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ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 7:00pm on Tuesday 6 March 2018, at the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Station Road, Ashington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mark Purvis (Chair)	Eleanor Armstrong
Victor Bridges	Marjorie Chambers
Avril Chisholm	Matthew Cuthbert
Stephen Fenwick	Lynne Grimshaw
Lawrence Henderson	Kris Lavery
Liam Lavery	Ken Parry
Pauline Thompson	Tom Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Slaughter – Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Stephen Humphrey – Projects and Funding Officer
Sharon Parmley – Senior Administration Officer (minute taking)
Members of the Public – 3

OPEN SESSION

Public leave the meeting 7.40pm

C18/753 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Nicola Chambers
Brian Gallacher, Jim Lang and Bob Walkinshaw.

C18/754 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest from Members present.

C18/755 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30 January 2018, were agreed and signed as a true record.

C18/756 4. MATTER ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes held on the 30 January 2018.

C18/757 5. CIVIC HEAD'S REPORT

The Civic Head reported that he had attended the following events,

- Friday 9 February – Ashington Sea Cadets, presentation of the Stephenson Cup
- Friday 9 February – Woodhorn Museum, private preview invitation for the Spring Exhibitions
- Friday 23 February – Ashington Sea Cadets presentation evening

C18/758 6. LEADERS REPORT

The Leader reported to members that,

- The Town Council had worked to develop the new partnership with Wyevale Garden Centre (formerly Heighlygate) and floral planters would be displayed at entrances to the town in June 2018.
- Preliminary work on the upcoming major town wide survey was underway. Members were requested to give thought to the service areas and issues to be addressed in the survey.

C18/759 7. RISK MANAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVE CONTROLS

The Town Clerk presented the Risk Management Register for Members consideration. Members were informed that there were no new plans for further transfer of assets or services in the coming year. The Chair stated that, while the Town Council was satisfied that all risks were adequately assessed and managed and that appropriate insurance cover was in place, there was a need for all members to have a full awareness of the Council's corporate responsibilities and duties.

Resolved:

That :

- (i) The Register of Risk Management and Effective Controls be formally accepted and approved; and that**
- (ii) A comprehensive review of the Risk Register be undertaken prior to 30 September 2018.**

C18/760 8. TOWN TWINNING PARTNERSHIP – INVITATION TO REMSCHEID

The Town Clerk reported that a formal invitation had been received to visit the twin town of Remscheid in Germany. Members were informed that invitation was for a small civic delegation to attend Remscheid's annual Community Festival from 7-9 September 2018. The Town Clerk informed members that the Civic procedure was to meet the travel and accommodation costs of the Civic Head only.

Resolved:

That:

- (i) The invitation to visit Remscheid be formally accepted,**
- (ii) That the Civic delegation be agreed as The Civic Head, Cllr.Avril Chisholm and the Town Clerk; and that**
- (iii)The travel and accommodation costs of the Civic Head be met in full by the Town Council.**

C18/761 9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representative to outside bodies.

C18/762 10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council was scheduled for 7:00pm, Tuesday 8 May 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.