbine at land North East of Richmond Farm, Inkerman Road, Tow Law. The Clerk reported that he had difficulty in down loading the details from the County Councils web site.
Decision – Initial objection, Clerk to contact the planning officer to obtain details of the application and Members would consider this at the Special Town Council meeting on 26th June 2012

102/12 Accounts for payment
That approval be given for the payment of vouchers **18** to **25** in the sum of **£4924.30**

103/12 Tow Law Town Plan
Notice Board to be delivered 20th June 2012. Clerk/Assistant Clerk to meet with Elaine Crow (DCC) awaiting confirmation date. Clerk to contact John Forsyth (Bonds Foundry) to set up a meeting as a matter of urgency. A Meeting of the Car Park Committee to be arranged as a matter of urgency.

104/12 TREX Gymnasium
Clerk to arrange a meeting with Nigel Dodds (DCC) as a matter of urgency

Councillor Railton joined the meeting

105/12 Area Action Partnership
The next scheduled AAP Board meeting are 5th July, 13th September and 8th November 2012 at the Civic Centre, Crook commencing at 6.00pm.

106/12 Millennium Green Trust
A meeting of the Millennium Green Committee to be arranged as a matter of urgency

107/12 Presentation of Jubilee Medals
Councillor Rowland updated the meeting on the presentation of the medals to the Primary school pupils on 11th June 2012. Further information would be included in the Town Council's Newsletter which will be delivered around the end of June to all households in Tow Law.

108/12 Schools Sports Day 20th June 2012
The event will be held at Tow Law Football Club's Ground between 1pm to 3pm further details to be reported to the next Town Council meeting. The Clerk informed Members that a cup and medals had been purchased from DECO trophies and engraving ltd (£338 including vat) and they would be presented to pupils from the 3 Local Primary schools (Councillors Gale Green Hird and Rowland would be attending the event and making the presentation)

109/12 Participatory Budgeting Event (27th June 2012)
The Clerk informed members that he had received 8 funding applications totalling £7967.60, The Clerk,(Councillor Gale and Rowland) would be meeting with staff from the Three Towns AAP on 20th June and would report further details to the next Town Council meeting. The Clerk suggested that the meeting scheduled for 27th June is likely to be cancelled

- 110/12 Chairman's Report**
Councillor Gale reported on the medal presentation ceremonies at the two primary schools. Members agreed to donate Jubilee medals to each teacher at the two primary schools as a token of the Councils appreciation of each of them for the excellent work carried out with pupils
- 111/12 Clerk's Report**
a) Annual Return (BDO) for the year ended 31st March 2012, report not yet complete, to be discussed at the Special Town Council meeting on 26th June 2012.
b) Annual Report 2011/12 – Clerk thanked Councillor Rowland for all her hard work in producing this document which had been sent to the printers and should be delivered to each householder in Tow Law by 30th June 2012.
c) Two applications for funding from the N-Power Community Fund From Tow Law Beavers (1st Tow Law Scouts) and Jenny Mountain for a film project. Members agreed to defer these applications to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- 112/12 Members Report**
Tilly Fest (Councillor Railton)
Councillor Railton referred to minute 050/12 dated 15th May 2012 regarding the above event which is to take place on the 24th to 26th August 2012. He would like to propose that consideration should be given by the Town Council to financially supporting this event. Members agreed to refer this matter to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for further consideration and for the Clerk to also invite Steve Robinson (organiser) to this meeting to help clarify the arrangements etc.
Millennium Green Trust – Return to Charity Commission (Cllr Hayton)
Councillor Hayton had received a letter from the Charity Commission regarding the Annual Return outstanding for the above mentioned Trust. The Clerk reported that he had discussed this with the Charity Commission who had noted the changes and the present situation regarding the Town Council acting as Corporate Trustees for this Charity.
- 113/12 Date of Next Meeting**
A Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held on Thursday **26th June 2012 commencing at 6.30pm** in the Community Centre
The next Ordinary meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday **17th July 2012 commences at 6.30pm** in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm