

TOW LAW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Tow Law Town Council held on Tuesday 21st May 2013 in the Community Centre, commencing at 7.16pm.

Present: Councillors J. Gale (chairman), T. Batson, A. Blacker, L. Brown, A. Green, R. Grogan, E. Hindmoor, M. Hird, L. Rowland, P. Stokes and C. Umpelby

Also Present: J. Hart and G. F. Smith (Clerk)

076/13 Declaration of interest
None

077/13 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on **16th April** 2013 agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

078/13 Matters arising
None

079/13 Police Report
No report
Clerk to write a letter to the Chief Constable and the Police Commissioner inviting them to a Town Council meeting.
Councillor Brown suggested that the Council invite Fiona Nichol (representative for Tow Law on the Police Commissioners Community Panel) to the next Town Council meeting. Members agreed for the Clerk to send this letter of Invitation.
Councillor Batson, Grogan and Rowland announced they were also members of the Police Commissioner's Community Panel.

080/13 County Councillor Report
County Councillor Hart reported on the following:-
i) Pleased to be elected for the Tow Law Ward
ii) Attending first County Council meeting Wednesday 22nd May
iii) Involvement with road safety issues in Tow Law
iv) Governor at Millennium Primary School
v) Board Member of AAP
vi) Play area, Millennium Green/volunteer group
vii) Football Club
viii) Funding Priorities
ix) Telephone Contact number 07968500871
E-mail address:- john_hart82@yahoo.co.uk
x) Question and answer session with Town Councillors including:-
1) Funding for school crossing control person for Tow law
2) Zebra crossing on A68 at Tow law
3) Economic development of Tow Law
4) Lack of responses by County Council Officers
5) Arrange meeting with Chair and Vice Chair of Town Council

081/13 Representation by residents
None

- 082/13 Planning matters**
 A) Planning Applications – None
 B) Neighbourhood Planning – No further update
- 083/13 Accounts for payment**
 That approval be given for the payment of vouchers 12 to 15 in the sum of £1321.05 Copy of report attached to these minutes.
- 084/13 Tow Law Town Plan**
 Outstanding – Information Board to be erected
 Car Park – meeting with Bonds Foundry
 Christmas Tree – Ownership of land issues
- 085/13 Trex Gymnasium**
 No further update. Clerk to contact Julie Lavery to progress this matter.
- 086/13 Area Action Partnership**
 Next AAP Board Meeting (informal) Thursday 23rd May 2013.
 Next AAP Board Meeting 6th June 2013
 Chair of Town Council to take Council Member position on AAP Board for the ensuring year.
- 087/13 Millennium Green Trust**
 Councillor Hird and Rowland updated the meeting on the litter picking day which took place on Sunday 28th April 2013 (10 litter picks, 45 bags of rubbish collected, another litter picking day to be arranged, need for a litter bin on the Green (CC Hart to arrange), equipment includes litter grabs (20) circles (10) bags and gloves.
 Drug litter was found on the site and needs to be reported to the County Council (Clerk to email/report).
- 088/13 Chairman's report**
 Councillor Gale thanked members for re-electing him as Chairman. He had sent a letter to Teeside University regarding the research carried out into the £1m funded by the NHS for snow clearing some years ago, no response/acknowledgement received.
- 089/13 Clerk's Report**
 1. N-Power Community Funding Application Forms received from:-
 A) TLCA (Christine Emerson) – Community Bus Trip (27th May)
 This was received during Purdah period and could not be actioned.
 B) TLCA (Jenny Mountain) – Exhibition “Books” at Tow Law and Stanley Community Centres and St. Thomas Church Stanley, Crook from 25th October to 10th November 2013. Contribution (£250) towards the cost of transporting pupils to/from the four local primary schools to/from the exhibition.
 C) Weardale Holiday Activity Planning Group – Funding trips by the group during school summer holidays.
 Deferred to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

2. Project Evaluation – Eddy People Project

Copies of the Project Evaluation by the Eddy People Project on 9/10th April 2013 were circulated at the meeting. Members were delighted with this feedback on funds received via the AAP Participatory Budgeting Programme.

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Members Reports

Power of Local Councils (Councillor Batson) – the debate at National and Local Level, further updates as things develop.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Tow Law Town Council will be held on Tuesday **18th June** 2013 commencing at 6:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3