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ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019, at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Station Road, Ashington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mark Purvis (Chair)	Eleanor Armstrong
Victor Bridges	Marjorie Chambers
Nicola Chambers	Avril Chisholm
Matthew Cuthbert	Brian Gallacher
Lynne Grimshaw	Kris Lavery
Lawrence Henderson	Ken Parry

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike Slaughter – Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Stephen Humphrey – Funding & Projects Officer
Sharon Parmley – Senior Administration Officer
Members of the Public – 0

C19/819 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Stephen Fenwick, Jim Lang, Liam Lavery, Pauline Thompson, Bob Walkinshaw and Tom Wilson.

C19/820 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

There were no disclosures of interest from members present.

C19/821 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 January 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

C19/822 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

C19/823 5. CIVIC HEAD'S REPORT.

The Civic Head, Cllr. Marjorie Chambers, reported that she had attended the following events;

- Tuesday 5 February – Sea Cadets Awards Evening,
- Friday 15 February – Hirst Park Revival Project, commencement of site works.
- Thursday 28 February – Woodhorn Park Care Home visit,
- Wednesday 6 March – Thursday 7 March – Visitors from Remscheid, the Mayor Burkhard Mast-Weisz & Mr Sven Wiertz.
- Monday 11 March – Miners Memorial Meadow, unveiling of interpretation panel.

C19/824 6. LEADER'S REPORT.

Cllr Cuthbert as Deputy Leader reported on behalf of the Leader;

- Cllr Cuthbert informed members that the detailed work on the new Neighbourhood Services Partnership was due to be finalised soon.
- Cllr Cuthbert thanked the Town Clerk and the Project & Funding Officer for their efforts in securing external funding for the Peoples Park Play Area Project.

C19/825 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.

The Town Clerk informed members that he was due to meet with the Council's insurer's to go through 2019/20 policy cover and consider forthcoming changes and upcoming projects such as People's Park Play Area.

Resolved:

That:

- (i) The Register of Risk Management and Effective Controls be formally accepted and approved; and that;**
- (ii) A full and comprehensive review of the Risk Register and Effective Controls be undertaken prior to 30 September 2019.**

Cllr. Gallacher joined the meeting at 6.55pm.

C19/826 8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTAIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES.

- **Wansbeck Valley Foodbank**, Cllr. Cuthbert reported that he was to attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 18 March 2019, 7pm, at the New Life Christian Centre. The invitation extended to all councillors wishing to attend,
- **Northumberland Community Voluntary Action (CVA)**, Cllr. Chisholm reported to members that she had received a letter from the CVA and would report contents at the next meeting.

C19/827 9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of Full Council was scheduled for 7:00pm, Tuesday 7 May 2019 in the Council Chamber, Ashington Town Hall.

The Clerk reminded members that the next meeting would be the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 7:20pm